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W/Enclosure on
Home sickness; and
False Swearing on
Preemption Claims
Equal to False Swearing
of Sodom; Refers to Supplies
to Utah.

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I have a great notion, Rec. to try to write a long letter, but then I was
afraid that I could not come up to the occasion, so I wrote this
your love

Omaha City
April 25th/58

Mary Pumpy here
but

Dear Rebecca. Yours of date April 6th came to hand
a few evenings since. It has been a matter of the
most profound thought to me ever since, where you
could possibly have found that word "Pumpy" or what
can be the meaning of it. I have made a thorough
search, to try to find it, in Webster's unabridged and
in several different Encyclopaedias but in all my
research I can find "Mary Pumpy" where did you find
it! in some Publication, or did your genius take a ^{flight} ^{leap}
and originate it? I await an answer,

I received a letter from Small, and one from Ann
when I received yours so you may well imagine that
I am reasonably well posted in the way that Gibson
people are doing. The Boy are all out some where
about Town. (Pardon, I meant City) and I am alone,
just the way that I want to be on this all impor-
tant occasion. The Moon is shining brightly and the
night is fine, so out of curiosity I just stopped, and
went out and gazed straight up at the Moon, and
whistled. Home Sweet Home, the oddity of the thing
would ^{have} a tendency to drive all Home Sickness out of
my mind, and then you may recollect that you
advised it, so how could I think of any thing else
but of you, under the circumstances, and I don't
think that there would be any sickness in that.

unless I should be so unfortunate as to wish that I were with you, then I would feel Heart Sick. but you see I do my best not to think in that way as I know that it is impossible now, and there is no use of a person makingy themselves feel uncomfortable if they can possibly help it. I dont allow myself to indulge in that way more than three fourths of the time. There I hear the Boys coming like a Thunder Storm. there is no chance any more this evening with their clatter in my ears, so I will have to stop untill a more convenient season.

We have our Union Prayer meetings every evening out here. I can't say that I have been to any of them I have not the least desire whatever to go to Church here I went to the Episcopal one Sunday, it looked to me like a Grand Humbug to see men stand up and proudly make the responses and the very next day probably they would cheat the eyes out of a person if they could.

There can not be much religion in a new country where they deal in Paper Towns and do nothing but lie and speculate. I would not pretend to make an exception of myself. I suppose that I would like to make money as well as any person else, but I do sincerely think that if I was a sincere Christian, I would not feel like makingy money here, but as things are with me now I believe that I would go if I had the opportunity I have not made any claim yet nor The Emptied

