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Dear Will:-

Your letter came a couple of days ago and I was mighty glad to hear from you. Harry hasn't written anything and I know nothing of how things are at the Parker Lumber Co. I am very sorry you couldn't come but I am mighty glad you are thinking of trying school again. A college education gives a man a secret satisfaction that a man without one never has. It can't be taken away from you, it will make you brighter & happier and kinder and more sympathetic. If you do go back to school go at things full well. You can do things if you really make up your mind to it. Set a record in the hammer, make the football team, and the debate team and the blue club.

You have the stuff to make a good man, a rattling good one and you know that once started you can go up very fast and easily in any place, though I still believe that A.W. is the best place for a young man. I am working hard, too hard but then I am getting fat so it isn't killing me. I work too long hours and

get so tired that I do not sleep as I ought.

I hope that they will sell out the Parker
Lumber Co, and let Parker try something else.

Mrs. Parker may not be our ideal woman but
she is a hustler and she is worth ten ordinary
men every day in the week. I am very much
obliged for the ten and I'll send it back a week
from tonight when I get paid.

This P.O. here is out of stamps. I wrote Harry
the first of the week and asked him to send me a
few but he has been too busy to answer. I'll have
to walk to Woodley & get some. The Co. got \$2. but
they needed them and I have several letters
waiting here until I get some stamps.

Let me hear from you and tell me what the Parker
Lumber Co. are doing. I can't lose my stock there
and it may be wise for me to come to Seattle
and see a lawyer about it.

I passed through my first crisis today - a quarrel
between a Jap and a white man and came through
without a fight or firing either one of them. They
are both very good men and I can't let them go!

Part of our steel rails came this morning. By Sept. the mill expects to be equipped to cut 60000 a day, have their railroad running, their yard enlarged etc. It may be just the place for me. Mrs. Cain comes out and makes trouble every few days and some day I'll have to tell her that I do not want her in the yard at all. She treats me all right but she raises the yard near sky high sometimes for nothing and I can't have a crew demoralized by any woman. Nido #14 was just in to get a few boards to mend his shack. I told him to wait until after dark. Mrs. Cain would laugh if a fellow took one board and so we make the boys get things at night. This Nido #14 is my prize package, a real jewel from the land of the Cherry-Blossoms. The Japs are certainly treating me right and doing lots of work for me and I hope to leave many these brown-skinned sons of mine as my good acquaintances when I leave. I hardly expect Mr. Moore to get that mill this summer, because his canal and steel plant will keep him busy, but there are places where I can get fine jobs after my experience here and

I am getting all kinds of experience here. I need
a good tallyman but I won't take a poor one. I want a
man who doesn't swear because the Japs won't
work with a man who swears. I want a man to
treat them as men, not as brutes. They are more
easily influenced by kind treatment than any
class of labor I have ever dealt with. The responsibility
was a little too much at first because I worried too
much about little things. but I have gotten into
the swing now and everything is lovely.

Take good care of yourself and write me when
you can.

Sincerely
Percy D.

Thornwood, Wash.

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