



Forest Grove, Apr. 7th 1882.

Dear Father,

I have only a little time so will write ^{simply} a small letter. We arise every day, and several mornings have arisen at such a late hour that only one explanation could be given, - that you were gone. The stair carpeting and rods came all right, and are both exceedingly pretty, but through some mistake there were no fastenings sent with the rods and we can't get them here, so have simply tacked down the carpet and will wait about the rest. The Institute was quite interesting most of

it, though not as good as it was
when it was held here before. ^{It} ^{was}
had two days of out-from
school which were quite refresh-
ing. Thursday and Friday we
dismissed school. Capt. Wilkinson
went to Puyallup and brought
back Julia Taylor with five other
girls, and Joseph Cheek's little
twins brother Fred. He looks so
much like Joseph that I presume
I will find it very hard to tell
them apart. We have had lovely
weather, a little rain a day or two
ago, but clear most all the time.
Mr. Porter presented his bill a few days
ago, it was quite discouraging in that
it was in all only \$36.34. I think
have been very economical. We have
had a letter or two from W. He is
prosperous. I wish I could see you, you
must take very good care of yourself.
Yours own loving little, Mary,