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We are right in the midst of heat and dryness. It is 10 p.m and the thermometer stands at 85 degree, an hour ago it was 95 degrees. Today hottest was something over 100 degrees, about 104 degrees I would guess. Yesterday and before were record breakers. Got up to 108 degrees. Last night in late afternoon had a small rain over this country but only a smell compared to what is needed. If the corn does not get rain in 10 days will be a short crop. It has been hurt already but a good rain now would make a good crop yet. Corn is big, high as head, some planted in April. Some is tasseling. This rain yesterday was first of any consequence for five weeks last Sunday. So we are about at our limit for dryness. I have hopes for one before it is too late.

I had a good garden on the way but it is drying up. Some have died.

Frances Blagg died yesterday.

The trip to High Sierra Camp would be a fine one. If I had as much spare change as I have had at times in the past I would be right out there to go. Sales of pictures are at a low ebb. Because of the heat have had no callers for weeks and of course no sales.

I have a painting class now that brings in a little money each week. So much heat tomorrow will probably keep some from attending and cut my proceeds. The last time we met a week ago I saw results of my hammering on them to use warmer colors. They were improving. Had seven in class once.

Another company has come around to make colors like the "Permanent Pigments" and sell at the same price. It is the Grumbaekey Company of New York. The colors seem as good as any. How long the others will sell at the usual higher profit I don't know.

Cannot write much more tonight. Peal and Nellie were here until last night since Saturday. Mrs. Cockrell came also.

It is too hot to write more tonight.

My pictures are still in Chicago. Sold one small one up there.

Sincerely, Paul I forgot to state that I am afflicted with ivy poisoning—first time in my life. Was some ivy growing under mail box and I pulled it up by hand. Forgot to wash when I came to house and scratched chiggers on back of my knees and there I have it. It is better now, but hurts to walk.