

So I can make a deal in case I can sell it
Send or bring me description of the factory lot.
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Dear Chan & Mary & Winnie

I have finally made out
to begin to write to you again. I
still have some hope that the time
will soon come when I can
communicate with you orally,
and not be to the trouble of writing
And now if you ever intend to move
out here, I have a few suggestions to
make. Viz, that you come by the N.
P., R., R., Get through tickets to Eugene
City. Start late enough, say about
the first, or middle of June, so that
the weather will be apt to be pleasant
and vegetation growing. It will
be pleasanter, and you can judge
better of the capacity of the country,
and you will have time to sell
off and perhaps get your pay, for
what you sell. Bring all your good
bedding, and valuable things

Cost a great deal to stock it with sheep, which can be bought for \$1.50 each, but there has been too many on the place lately, it rather needs good tilling, seeding down. &c, there has been about 41 or 42 acres of fall wheat down & W.S. has put in about 20 acres on shares with my team and a neighbour has put in 10 or more acres on shares & I have hired Eleven or more acres down and think of sowing five or six acres more - We can sow wheat here at any time from August to May if it is not too wet to work the land that sown before the middle of Jan is winter - and that sown after that time is considered spring wheat, all being the same kind of seed such as I sent you a sample of last winter - There is lots of land on the place which ought and probably will be put in with spring wheat and oats and lots left to summer fallow

and now in regard to the Marsh
I hardly know what to say. If you
could sell it for what it is worth
whatever that may be I would sell it
by all means but I dont suppose you
can. I wish however you would try
pretty hard, see what you can get
offered for it any way. If we must
leave it entirely I suppose it ought
to be pretty well fenced and
protected from cattle and wood
thieves - as long as it is unsold the
main thing will be to keep cattle
off of the mowing part and get
a little rent for it and the pas-
ture if we can I suppose there
can be nothing done till Spring
except to get a little material on
the ground in the mean time we
will think of it ~~as~~, about Garstke's
note, collect it if you can without
too much trouble. You need not
send any ^{money} until you can bring
or send all that is coming at
once - I dont believe you like
to write much better than I do

5th Page } I send you a twig, that grew
within 4 inches of the top of a Fir tree,
which grew on my 48 acre lot, which
tree was 174 feet high, it lay down, the
Boys have been making it into cord wood
You ask my price for the Factory & Marsh
I think my share of the Factory is worth
\$200, but I am willing to take \$175.
I have held the marsh at \$25. per
acre, but perhaps had better take
15 or 16 hundred if I can get that.
If you have any chances to sell, get
more if you can, I think the New
Rail Road has increased the value
of the marsh especially the Timber
Did you get the Sample of Wheat I sent
you, and will you send me a fair
sample of the Winter & Spring wheat
you raised on the old place, also a
small sample of the Oats and Barley
they will be all I shall have left of the
old home, ^{farm} I may wish to propagate
them here - I once wrote asking about
those Foot stones - What about them?

6th page } I suppose you have had that
Insurance Policy cancelled as I directed
With what promptness or otherwise are
those Vandue notes paid - Have you
talked with Garskey about his note
as to Emersons note I suppose I shall
have to charge it to J.W.P. - What about
that receipt you sent me - Did you
ever find a pair of Pinchers about the
place, if not, tell the Black Smithe
I am sure he owes me a pair
get them if you can - Tell Bushee all
about the cellar drains so he can open
them if he likes - What did you let him
have with the place, tell him I will
throw in Hants and his family - there
are quite a lot of things of some value
which I left behind, I wish you
would take a little pains to realize
something for them as opportunity may
offer, If you expect to have a sale your-
self offer them then - Since we have
been on this place I have helped some
a little but have employed myself
mainly in clearing a small swail.

which injured the looks of the farm, there is over 3 cords of scrubby white ash wood besides quite a number of brush heaps in it, I done it splendidly so that a mower can pass over most of the Stumps. On this place there is about 35 acres of Pasture which has never been tilled it is considerably grown up with wild rose bushes and small White Oak Brush and trees, for some time past I have been cutting said Brush with a bran new brush scythe, or trimming fruit trees with a bran new fine saw and I sometimes dig up Plum and apple Sprouts with a bran new Spade - The Boys have helped Sam put in 18 acres of winter wheat and ^{helped} him plow 35 acres to put into Spring crops, besides 5 1/2 acres sowed with cheat or chess which they sow here in low ground and cut early for Hay (and it makes very good hay) since we moved onto this place, the rest of their time they hunt and Chew tobacco and it pays just as well as it did in Wisconsin

