

I hope the flood
have not done
any harm to
any of you or
to Ellen. We have
been reading about
them.

Will has proved
up on his homestead
but will not get no
patent for several
months probably.

Chinook Alta
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Dear Mary

I am sorry that my letter to you
made mama feel blue, because I did
not say that I was not going to
school any more. I merely asked you
to give me your reasons for going.
Of course you do not look at life
in general the same way as I do, but
nevertheless I would like to finish
college if it can be managed. Will
thinks that if I do not go back I
will always think that I have
missed something, but that if I do
go I will be sure that I have
missed something, by going. He would
have been fairly well off now with
the start that he had when he went
back to school. He had practically no
debts & over a thousand dollars &
now we together are in debt three thousand
counting the mortgage at Oberlin, of \$
should go to Oberlin this coming fall

would either have to sell or mortgage my
homestead. If I should sell now when I
prove up it would have to be at a sacrifice
because land is cheap now. If I mortgaged
how would I pay the eight per cent
interest? It looks to me as if I
would have to wait awhile.

I think it would be a very good
plan for you to suggest some studies
that I will take up when I go back,
and send me the books to study over
in my spare time. You know what
studies are required & probably also the
other ones I would take. Please let me
know how much the books cost & I
will send you the money as soon as I
can.

There is one thing that I cannot get along
without much longer & that is a
Bountain pen. I will send you a
dollar & a quarter in this letter & hope
you will be able to get a good pen for
me & send it right away. They used to
sell good one dollar pens at Carputhers'
when I was there. I want a medium point
neither fine nor coarse. Thank you.

Love to you & mother
"Curly"