

Seattle Wash.,

May 28, 1907.

Dear Will:-

I became rather curious regarding your whereabouts, and Mr. and Mrs. Burch often asked if I had ever heard from you, so just a few days before I received your letter I dropped a line to your sister in Tacoma and got your address. We did not know but what a tree had fallen on you or a grizzly had made a dinner of you.

I am glad to hear that you are prospering and making more money than you had expected to make. It is the dollars and cents that give a person a start in this modern age, especially in Yankee land.

Regarding homestead land, of course I shall have to investigate that personally if I go home this summer. Of course (as you probably are aware) if you get a claim that is of much account, you must go pretty well back from settlement and wait for civilization to meet you upon equal footing. I shall look into the matter for you, old man, if I go home this summer.

Of course I have nothing but work! work! work! at present, but a good consolation appears in the fact that we have only one more week of school before the finale, then will come the fun. I intend to stay for summer school, but I am going to take a two weeks vacation right in the middle of the summer term and climb Mt. Rainier with Mr. Bunck. Won't that be fine? I too shall have a little experience at toughing it as well as you have. But mine will not have as much of the wild and woolly in it perhaps.

Mr. Bunck has sold his place here, so I shall have to hunt a new home after we return from the mountains. However, I am going to have a home of my own here next winter. Don't get alarmed at this statement, for no one but my sister is going to keep house for me.

Matters at the "U." are prospering; moving along in somewhat the same manner as when you left, except everything is done at present in the sunshine rather than in the rain.

Our eight-oared shell and crew went to California last month, but while the race was taking place the wind came up and swamped the shells, so the race was not finished, however Oscar was ahead when the boats went down. Next Friday

our crew is to race Stanford on lake Washington. Of course we are sure of victory! I am telling you all these things, but I suppose your "Wave" is sent up to you, and this is old news by this time. That was a sad occurrence regarding the drowning of Edith Vogt of our junior class, and also the two Stanford boys.

Since I started this letter we raced Stanford and our crew won by four lengths, Time 23:58, course, four miles. The time was no record breaker, but we won, and that is worth a good deal in itself. Now our boys go to New York to race on the Hudson in the international races. Perhaps they will not do well on a river, having done all their practicing on a lake.

Yesterday the grounds were broken for the exposition. At least fifteen or twenty thousand people were in our little amphitheater.

Mrs. and Mr. P. wish to be remembered to you and wish you success and a safe return, while I wish you all kinds of fortunes and enough hardships to make a typical Westerner of you.

I bid thee farewell and may thy thoughts and pen not forget us, while we remain,

Sincerely your friends,
Sutton + Co.

Oberlin, Ohio,

Aug 25, 05

My dear Millie:-

I was very glad

to get your postal yesterday, short
as it was, for it assured me
that you had work, & were hopeful
in the letters "O.K." of your postal.

I had to hurry off to my N. P. W.
C. T. U. meeting & annual picnic
which was this year at Dr. Jam-
eson's beautiful house and lawn.
About 70 people ate supper there,
- we all took food, and tables
were brought from the 2^d church,
which were set on the porch
or on the lawn. From there we
went directly to the 2^d church
to a Union meeting - a sort of farewell
to the Wilders who soon return

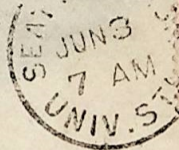
to Japan, China. A reception
was held for them afterwards,
so that it was late when we
got home. We all, including
Grandma, went to both af-
fairs, - except poor Selden
who was too bashful to have
supper at Dr. J's, but whed-
ed Grandma everywhere.
The Hillis's were at church, &
we talked mostly about Mrs.
Hillis' trip, & about you.
Mrs. H. & Joy leave here
probably Tues. Ev. for
Monroe, Dr. Bradshaw
goes then too to the American

Board meeting at Seattle,
Mrs. H. & J. go through Glasgow
& Mr. H. said he would send
you a letter this morning telling
just when to meet them. I
will send a trunk with
them for you with blankets
& comfortables, your two
overcoats & such trouses
as I can get mended. They
are all poor. Any other
things I think you need, I
will send. I do wish I
knew just what you want.
You have n't many clothes, &

you will need thick new
ones before long. Mrs. H. is
taking bedding & all kinds of
things. If you had a Sears
& Roebuck catalogue, you
might send & get things by
freight - clothing, food, &c.
&c. - Don't be afraid
to ask me about anything,
I'll do what I can, but
sometimes I don't know
what it wanted, & of course
just now money is very
scarce. I do wish I knew
what books you want. I will
^{send} the flute & comb to you, ^{your} ^{love's}
mother

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