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Dear Jesse:

Your letter of July 17th came several days ago and as I'm not very busy this morning will get an answer on its way.

Am enclosing the cancelled note of Mother's. As far as I'm concerned I have left the settlement of her notes from you and Uncle Dillon up to Howard, and you probably have heard from him regarding it, or if not suppose you will. In case you are still wanting his address it is now Cliff Hotel, 1723 Stout Street, Denver. I don't think there is much left in George's possession and don't know what Howard will do about it. I tried so hard and unsuccessfully to collect some from somewhere for her needs while she was with me that I felt I didn't want to bother any more about it at all as it really doesn't matter now that she doesn't need it any more.

Fannie wrote that you were contemplating a trip to Portland but as you did not mention it in your letter to me I'm wondering if you have given it up. I'm sure you would like the northwest but would probably think it was cold as Alaska until you got aclimated as I've felt chilly most all summer, but of course the low altitude and dampness is so different from the high dry climate I've been in for several years that I naturally feel it.

Last Saturday afternoon the man I work for took me down to the beach to visit his family. They have a summer home down there. On the way we went thru some of Oregon's famous "tall timber" and it surely is tall and straight and grows so close together. Sunday we played a while in the Pacific but the surf was cold so we didn't stay in very long. The lumber business is very slack here this year and I'm not busy more than half the time at the office. The market seems to be strengthening a little now tho and I surely hope it does for I would hate to have to hunt another job.

Iva (the girl who came with me from Utah) and I have a very nice little apartment now and enjoy it much more than the hotel. It of course is small, just one room

besides kitchen, bath and closet in which the bed goes in the day time. We don't cook at home only occasionally when we feel like it.

Fannie surely has a nice little family and I enjoyed, as much as possible under the circumstances, seeing them all. Was sorry I couldn't stay until I found out if anyone from Cuba would be over there this summer, but on account of the mail being tied up and also as it was necessary to get back to my job if I wanted to keep it, I thought best to come on as soon as possible.

I can't understand yet why we were not notified by wire of the money you sent. Perhaps being cabled is different, but I know money when telegraphed is always delivered/either by check or cash to the consignee and I did ask the Western Union Agent if it could possibly be sent to the bank without coming thru his office and he said he didn't know of any way it could. Of course if the bank notice had been received (they said they mailed one) it would have been sufficient anyway.

I very much appreciate your kind offer to let me use your home whenever necessary, however I hope, now that I will have no more emergencies to meet for Mother and Father, that I will be able to lock out for myself.

Love to all the folks,

Bertha