

Cartwright Jan 20, 1884

Dear Chan

We have just read Marys Letter and in order to answer by return mail I must write forth-with. You ask what you are to gain by coming to Oregon – I might fill this whole sheet in innumrating the different things which I think you would gain but I will put it in a nutshell. You can gain three or four hundred acres of pretty good land worth now ten dollars at least per acre in (everything considered) as good a climate as there is in the world – I am willing to give you that amount of land provided you will pay me a reasonable interest on its value at the time of the conveyance. You to have entire controll and all the risc and improvements which may take place or which you may make – I want to help you now and I don't see any other way to do it and at the Same time provide for your mothers and my own wants at the same time. – It is true you will have to sacrificise considerable (everybody does who comes out here) to get here but they all expect to gain it back in the end. I have been aiming for years at our coming to this coast and that is the reason why I was opposed to your accumulating much kinds of property as you would have to sacrificise on to do so. Also why I did not give you many things when I left Wis. which I sacrificised. I thought I might as well sacrificise them as you because I did not suppose you would be so averse to coming out here. There are hundreds coming out here every day and the immigration is a going to increase immensely and property is expected to rise in proportion. – There some blooded cattle in Oregon. I know of some Short Horns and Jerseys and I presume there are nearly all the kinds of Cattle, Sheep, and Swine but not so numerous as in the east. There is quite a sprinkle of Short Horns and Berkshires in these parts also some improvment in sheep. – Wages I.W.P. says is per day from \$1.00 to \$1.50 and from \$20 to \$25 per month. As to a team, we have a pretty fair one. Each horse is very good of his Kind.

Upside down writing:

Tell poor Hank if he was out here I could put him on a 160 acre homestead easy.

Ma is quite tough – I am healthier than in Wis. except I am troubled with Somthing like nuraglia and sick head ache... Have to be up early tomorrow morning to hand this to the mail Carrier as he goes by in the morning. Wrote it too late to take to the P.O. Pa