

Woodland

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My dearest:

Still cloudy & threatening rain.

Am going to-day, to see a milk cow, to ship to Palo Alto, to Mr. Cannon.

Can get the kind he wants here for \$40, will cost \$10 to ship her, I deliver her at Palo Alto for \$75.00.

Mr. Diggs & I may take a five year lease on the best hotel here, don't know yet whether we can get it or not, all though the parties who own it, wanted Mr Diggs to take it some time ago, how would you like that?

We went yesterday, out 25 miles to see a ranch, looks pretty good lots of wood on it, in the neighborhood of 10,000 cords, worth \$6.00 per cord cut & on cars, which run through place would cost about \$1.50 per cord to cut & load on cars, wood would nearly pay for ranch.

Price of ranch, 300 head of cattle, 10 work horses, hogs, ploughs, & wagons & etc. \$50,000.00 2500 acres 40 acres in orchard which will rent for \$800.00 per year.

Will know about hotel soon & will write all about it. I do hate this long separation, & won't stand for it any more. Mr. Diggs says tell you when he sees you he will tell you all about ma & what I have been doing.

Mrs. Diggs says she will tell her story too, & that I have fine for she has bee with me everytime I have been out, & for you, not to pay any attention to what he says.

All my love to mine

Yours Paul

Mrs. Diggs says to answer her letter and to send you her love.