

Dear Charney -
I wrote to you a few days ago, and
directed to Geononowoc, about selling the land.

I think I will write a little more today on that
subject - which is merely to say, that perhaps, you
had better see if we cannot sell the whole place
to Grose, or Buskey, or any one else, for 45. per acre,
without the crop or with the crop according as
you can, before you see Pattee, as I suggested in
my last letter - Intimate to them that it may be
their last chance etc. If you think there is a
probability of selling this fall and there has been
no reinsurance, let the old Policy run as it is
excepting that all insurance excepting on the
Buildings be stricken out - have an understanding
to that effect with Mr. May - If you reinsure
insure as I directed before I left - I have not
made up my mind when, or what, or where
I shall buy yet but intend to invest somewhere
before long - I find everything pretty much as I
expected except that the Willamett Valley is rather
too flat for good drainage and consequently apt
to be worked when it is too wet, to the injury of

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the spring crops especially - Last winter and Spring
(they say) was excessively wet and since the 4th of
July there has been no rain in the upper part of
this vally. Consequently all late crops are rather
poor - I have looked over considerable of the country
between here and Portland, and also about Siuslaw
and examined several places, ranging from 200,
to 1700¹⁷⁰⁰ acres with buildings orchards etc ranging
in price from 2 to 10 thousand dollars these places
are all among the foot hills and better drained
naturally, with plenty of Springs and living water
and wood, conveniently near large towns or depots
and I cannot decide which I ought to buy, pro-
vided I should buy either of them - I dont wish
to get a place in ^{the} flatest part of the vally because
it is too wet much of the time and the ballance
of the time too dry, and destitute of Wood and
living water except on the margin of the stream
we are all as well as usual - Ma is gaining in flesh
a little we think, she would like to see the Chillan
very much, as well as myself - There is no perceptible
difference in my health or appetite - all the rest
of the friends are hearty, working at Harvesting &
threshing - I think I shall soon take another
prospecting trip and see if I can decide what to
do about locating - I dont want to give you ~~any~~ all
my particular impressions about this country just
yet as I may change them slightly } Affectionately
Love to you, and Mary, and }
Little Winnie, } Your Father