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Tolk bounds ougen tentery Much 5th This morning that there was a very rich gold mine discovered in about so miles Ter perher and sister of my place but as par the bouth of it S. t is with that I take I Connot say neather and I excited a but The present spectimity of writing you a few it atall before I go any further Swill tell lines to let yourdhal wave all will at press you why & Skipit a hage my papie is so mean. intered I hape that theserper lines now that if I was to write on the oporet side Comes sales to have and himbers all informing you bould not readit the into mens threw so The sain blesing I necession four letter no had I supose you want to no all about the monday last all those it was written in Comexion we have all seteld but low november last and clamein techino all the hutchinson he is not peteldyet and I bow fate news it your me greate bates faction to that not tell he some times talker of one thing, I had one friend in Illinois that I hought anough and sometimes of another devig duese baught of me to write moundeller It is the first a Claim and paid six hundred dollars for and only sergie of a pour I have had since It it is avery good prace Claim Their I left Ellinous the you wante to your father is no tumber out except a little fice and the our to mor bonne the sain made wood and but little of that Ira baught Gaves very sory to heave of the in rades the grien a Claim and paret I hundred dollars neer monster was muching uniongst my old freein by thinker anough to supart it he does and mightores and from the non here of bases not like his place and is very homesto of sickness at last counts of fear the news your father baught a blain for 2000 dolla four thore will bring tedings of more and gove it to Isame so he has no blain yet deaths but the Hoseyman what the I save Smoth part 2000 farher blain may I am ienes auxious to hears from than and I supose the have all informed you show ogain next Jurday Suings another State The liked the Cunty your father and mother noale and I hope to get Some moremen Soth are lalerably home sich thawas very Jum Elle Those nothing of importance well satisfied till the snow fell in favany to with to you we this hime only I have. and lovered up the grass so that there stock

Eliza and the Children sends that best riskers to Esiz an Chillen Sommars at sessand butsurrain your antill death Thire the Butter Sedicard Scounds The like The irreality of a lot the legan Tousent that he had one with tagin web Ident blune Them prewe had a lang aloren wenter the hardest any says that the hour ever seen in ougher wie not lines lookt how made it set hand way body were proporting in the fall and to open winter as the last winterwises so hand and the rain in september starte the grass so erly the all said orning of a proceedle winter so if I noud the winders in Commen wont be as las as the last I should be be sother to tell at the time what I should think of it The I have love one of the hare winters now want to my over the Summers and Their and mother some thing to his on so that I went have come thing to by Then I have to the more a love the line buy I hast draw to a blose Horsout time I want agon to write of ten governey love to all the oto neighbourger friend Swant agou to soud neether attas pay yourt out of the old marmoney and I will pay him the amount hear

Dear uncle & March she 5th 557 Occupying this present opportunity of swriting you a few lines to inform you That we are all in tolerable health we have had no sickness since we have been here except a little colde last winter I have nothing very important to write, I will tell you something about our place which my father forgot to telloyou we have got 320 acres of land situated on the Luckermute river about three miles from its mouth where it emties into the willamete we live one mile and a half of &D. Butters, one mile from mule Trais and about It miles from grandpaps I will give you the prices of a few articles here American mares \$200 to \$2.50 a legen head cows \$75 tof 100 ger head pork 12/2 ets a found chickens 50 cts apiece eggs 15 ets a dozen and \$1 00 at salem wheat is \$ 200 per bushel' out photo per bushel Ic our nearest neighbors frame is fullogo but I guess he never invented the first steam bout. I believe I have nothing more of to all enquiring friends. & Mm. B. Ground

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Date: March 5, 1854

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Polk County Oregon Teritory March 5-1854

Der brother and sister

It is with that I take the presant opertunity of writing you a few lines to let yo no that we are all well at presant and I hope that these few lines may come safe to hand and find you all enjoying the saim blesing I received your letter on monday last all thoe it was written in November last and come in behind all the late news it gave me greate satisfaction to know that I had one friend in Illinois that though anough of mee to writemee a letter it is the first and only scrape of a pen I have had since I left Illinois the you wrote to your father and the one to mee Come the saim male I was very sory to heare of the inrodes the grim monster was making amongst my old friends and neighbors and from the number of cases of sicknefs at last counts I fear the news fom thare will bring tidings of more deaths but be the cosequences what thei may I am very anxious to heare from there again next tusday brings another state male and I hope to get some more news from Ills I have nothing of importance to write to you at this time only I heard this morning that thare was a very rich gold mine discoverd in about 30 miles of my place but as for the trouth of it I cannot say neather am I excited a bout it at all before I go any further I will tell you why I skipt a page my paper is so mean that if I was to write on the oposit side you could not readit the ink runs threw so bad I supose you want to no all about the conexion we have all seteld but Tom Hutchinson he is not seteld yet and I can not tell he sometimes talks of one thing and sometimes of another Georg Duese [Deweese] bought a Claim and paid six hundred dollars for it it is a very good prarie claim there is no timber on it except a little fire wood and but little of that Ira bought a claim and paid 9 hundred dollars neerly timber anough to suport it he does not like his place and is very homesick your father bought a claim for 2,000 dollars and gave it to Isaac so he has no claim yet Isaac Smith paid 2,000 for his claim and I supose tha have all informd you how he liked the cuntry your father and mother both are tolerably home sick tha was very well satisfied till the snow fell in January and coverd up the grass so that there stock could not get anough to eat and evrything was so high tha could not aford to by all the necesarys tha wanted in thare old

agee and tha began to think how well tha was fixt in Illinois and like the isrealites of old tha began to repent that tha had everleft egipt wel I dont blame them for we have had a long gloomy winter the hardest evry says that tha have ever seen in oregon and not being lookt for made it set hard evrybody was propesying in the fall a mild open winter as the last winter was so hard and the rain in september started the grass so erly tha all said ominous of a faveable winter so if I noed the wintersin common would be as bad as the last I should be botherd to tell at this time what I should think of it to I have tryed one of the hard winters now want to try one the sumers and then and make somthing to liv on so that I wont have evrything to by then I can tell more about the cuntry I must draw to a close for want time I want you to write often give my love to all the old neighbors and friend I want you to send mee the atlas pay for it out of the old mans money and I will pay him the amount heare Elizaand the children sends thar best respects to Eliz and Children so no moreat presant but remain your untill death

[to]John M Butler

Edward Ground

March the 5th, 1854

Dear Uncle

I take pleasure in occupying thise present opportunity of writing you a few lines to inform you that we are all in tolerable health we have had no sickness since we have been here except a little cold last winter I have nothing very important to write. I will tell you something about our place which my father forgot to tell you we have got 320 acres of land situated on the Luckamute river about three miles from its mouth where it emties into the willamete we live one mile and a half of E.D. Butlers, one mile from uncle Ira's and about 7 miles from grandpaps I will give you the prices of a few articles here American mares from \$2.00 to \$2.50 all per head cows \$75 to \$100 per head pork 12 1/2 cts a pound chickens 50 cts a piece eggs 75 cts a dozen and \$1 00 at salem wheat is \$2.00 per bushel Oats \$1 00 per bushel etc Our nearest neighbors name is Fulton but I guess he never invented the first steam boat.

I believe I have nothing more of importance to write give my respecs to all enquiring friends.

[to] J.M. Butler

Wm. B. Ground