

Cartwrights Lane. Co. Oregon
Sunday, July 15th, 1883

My dear son and daughter

I received a letter from you more than a month ago and now I will try and answer it I have been trying to have some of the men write you for me but I could not so I will have to do my own writing, Well to begin with we are all well and have made another change in place and have moved here to the Synlaw Pa traded his farm in the valley for this ranch and gave three thousand dollars in money for this Ranch a thousand acre Ranch, Pa will write you before long and give you the particulars we came here on the 8 of June. I like it here full as well or better than I did in the valley I have got to keeping house again and spent the fourth and now is little
Winnie

it seams more like home, we got
the Cookrange give in with the
place it saved us the trouble of
fetching a stove up here. Ellen
and Sam gave me their white cow
a four ^{years} old, I call her ~~white~~ ^{white} ~~cow~~
Cow I offered them 40
dollars in gold but they would
not take it cows are high here
now, Pa bought Mr Kennedy, chic
kings, the man he traded farms
with I have not got my hens
from Ellen yet hope to soon I
have 15 hens and a rooster and 37
chickings 28 of them hatched since
I came here, I have sold five doz
of eggs to a pedlar he comes once in
two weeks, I get 25 cents per doz
I have sold six pounds of butter
got 25 cents per pound, dont you
think I will get rich in a short
time at this rate, well I feel
quite proud of it we have been

living on expence so long it seems
good to have something of our own
again, Where do you sell your cream
this season, Sam fetched Ellen and
all of the children but Watkin up
here four weeks ago to day, the chil-
dren have all had the Measels they
had just got over them so they were
able to ride when they came up here
Watkin had them first, he had
them ~~for~~ before I left there Ellen
was almost sick too she had the same
cough the children did, they came
up here for their health, they sta-
id most a week their cough had
almost left them when they were
home I heard from them last
week, Mrs Kennedy went to Enger
and went to see the new place
she told me they were all well
and looking better then when
they were up there, we are 2.5 miles

from them now, It is very dry here now has been since the last of May the crops will not be more than half this season the old Oregonians say last season and this is the driest they ever knew it here in the summer it is dryer this summer then last we will not have much fruit on this place this year Pa and I have been a lone most all day the boys and Mr Kennedy folks went to Mr Palmers to practice music this is quite a lively place they have meetings and Sunday school every Sunday, we had a good time the fourth of July held the celebraion on the camp meeting ground in the woods had speaking and music and ball playing I had a good time being a stranger in a strange place tell me how you

Monday 16th Pa and I took a walk over the farm west of the house yesterday afternoon. we went nearly a mile. the place has been sadly neglected for the last eight or ten years since Mr Cartwright died I told Pa yesterday when we were looking at the place if

Chan should see the place he would make fun of it, but there is a chance for plenty improvement on this place, plenty plough land enough for two or three to work the men are making hay now this house is not so good nor so nice a ~~room~~^{one} as the other one is but it is pretty good looks better inside than on the outside it is a large house it has the most nooks and corners in it than any loving mother J F Petrie

house that I ever lived in there is two kitchenings, one pantry two bedrooms below two bedrooms up stairs, a sitting room and parlor and a conservatory on the south side, and a milk room wood shed and work shop on the north all under cover, barns and sheds a plenty, we have a good hen house and park to keep the chickens in this farm is well watered with running streams of soft water the year round, some times too much water in the winter when it rains so much, that is the most I have to say against Oregon the rain and mud in the winter but folks will get use to it, Pa thinks if he had Chan on this place it could be made something of it but you must do just as you please about coming we all would be very glad to see you

come and some others, I. said he
would not live back in the States
on a count of them Cyclones, well
they are fearful things we read
of a good many this season in the
States I hope there will be no more
this year or never. We have not
seen any thing of Mr Bansom yet.
I wish he would come and see us
I would be glad to see him
how is ~~Pat~~ Parkes folks, and
where is Julia is she at home and
the boys and all the rest of them
write me about them, when you
see them give them my love and
best wishes I would like to see
them, Tell Addie I will write her
before long I would have written
before this but Ellen said she
would write for us both
O how I would like to see you all
and Addie and her family together

