

Cottage Grove Lane County
Oregon Jany 10th 1889

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It would be very pleasant to meet friends in Salem and I wish I could go for that and also to be near the legislature for a while without becoming excited or, being injuriously affected by excitement. But I cannot now. I am not nearly so strong as I was a year ago. And to make it worse my back has for the last four weeks been very lame and weak. It is a little better now. I can most of the time stand straight up. My legs are good and I bundle up my feet an walk along which evry day about the place. If I do not exercise a good deal in the open air my old disorder immediately gets worse. Enough of that. I will be well again, or at least better than I am, and go to Salem. I hope soon. Until then Thanks to you & Mrs. B and with kind regards & good wishes for all

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Truly Yours

B. F. Harding

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