

Palo Alto

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My dearest:

Another dear welcome from you this A.M. glad to learn you are all so well, also had a letter from Mr. Diggs, they are all well, said Mrs. Diggs wrote you & you will be there (at Woodland) in a day or so, said he will hunt me up & let me know when you come & that his turkey will be done & after we eat all we want, will count our money, then do things.

Gabe & Eva will be here any time now.

I am going to Woodland tomorrow Mr. Diggs has found another place since I was there. 2500 acres alfalfa 1200 acres was farmed last year, rest grazing land plenty water & etc. There are more good places around Woodland than I dreamed of, I would like to locate there, wouldn't you? it gets very hot there in the summers but Mrs. Diggs said you & she will go to Santa Cruz in the summer. Mr. Digs & I will find some nice place to go.

I went out in the Santa Clare Mts. to look at places I heard about but heya re nothing, very steep hills, narrow canyons, brushy as chunder, just simply nothing I would take as a gift, if I had to stay on one of the places.

I rode Peralto yesterday & Anita Tom Thumb, out about six miles, I went to see a place Pa wanted me see. Ma & a Mrs. Harbough drove out took our lunch picnic was all there was to it. The place was no good, nothing but brush.

I can't see my way to be with you this Xmas, as yet, but will feel I am doing for your pleasure, more by trying to arrange for your pleasure in the future than the enjoyment would be by me going now. I am going to be right as I can this time, then we will always be happy & content.

I am not writing on account of news, I am simply writing to remind you that I still love you & think of you allways & am trying my best to find a place where I can make you, all, a pleasant home & where I can make a few dollars to buy grub, & warm climate won't necessitate much clothing.

As I have experienced to my satisfaction why I am staying as long, will close

With lots of best love for all

Always yours Paul