

Old Dave tells his friend about himself, and about his 'Old Wife Margaret'.

Lin King Valley

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Mr. T. C. Rees -

How are you old chap? I am right well this morning and I had a good night sleep and feel first rate and while I feel so well I conclude to write you and neighbors a short report.

Old Dave is about as you always knew him, (an cotta). I am now in my sixty eight year *** I weigh two hundred seventy some pounds. My health is fare for a man my age. I have some pain in different parts of my body. I am some trouble in my water arrangement. I can fall down easier that I can get up. Its hard for me to put on boots or tie my shoes. My appatite is good. My hearing is bad. I am some ~~what~~ deaf. I go to bead at nine and get up at six o'clock in the morning. I read some half dosen news papers. I very seldom leave home without special business. I do the boising on my farm. With my averlopolis I am not in good working order. I have others do that. That is about all I have to say about Old Dave.

Now I will introduce my Old Wife Margaret. She has good health and very systimatical in hur business. She always bound to do her washing Monday and at this season of yeare have sour Kraut and (suec) a side of pork for dinner and mince pie. Now my old friends when you git up on Monday morning this season of the year you can just think if you ware at Old Dave house you could have the above dish for diner. When she wants hur cows to go dry she milks them the last time on Sunday morning so they will have a calf in day light. Tell Amanda to try it. She always wants hur meat hung up for bacon in the sign of Scales so as it will keep well and nothing will disturb it.

She likes to see everything in its place. She likes to have a nice clean garden and good cabbage. She like to raise nice chicken and turkeys. Hur hart is glad when everything around the farm looks well. She is a good feader. She wants everything fead well from horse down to dog, especially Old Dave and his friends. Thare is one good thing I admire about hur she never wants me to do anything, she wants me to take the world as easy as possible. My wife feel a grate in ^{tearst in} all my old friends and especially Mr. Rees, Marilyn, Mrs. Matthew and many others.

**** In closing the writer mentions that they would like to visit Oregon next summer *** that his step-mother-in-law lives with them and is ill, she is 95 *** that nothing would please him so well as talking over their early man-hood with his old friends *** sent his regards to all and signed off "good by my old Friend.

S/ David Crawford.