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Letter to Brother and Sister from Elijah Butler

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E. T. Bailey

P.M. Co. Oregon By March 15, 1851

Dear Brother & Sister

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I was very glad to hear that you and
family were all well and the friends in
pencil but was sorry that you could not
tell who were coming to Oregon this sprin-
g and if one connection please send one letter
from Father & one from yourself

but they did not give much news they all
wrote the same thing except a little that
Elizabeth wrote about her little boy I mean
I he is a front row but I love to read her pin
you may tell her that our little girl is a party
and smart as children ever get to be
we are in good health at this time and the con-
tact are all well as far as I know
we have had the pleasant winter. I have
sent it been dry and warm since the first
of January hardly rained enough to make
the grass grow. The farmers have been ploughing
and sowing wheat and oats and making yards
ever since the first of February. I have sowed
some wheat and some oats and planted some
garden I am going to sow some more oats
and I think I will plant some corn we have seen fifteen bushels to the acre. I saw several small pieces of land last fall that would make forty bushels to the acre we can have corn like as much as we want and every thing else if we will raise it some of our neighbors had lots the eighth day of March large strong to eat plough bees will have the third year from the trees and apple trees in proportion which will yield from forty to sixty bushels prunes oats from fifty to seventy-five potatoes as much as anyone pleases and all sorts of garden vegetables for and keep wheat and flour is very high now is worth forty dollars per hundred bushel or flour 82 wheat 85 or per bushel but two dollars potatoes two dollars all Michigan is a little higher than it is in Minnesota where the prices are higher there is at work at T. H. Lucas for one dollar and fifty cents per day he has not made much since he got here he can do well his summer wages will be higher than they are at present I shall commence work in a week or two at four dollars per day I think I can get five dollars per day in one month or two I am going to work out the most of the time this summer I intend to have fifty acres of prairie land this summer I have got as good prairie land as you have in Illinois about four hundred acres of land these hundred acres and twenty of it prairie land if father are the rest of them comes that talks of coming I may sell my claim and give you letters to take they own find vacant land but I will ask a big price for my land I have got a valuable claim but I have a right to a whole section and if I can sell two to like my self I will do so there is plenty of vacant land in the乡间 and one next to the idea cost there is some fine country there I will try to answer your question about the sickly woman that come to begin for there health I wish that that as far as I know about mine out of ten get their health Elizabeth, Jane and Susan Marsh and are getting their health very well Elizabeth looks much better than I ever saw her be fore Stephen White is not expected to live but a short time some think he has his liver complaint and some think he is paunch William Reynolds has come in from the mines and has the Sking but he is getting better I think he will get well I will not have time to write any more at present I would write to father if I knew he would not start to Oregon this spring if he has not started tell him to write soon as you get this letter and write your self as of now if you can you dont know home glad I am when I get letter from any of you direct yours letters to Bloomington Calhoun County
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