

Portland Nov 25th 1857

My Dear Father

I received your letter of the 15th inst. last evening, you say that the men are intended for four inch boxing, they say that the axles are not stout enough for the work that you will want to do with it, they want to put in five inch boxing and make a new set of ^{axles} ~~axles~~ to fit them to, another thing, the ^{wheels} ~~wheels~~ that you spoke of that is the height of them, they say that in soft road the waggon will run hard, and I told them to make them, the front wheels three feet high and the hind ones three and a half, but the axles I said nothing about, if they make new ones and the wheels that height it will cost you 20 or 25 dollars more, but they will wait till you can send word whether you will want them in that way or not, you may think that I am trying to get more work done for them but, I am not, I want you to have a good wagon but if ~~you~~ ^{you} want it as you first did

that is the way it will be, I am glad to hear
that you have a school there, I would try and
study here at night but we are hatching, and I
cant do it they make so much noise there is six
of us hatching together, three of the hatches is
with us, another thing when I work 10 ours in
the day I feel something like going to bed, you
say keep out of bad company I will try and
do so, I have been in very respectable company so
far, and expect to remain so, you say that you are
going to Cyrus have four hundred bushels
of apple I wish that I had a few of them
here but it is no use to ^{morn} morn over spitt
milk I might if had some if would of pitted
them down there is no one to blame but my self,
apples are worth from 20 to 25 cents per pound that
is good fruit, I think he will do well with
his fruit.

if you are going to see me, or
sit down ^{case} ~~case~~ when I come up home, I am
not so shure about coming,

I would like very
well to see your mother down here some
time this winter, Mrs Jacob would like very
much to see mother, she told me to have her come
down

and I would like that I should certainly
do it if I could,

I am getting a long way
well with my trade. Simon & I make at
the bed Iron rivets, iron the neck yokes make lock
chains, and do up most of the work after
they make it I am getting along as fast as
could be expected,

Mr Jacobs has not gone to the
States he expects to go on the next steamer,
I suppose that you have heard nothing from
Ephraim since he left, I have not at ^(least?) ~~least~~,
tell Mary Ellen to not slide off before I
come up, if she does I will not get any dress
for her

well I believe that I will not ^{conclude}
write any more at present so I will conclude
with saying give my regards to all of the folks
tell George to write, as I have not much time
he must not wait for me,

write again
I remain your ever true son
from Fortuzo Tubner to his ever kind
father, Joel Tubner

