

Portland, Oregon.

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Sunday Afternoon.

My dear Boys,

We have just come from

dinner, and as I had not written to you yesterday, thought I would talk to you on paper. We reached Oregon on Fri. Eve. there is a sign board at the divide on one side marked Oregon on the other California. We are at the "Imperial" hotel, Yesterday we went up the Willamette river into Columbia went up the Col. 40 mi. saw how they caught Salmon in a sort of traps. The scenery was the finest of any thing we have seen the mountains looked as if made for castles, some

finely carved, others bold
 as if for prisons, all beau-
 tiful, colored in red, yellow
 and two shades of green, &
 every little way, a beau-
 tiful waterfall, the largest
 & the one of deepest fall is
 called the "Bridal Veil," on
 one side of the river was
 Washington State, Oregon
 on the other. It was a ride
 never to be forgotten, Mama
 will have to tell you as I
 cannot write all I want to.
 We went to church & had
 a good sermon, and wish
 I could be home next Sun-
 day, but Papa is not.

through yet; and think we
 won't get home until next
 week. It rains today & the
 people here are worried as
 the rain is destructive to
 the crops now. There is
 a great difference in the
 price of fruit here or in
 Cal. everything is much
 higher, the peaches sold
 for \$5.00 a ton, but
 here they are as high as in
 Mich. We did not find
 a single letter from home
 here, I was very much disap-
 pointed. If God spares us
 we will soon be reunited
 now. It seems to me an
 age since I left home

Mattie I am longing for a
piece of your bread. Right-
seeing is all right if you
can do it at home. We
have been very fortunate in
finding good clean beds all
along the road.

With love to all.

May God bless and keep
you all in safety.

Mama.

Mrs. L. B. Van Raalte

Holland.

Wish -

Papa says I will have to
lots to tell you around the
fireside when I get home
& we will then have 8000
miles to travel together as
that is the distance we will
have gone over, when we get
home.

Mama