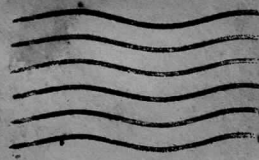


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Dear Sam

Yours of 12<sup>th</sup> came promptly to hand containing draft for \$50<sup>00</sup> The letter of 12<sup>th</sup> was also promptly received I told Maude as she was writing to Howard to receipt it to you the check for \$50<sup>00</sup> I have not needed so will hold it for a while and let you know when I present it I think there will be no trouble in getting it cashed as we are getting quite well known at the bank we patronize here I am just in receipt of rent money from A L Scott for \$64<sup>00</sup> I had have that and the draft you sent on deposit these with a \$20<sup>00</sup> balance I had left in the Bank leaves me

\$142<sup>00</sup> in cash and the \$50<sup>00</sup> check  
Our rent and and Berthas  
Tuition are paid until the middle  
of March Our living and incidental  
expense is about \$1<sup>00</sup> per day  
so with no extra expense we  
can put up an other months  
expense or pay out till the  
middle of Apr I think with  
the progress Bertha seems to be  
making that may possibly put  
her about through her course  
Unless the unexpected happens that  
may call for cash there will be  
no occasion to Cable funds and  
you can use the \$50<sup>00</sup> check balance  
in your business there for say  
a month from the date of this  
We have no idea at present  
what may be our destiny after  
Berthas school is done I shall  
want to work a little when the  
weather gets good as I am quite  
tired of this idleness It would be  
very nice if Mama and I could  
do about same this summer

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The auto is at Qion city yet  
I have written George to sell it  
if he can and if we have  
occasion to use one here can  
buy again it will cost some  
\$126<sup>00</sup> to ship it here and would  
perhaps cost as much or more  
to go back and run it through  
This is a great Country for  
autos they have been going all  
winter so far the actual temper-  
-ature here is very much like  
Tenn only little or no rain there  
has been snow about all winter  
and the ground is scarcely frozen  
I do not remember that I told  
you that Uncle Will Hobbs and  
the whole pack there in Mich  
have the Moutain fever and there  
is talk of their trading their  
land there for some land here



The place they have in view at present is on or near this R.R. and some 60 miles west of Billings while Anson's place is some 40 miles east of here. The grades on the R.R. are quite heavy from here to the top of the continental divide. Elevation here is a little more than 3000' at Reed Point where Will is projecting about 4000' and at the divide about 6000' so you see that while they would be getting up some, there is still a chance to go higher. The west winds from over the mountains are quite warm and summer-like in the winter and are very dry so that any degree of cold here is not felt like it is in the Lake region. George writes that he is anxious to get back to the ranch and thinks he may be in Mont. along the last of March or fore part of Apr. Anson and Annie are thinking some of a trip here in harvest-time if the

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wheat prospect are good There  
is talk of building a good two  
story & basement house on the  
ranch this spring There is nothing  
but wind work done yet I  
hope the big tractor may prove  
to be what you are looking for  
Gas Tractors seem to be advancing  
in price here machines of various  
types of about 12-20 power are  
being held at from 1400 to 1500  
There are many mechanics here  
and some of them are putting  
on schools to instruct operators  
in their use I have been taking  
them in some while I have had  
nothing else on hand Well I  
see it is time for Mama and  
Bertha to return from church  
so will close Hoping this may find  
you all well Regards to All  
F. W. Crook