

Dalles Mar 20th 1862

Dear Ann

We arrived at this place day before yesterday your pa & George have gone out home with the boys I will go out there to morrow I stopped in town last night - expecting to sell my horses but I have not been able to do so yet - Great numbers of men are crowding up here every day & the town is quite lively I have been trying to get a partner to day but have been unsuccessful I believe it will be impossible to get into business in this place as the houses are all occupied and every one who has goods here thinks he has the dead thing on selling them for a good price I shall wait a few days until the river is open up to Walla Walla & until the road are in condition to team & then if I cant sell my horses

& wagon I will start a team on the
postage from Dalles to DesChutes
until the Indian troubles are
settled & I think it safe to go to
Grand Ronde But it is impossible
to tell what one will do here as
all is excitement & confusion & a
person liable to be led a different
direction by some new discovery
Jef & George will not start until
the snow goes off a little more
which is very plenty here & about
a foot deep on eight-mile creek
(or they say) but the south sides
of the hills are bare in some
places I think it is a month too
soon to go to the mines & probably
to go at any thing else beyond this place
David & Peter have three hundred &
forty head of cattle left they have
lost in about the same proportion
that others have so I have been told
I will write again when I get out there
Kiss the children for me & believe me
as ever yours

Robertson

P. S. tell Cochran I will see about his
sheep when I go out in the country
The people are all crazy up here they
ask \$200 per yoke for Cattle & \$200 each for
little broke down mules and sixty to 1.25 for
cayuses that can hardly stand alone but
it is nothing more than I expected
Good horses are not much in demand
but they will be high as soon as
the roads are in condition for
teaming

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