this wooden country. It is 10 min from here to Portland and Oregon City, and I think will prove a good speculation It shows some enterprise to do this with so little to start upon. The steam mill is sold to a man on condition to erect it on land immediately adjoining mine and about two miles from the business house. It will be low in situation and furnish us with lumber for the town, close at hand. Lumber is so low in California that it costs [illegible] but the price for consumption here is still good, and the mills above pay very well. All goods brought into this country continue to command excellent prices.

Yours, Willetts & Lucies' letters not to mention Laura's Eliza's & Frank's, for I got one from each, took me up wonderfully as to the condition of things & folks. It is astonishing what a world of marrying has been done up, I am actually appalled at the idea. The next winter will I suppose furnish balls enough to suit the constitutions of half of Randolph. Puss must congratulate the whole crowd for me any way, I presume they are all satisfied since they seem to have done it themselves. My compliments to Mrs Joe, tell her I would like to have her for a sister in law very much, I am expecting news of the engagement now in every mail. Tell Francis that I should like to give him a final thrashing for his impudence. he is the most outrageous born monkey that ever was known. Whiskers forsooth, & adding to the charms of his countenance at that. What does his aunt say.

I am very glad that you and Lamen have enjoyed your