

of moving some day to the Coast of Upper California which  
is said to be more congenial to fruit. Oregon is  
unparalleled for its fine Wheat, Oats Rye Barley and  
small grains. Potatoes grow fine upon low sandy bottoms  
Corn will not grow at all, nor Apples - Claims are  
rising in value fast, the one adjacent to me is held at  
two thousand dollars, and one mile from me is a claim  
with a town laid off upon it, at the head of steam boat  
navigation held at 10,000 dollars, I hold mine much low  
All the good claims are now ~~worth~~ taken which are  
worth taking, or expectation of taking a claim that  
a decent white man would give upon after this date  
is visionary in the extreme - tell Jewelyn to get him  
a good wife (as no young man who intends to be anything  
in the world is safe without a confident wife) I  
am not getting, he cannot find one out here. If he  
defers that matter too long he will be capable only of  
respecting a woman but utterly barren of love  
There is no cold weather here, I lay out all last  
winter and was not uncomfortable. There being no food  
to prepare for stock men live here without much  
effort. If I had 100 cows I could feel independent  
The money Miller owes me I shall never return for  
at least for many years. Samuel has abandoned  
the idea of ever returning to Ohio or Illinois  
At least until the Pacific Railroad is completed  
The children all send their love to you all - Maria  
and I have concluded that five children are enough  
Samuel Colver Hiram Colver

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