

At Home, April 25, 1907.

Dear Mother:--

Well, last night Emma started for Boulder. It seemed the only thing to do, although I was very spry to have her go. She had been from home for seven month in Battle Creek. Then ~~xxx~~ she came home, and about four weeks more I went west and was gone about five weeks. I had been home three days when she started for Boulder. I had taken so much pains to get her home into the best of shape, and there seemed to be a few weeks ahead of us where we could enjoy it together. I hardly know what to make of it. Then, our garden is beginning to yield for us. Asparagus is coming on, -- all we can use and give to the neighbors. To-day we had the first picking of strawberries. Got about two quarts. It is the very cream of the year, and I hoped Emma could stay and enjoy it while we were preparing to go to California. Well, we are getting used to disappointments.

Now in regard to California. I have a letter from the man who is looking after the arrangements for rentals at Old Town, about a mile from the Pacific Press office. I told you of an Odd Fellows hall that they offered for \$30.00 a month rent. Well, after that they came down to \$25, and now I am informed it can be had for \$20.00 a month. It is the cheapest rent I about ever knew. The building is nice, large, well painted, all plastered, and on the corner of the land owned by Ed. Chapman. The lower floor is 30 x 94 feet, and will give all the room I shall need for all my office work. Upstairs there is a hall 30 x 60 feet, and I think I shall keep that for a hall for services. I can give lectures on the truth illustrated with stereopticon pictures. It may not work there, but I believe it will.

There is ~~a~~ a house of six rooms a few rods from that building. with it is fully an acre of land, and on it a barn with lots of shed room. This can be rented for \$8.00 a month.

Now, it seems to me that these things are providential. I feel that if other matters come around I want to take advantage of the opening. I do not believe I can ever get another so good.

Well, I wrote you a few days ago in regard to the Madison school conducted by Sutherland and Magan taking the food factory and some other things which I have. Now let me put the proposition to you as it is.

FIRST, when W.C. was through here he and other appraised the food property, and agreed it was well worth \$6,000.00. It is cheap at that.

SECOND, I want to give a good bargain on it if it is taken for the school, but I must have a certain amount of money to carry me if I go to California. I am willing to make a sacrifice to get this matter closed up VERY SOON. So I offered to take \$5,000.00 for the food factory, and give with it over \$1,000.00 worth of property which the school needs desperately. One is the boiler that was on the Morning Star. This ~~is~~ is to be used for heating and bath purposes in the Sanitarium they are already beginning to build. Nothin so cheap can be had for the purpose that will be nearly as good. I also offered my traction engine, with some other things that go with it. They need this very much in running machinery for cutting fodder for their silo, and for sawing wood, and a hundred other things. Sutherland told me when I last saw him that they needed it, and it was only the lack of money that prevented them from getting it.

Now, if I can realise \$1000.00 on this property I can make a quick

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start for California, and avail myself of the great opportunities for cheap rent before they are out of my reach. Again, I can get help on Past, Present and Future and get it out much quicker than I can here.

Now, I will refer to the plan you suggested in regard to the food factory. You told me that if the school people would take it you would go to our people and raise the money and give it to them. This was your proposition. I take it as you made it to me, and suppose you had good reasons for making it.

so I will say, If that is your plan, I am prepared to do what I have stated in this letter. I feel that I am giving at least \$2000 myself in doing this. But there will be enough in it to put me on my feet, and I will not have to sacrifice my home, but can hold it till I can sell it at a proper price.

Now, I have looked finances over carefully, and find it will take \$1000.00 in addition to what I have in sight to get me into shape and move me to California. It will also give me some money to go on with, and with my royalties can carry me till my new book is out. You said to me that you desired me to come to Cal., and that you would help get means for me to come with. Now, if you can raise the \$1000.00 I will deed the food factory to you, and have it fully understood that I am to receive no more until the factory is sold, or the money is raised to give it to the school farm people.

Now, I have made this proposition in good faith. The property is good, and will soon bring the money, but I must either go SOON, or settle down for the summer. I am free to tell you that I fear the results of another summer in this climate. I was braced up on my trip west, and am as weak as a rag and all let down even this early.

Well, I shall await your decision in this matter. I should not mention this matter to you at all, but you showed such an interest when I was there that I felt it was right to do so. Bro. C.H. Jones told me when I was there that the office had money, and could let you have some at 5% interest.

But I must close as the man is here to take the letters to the office.

As ever, Your Son,

J. E. White