

My wife feel a grate Interest in all  
my old friends and especial Mr Rees  
Mrs ~~Rees~~ Mathers and many others  
we would like very much to

Oregon

the best all next summer we will  
if we both can, her step mother  
has always lived with us she is very  
old she is in her Ninety first year  
and has got cancer on her hand  
and is quite feeble at present and  
if she should drop of this spring you  
may see us both if she cant go I may  
go my self there is nothing that  
would please me so well as to see  
all <sup>of you</sup> + one time more and talk over  
our early man hood we have  
fire sleighing at present I wish  
you were here so as I could hitch  
the horse in the cutter and give  
you a dashing sleigh ride I  
have every thing very comfortable  
enough to make <sup>the</sup> world pleasant  
I want to enjoy it as much as

Dear friends  
I have had a good time visiting the upper  
part of the Lewis and Clark trail  
and am very glad to see you  
and hope you are all well  
I am  
Yours  
J. P. Rees

1881 Jan 29th  
J. P. Rees

I am right well this morning  
I had a good night sleep and  
feel first rate and while I  
feel so well I concluded to write you  
and neighbors A small Epitoh  
old Dave is about as you always  
knew him, as cotta I am now in my  
sixty eight year since 19th of last  
November. I weigh <sup>two</sup> hundred  
and seventy some pounds my health  
is fare for as near of my age I have  
some pain in different parts of my  
body I am some trouble in my  
watter arrangements I can fall  
down easier than I can get up  
its hard for me to put on boots or tie

My appatite always has been good  
my hearing is bad I am surd what  
deaf I go to bed at nine ~~and~~  
and get up at ~~the~~ oclock in the  
Morning I read some half a pen  
papers. I verry seldom leave home  
without special buisness I do the  
boising on my farm. with my overdoes  
I am not in good working order  
I have others to do that. that is about  
all I have to say about old Dove  
now I will interance my old <sup>wife</sup> Margaret  
she has verry good health and verry  
systematical in her buisness she  
always hauna to do her washing  
Monday and at this season of <sup>diner</sup>  
years have sou krount and especy  
a nice side pork for diner and  
mince pie, now my old Trienas  
when you git <sup>up</sup> on Monday morning  
this seson of the year you can  
just think if you ware at old <sup>diner</sup>  
Dave has you could have the above <sup>me</sup>

When she wants her cows to go  
dry she milks them the last  
time on Sunday morning so  
a they will have A calf in  
day light tell Amanda to  
try it she always wants her  
meat hang up for bacon in the  
sight of scales so as <sup>it</sup> will keep  
well and nothing will disturb it  
she ~~is~~ likes to see every thing in its  
place she likes to have A nice  
clean garden and good cablage  
she likes to raise nice chicken and  
turkeys her hart is glad when  
every thing around the farm looks  
well she is a good feeder  
wants every thing feed well from  
horse down to the dog and  
especialy Old Dave and his  
Trienas, there is one good thing  
I admire about her she never  
want me to do any thing she wants  
to take the world as easy as possible