

Dear Willie,-

Ellen has written you such a long letter that you won't want to be bothered with much more, but I just want to tell you about my trip. I want to go by the Southern route if I can, as I think that will be a more interesting route and that too I might see Margaret as I pass through Salt Lake City. The Union Pacific is advertising a cheap rate from Chicago to any point in Washington for 33.00 but it begins the 1st of Sept. I've written to find out if there is any rate I can get earlier than that, but haven't had any reply yet. I suppose I ought to look up about rates on the Northern road, which you spoke of. I will go the cheapest way I can, as you had enough up as it is. Thank you for the information in your letter - very much. I'm planning now to go straight to Tacoma, as Crazy J wants me to be there so

early & then the next day go back to Seattle
for over Sunday (the 16th) perhaps with you,
staying at Mrs. Harger's. How crazy to see you
and Seattle too: your reports of it are so enthusi-
astic.

I'm daily hoping to hear from you as to what you
want me to bring, so I can get my freight boxes off.
Must get to work -

Lots of love from all -
Mary.

Oberlin -

August the 16th.

I am hoping you can lend me the money you spoke
of, if not for all my trip as much as you can send by
that time. I'll expect to see that lending it to me doesn't
hinder your getting started in the University.

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Many will be truly well fixed out for
clothes when she goes. Aunt
and Aunt Mary just bought out their
work for her but of course she keeps
giving us all her things. She has given
Rebecca one pink dress and me a
hat and I don't know how much
else she will manage to dispose of
before she goes. But we see that she
won't lose too much by these
gifts.

I'm afraid living is going to be
awfully expensive for her at Tacoma.
Perhaps you knew that last Christmas
Aunt Mary gave Mary an elegant
opera cloak with fur trimmings so that
what ever she ever goes to with you I
think she will be fixed. This last item
is an extra that this family has
never indulged in before.

You just have fun out there, don't
you - I'm so glad you do. I'm

She does not know yet how long it takes to take the trip. I believe she has written to some railroad. We found an advertisement at the rate that you quoted but ~~it~~ ^{the rate} began too late for Mary to take advantage of it. You see President Krook wants her to be there a week early. She doesn't expect to go quite as early as that however. The plan I believe is to go straight to Laconia see President Krook and do her first business and then go to Seattle. That way she can have here a little later and then will have the prospect of seeing you to comfort her after her first day or two there. I guess she'll have to write you more definitely as to dates.

This week Tuesday Miss Kirk is coming to see and we expect her to be here two weeks. You indeed (I answered me of your remarks some months ago)

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two full years of work there, do you know? or
more? I wish Carolina could go
to some other college for a year. She is
so tired of Oberlin and would like so
much to go to me of the girls' colleges. You
know Aunt Jennie is paying her tuition this
year. But I guess she can't won't probably
care to go away after this year. Prof. Mather
won't be here this year and she wants to
know him. He goes to Europe you know.
Carolina says the misses are the best
people. Miss Jones was one she missed.
He is getting a fine reputation. You know
he took his Ph.D at Chicago last year (1900)
He has gotten out an ornithology and
other things I believe.

~~Mr. Mather, Ohio~~
Mary says she expects to start for
the west the eighth or tenth of September.

~~Blackburn College~~
~~Carlinville, Ill. May 18, 1905.~~

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very much about you, spoke especially of your
-taking care of some little child here at their
house.

Say Willie, every body we know or meet
knows people in Tacoma or Seattle. It makes
me think of what mamma said about
twins: she said she never thought much
about them or thought there were many in
the world, until she had us and then she
found that every body she knew had some
relatives or friends that if were twins if
they weren't themselves. We never heard
of people in these two cities particularly before.

By the way I informed you wrongly
about Mr. Smith of Carbonville fame. He
is in the Washington State normal school
and not the university.

I hope you will go to the university
this fall. Couldnt you stay in the Parker
Lumber Company with part ~~of~~ work and
go to the university at the same time as you
dont have to pay tuition and so of course
can afford to stay longer? Will you have

My dear Willie,

Do you know how it was such a long time that none of us had a letter from you that Mamma began to get very much worried? So you can imagine how glad we were when your last interesting letter came. We were awfully glad to have you tell so much about your life. The Rogers are awfully good to all you boys, I think, but then of course they are fair in having such interesting (I mean that) young men to care on them. (You should see the number of calls we girls have had this summer. I can't remember whether we have had me beside George when he was here or not)

Just about the time your letter came, Mamma had me from Mrs. Rogers inviting Mary to come and spend a week at her house, saying she could see you every day then. Mary is going to write Mrs. Rogers this evening. I guess she won't have as much time as that there. Mrs. Rogers spoke



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