

in Oregon - but you may kiss her for me for all that
I guess Winnie don't know the has got a "trouble"
Cartwright Lane Corvallis

Oregon August 12th 1883

Dear Chan. & the rest of you -
I received those drafts in due season, and ought to have acknowledged it, and have written to you two months ago, I have no excuse except at that time I was not quite ready and so I put it off too long - I have traded Places, This place is a part of the Cartwright Ranch, which contained 1554 acres, I take 1000 of it with the Buildings Fruit trees &c, There are 13 Buildings on it 4 are of little value the others are pretty good. I think they are worth as much as the buildings were on the old Farm in Concord & the orchard about as good - I also have 200 acres adjoining all timber mostly Fir but there is some small White ash and Oak and

Country and matters here don't answer
like to say to you but will not try to now
and several other kinds of no par-
ticular value which do not grow in
Concord. The timber on all my other
land is the same - There is upon
the ranch a respectable little moun-
tain, affording considerable pasture
3 or 4 pretty steep hills also affording
pasture, and 4 or 5 hundred acres
of nicely rolling and real level
land about fit for cultivation. Also
the Siruse-law River 3 or 4 fine
creeks, and several fine Springs
never failing - Water running thro-
ugh the Barnyard - I gave the place
near Eugene and \$3000 for the 1000
acres, so this place has cost \$7900
besides the expenses which you can
call what you please - The 200 acres
is nearly all level enough for tilling
when cleared and cost \$2. per
acre being near the mill I bought
it mainly for the timber - There is
considerable nice shrubbery about

ask any questions you wish to about the
there are a great many more things I could do

the House which is very large and
roomy with Milk house, Store House,
Wood house, Shop, and large Chamber
over the whole all handy and
under one roof - This place is good
for Grain raising or Dairying and
stock raising or the keeping of sheep
I think either would pay well if
well followed - I might say sev-
eral more things in favour of the
place and country but will only
mention that we nearly always
have splendid dry weather for hay-
ing and Harvesting & threshing which
is a great advantage - Farmers usually
sow considerable Winter Wheat and
Winter Oats about the same time
they do east - Spring crops are put
in all the way from 1st of Feb to
May & June the earlier the better
as the dry weather sometimes sets
in rather early as it has for the
two last seasons - Oregon is a healthy

^{the weather}
The get things better and stop the winter
country particularly among the hills
and fir timber - Water cold and soft
and pleasant and wholesome - The
People Generally kind, neighborly
and intelligent - Very few Germans
none about here - Now I will mention
some of the drawbacks to this place
and country - The Winters are very
wet, and of course the going is bad
but is healthier than the clear frosty
weather - The Summers are dry and
the roads very dusty - Temperature
pleasant and cool except a few days
^{The old thermometer says 71° in shade near 3 P.M.}
in the middle of the day, too cool
for corn and other crops which need
hot weather, but splendid for small
grains to mature and fill - corn is
a useful crop in several respects but
if we don't raise it we need not
spend so much time in planting
hoeing and husking - There are a great
many foul weeds in Oregon mainly
owing to two things viz lack of

frost to kill fall weeds, and fearfully
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shoonly Farming, as the people have
depended on grazing principally &
have neglected the plow. If they had
plowed and attended to their business
as you or I would they would raise
far better Grain and less weeds
The drawbacks to this place are its
isolation. it is only 5 miles on a
straight line from a R.R., ^{but} the near-
est Depots are Cottage Grove 8 miles &
Drain 14 miles but owing to the
mountainous nature of the country
between it is about a days journey
with a load to either of them and
back, you will see however that for
dairying, stock or wool raising that
is not a very great objection. Now I
will say right here that the people
expect a R.R. will be built right
through here soon, and if we make
a success of our Mill and the R
R is built property here will treble
in value and this would be very desirable

Location - another drawback to this place is the fences are getting old & will need much repairing soon and the nice flat lands along the river are apt to be overflowed more or less in the winter and Spring I might say much more for and against this country but will only this now the 3 main things which sent me here I have accomplished Viz Got away from those fearfully cold Long Winters - Got away from the Winds & Lightning & Cyclones and all their attendant evils, in a great measure - Got lots of Good land cheap and these things go a Great way with me - and Now my Dear Boy I want you to make up your mind, and I want Mary to make up her mind to come out here and live - You have moved about a good deal - I think if you will come and take the principal charge of this place you can indulge in dairying, Stock raising - or Grain raising to your hearts content and not have to move any more unless you wish to