

Porterville Cal.
April 4 - 1911

Dear Pearl:

We rec'd Claude's letter
to day. Am very glad he is
still feeling better & know
you will, when he does &
you get out of the office.

We got 40 acres about a
mile S.W. of Exeter. it has
a road on the W. and one on
the north we will build on
the corner. There is no Alkali
at all on this & the hard pan
is not so as to interfere
with alfalfa & ^{it} is good for fruit
too - there are some setting out
oranges around there.

But mostly Alfalfa.

There is nothing on the land
at all now it has just been
plowed and Fred will have
to pay for that (about one
hundred dollars). And then
he paid 125 per acre. pays
\$3000 now + two years on
the remainder.

He will level up ground
where the buildings will
be + set out some fruit +
shade trees + then put down
the domestic well before
he begins building.

He has bought two mares

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wagon & harness. And will
go to Epeter ^{tomorrow} & get some place
for us to live And I expect we
will move Thurs. So you
may write to Epeter after this.

I had a letter from Flossie
She has been having trouble
with her eyes. Said Ed was
some better but he couldn't work
seven days & nights a week, with
out feeling the affects of it.

Beraldine was well sent her
picture on a post card where
she was on the front porch
with her doll & d. buggy.

Flossie has been sewing

for other people.

The boys are well & going bare foot now & think it fine. It is lovely weather here. Clifford wanted to know if we would build our house out of doors. He meant in the country and is as anxious to get there as we. And they can't hardly wait till Fred brings the horses home (the folks keep them till we are ready to move)

We can just see the little chickens grow. I will get some more if we move.

where I can keep them. And will get a cow too just as soon as we have a place for her.

Tell Claude. that Fred is more than pleased with the place. And thinks he got a good buy at last if it did take a long time.

~~I must~~ There are three lumber yards at Exeter, (one just started up) and they are all selling pretty cheap & I think Fred can do much better here in buying his lumber than have to bother sending down

there for it. He will get
a Carpenter to help him get the
frame up & then finish it
him self.

I must close now write
when you can.

Affectionately
Lessie

thick sowing land on all sides of us

Another man was around this morn trying to get the Rural R. he said not near all the names were on the other petition & they only lacked a few. so I hope now we can get it for it will go past our door.

Clifford is wanting me to come back to your place & stay one night as he had a new handkerchief with him & forgot to show it to you when he was there. He and Percy both think

their dolls are fine & have kept them pretty well. He can still say the piece Claude learned him

Pearcy brought home his second monthly report and it was all much better than the first month. He likes his lunch box fine. They got a lot of good out of their crackerjack.

Fred said if he were your people he would not leave the cow in that little stall, along the east of Dec. He said of course thro the day time you could keep a watch

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on her but at night he would tie her out, that is if she was used to being staked out. He wants to have a corral built for our cow before she is fresh. & any way her stall as larger than the one for your cow. We get milk now at 5¢ qt from a neighbor & red goes on the well for it but it is lots of trouble. I will be so glad when the cow is fresh we give 35¢ for butter. My hens have been laying a little we get 4 or 5 eggs a day & all of them nearly.

cackle or sing like they
will be laying before long.

Do you want that apron
pattern, that only takes $1\frac{1}{2}$ or
2 yds to make.

Suppose you had a letter from
Lottie last week too. She said
your mamma had so much to do
and Arch was gone.

Hope you wont write them
any news. about me.

I must close I have written
so much & not told any
thing either. Write
when you can.

Yours truly
Jessie.



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