

day after Tomorrow to be gone a few days, and when he came back
he would take us out to the reputed locality of the mines, so we
may get away next week if nothing turns up to prevent. Mr. Lacey
will likely go too. For fear I may leave so as to not get my usual
Wednesday letter which you write Sundays, please write to me as soon
as you get this and I will likely get it next Monday. You can write
again Sunday and I can get it when I return, or may get it -
before I go should we be delayed until Wednesday P.M. I got
my letter at last from the land office. The register says, "I am
of the opinion that you will have to live six months on your claim
before you can prove up." If that is the case will be apt to all
without proving up for I hardly think will go back there
to live. If I ever go back I would about as soon go to finish
up the 18 months I need and prove up without any more cost
than just to live 6 months and pay $\$20.00$ & fees. I will wait
as long to live there as I was before I went to the valley. I'll wait
a while and see what is best to be done. If I can get any en-
couragement from Staver & Walker I won't take long to decide
the matter. I would rather go to you to stay, than have you come
to me. I am all out of sorts with the Indians, since some have
lotted so mean about me. Mr. Butler & Irvine talking about
Holmes, and he said he believed as he went home he would go to
Bill Bewie and demand those I.D. Blauvelt's that we have been
told he has and if he gets them he will send them to me, and then
will have proof positive of H's meanness, and criminal conduct.
I hope Pa can get Sallie Pitts affidavit. - Well this must do for tonight
Lots of loves for you and Clifford, and a good share for me, Love to Ellen too.
I often think of her, though neglect to send word. Also regards to Mr. Morgan,
and more than that to Pa. Over your loving husband, C. B. W.