

Nome

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My own very dearest,

No news, no rain, no boats, no mail, no luck, darn it no nothing yet.

Am doing assessment work now for \$10.00 per day commenced to-day, been idle for several days, since drilling.

Torngove has drill now and will have it for some time, I guess, I made \$103 on Kittleson's 4 1/2 days contract which there was no complaint about. Kittleson wants me to drill some more for him as soon as I can get the drill.

I have nine days more assessment work to do then guess I will go and prospect Shovel Creek claims for Pa, if it rains will go right away and prospect them and clean up Mystery dump at same time. E. Blank is drilling with his and Louis' drill which they bought at Seattle is in a good locality and I think he is very apt to strike it, I am in 1/6 with it, so hope they do strike it.

I guess my dear you think its a long time between letter, and it is, but I sent two or three to you on the last boat which seems a month ago, the Ohio is expected the 18th and will sail the 21st, at least the bills say so.

I am still working on my mule business and think I might be able to do some good yet, in it. Oh I do wish I were with you this minute if I could be there I would stick. I am so lonesome I can't interest myself in anything and an not going to try to any more in this country.

Just finished dinner, 7 p.M. looked out on back porch and sighted a boat, don't know for sure may be an outside boat hope it is and has those letters from mine for me.

Dr. Bane and Mr. Johnson were here for dinner, had a boiled one, corn beef and cabbage very fine they said, but I

don't think they were in earnest.

Well I am going down and see who gets off incoming boat, if you happen to be in the crowd I will hug you in two.

Will finish this to-morrow after mail is distributed, so I can ans. your questions and tell you some more things, nothing of interest though, just things.

8 P.M. Started down town but telephoned about boat and found out it was a German boat which has been up the Siberian coast, it has no mail no freight no nothing, just like me.

So I will finish this scratch and puit it in the PO and write another later.

Ma is going down town now to see a Mrs. Somebody who tells fortunes. We all went to a show the other eve "The Kramer's" were the troop quite good. I got five tickets Ma Pa Hiles Dr.Bane and myself went together, house was crowded.

There was a ball at Golden Gate Hotel two in fact, I did even look inside, I don't cae to mix with people at all they don't interst me at all.

The wind is starting up a bit, I hope it blows up a storm if it does, striaght to Mystery I go and if it cleans up so I will have a thousand or so out of it I might use part of it to go see you on and then again I amy as well wait till Oct 1st as it is so near now only 1 1/2 months, but I tell you what it will be a long 1 1/2 mo.

Ma was talking Hot Springs to me I might decide to go there before Oct 1st but won't unless our deal is not going to go through. Rosene is talking to Pa now, he is here in Major French's stead.

I did not telephone Bill and Neva I have not called them up since I have been here.

Tom offered me \$150.00 for my dogs -

Tell Fritz he ought I have a dog team I say, tell him he can run his head off and have lots of fun and also ride all over

town, five dogs will pull him Hen and all the twins I feel partly lucky to get 150 if I want it, don't you think.

I still have \$80.00 left out of my contract money and probably \$1.50 in change. So you see I have not been spending much of my earnings.

At the show I heard quite a good joke about "change and rest" A fellow who went to the Hot Springs for his health said "this bell boy got the change, and the manager got the rest."and how fur is it from a cats ears to its tail? "Cat's fur", if it had no tail "it would nt be so fur."

What's the reason your dog fights so much? "I feed him on scrapes." What is the difference between a man and a hen? "A man can lay an egg on a red hot stove without burning his feet but a hen can not." Any one would think I thought you hadn't heard all this above truck, but I did not stop to think till I had it all down.

You spoke of "Dr, Buckanan asking you to take a ride and you declined," You know I did not mean, by saying "be good", not to have all the enjoyment you could, I meant, if an explanation is in order, not to get "chummy", with the lads who wear glasses, all though they are as good if they behave themselves, or as far as "chummy" goes not to teach any one you know, how to be chummy. I did not carry your letters more than two days, read them over and over then burned them all.

Tom Dyer, your friend whom we met at Solomon, is in to see Pop. Earnest Whittard was in this eve also and a Mr. Galleger, Fisher the blacksmith's partner on Taylor Creek.

Poor old Dad has lots of callers through the day, but one can see him alone lots, Tom comes in once in a while just to growl. You know what I mean even if it is not spelled right.

This assessment work business is pretty hard graft but I can stand that part all right if I only had you as I said before I am going to do any thing as long as I get something for it and keep

out of town and can keep you dearest ones fed, am I doing that much? is Bob Virtue sending your \$150 ck. every month? I am working now for Linderburg, these few days no interest in it do I take, I simply don't like it, but the \$10 per helps some, but as I said before it is only for nine days more.

Well sweetheart I a commencing to repeat, so will stop or you might think there is something wrong I am only sleepy, so with all my love and best wishes for all our dear ones I am
allways

Yours

Paul