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Letter from Margaret [Muir] Reid to John Muir, 1880 Feb 11.

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Portage Dec^m 11 1830

Dear brother John

We were all so overjoyed to hear of your arrival in San Francisco again you have seemed so far away since you have been in Alaska my longing to see you lately has been great, and has been intensified by the great expectation we have had all winter of seeing you, it seems sometimes as though I could not wait any longer. and for lack of late letters I have to read a precious old one now and again

A week ago Friday evening I was feeling quite nervous. John he was sitting with his boots off reading the Chicago InterOcean

suddenly he said do you want to hear some news. I said yes good news. he assured me it was good news. he then read a short notice of your arrival. I told Jessie to carry the paper to Grandma in the morning. but I felt so glad I said to John this is too good news to keep till morning. he got to mother before she had retired Joanna had gone up stairs and I guess was partly ready for bed but coming to listen at the head of the stairs. called out what is that about John it had a very restful effect on us all. as it was over a week before the letters came Monday John and I went out to Sarah's carrying your letter to her. poor dear Sarah and all of them have had hard strokes

little Gracie don't seem to realize much about it, but David Annie and especially Sarah has suffered keenly. She has seemed a little more cheerful lately, but has a pretty bad cold now. How nice to think that Joanna is getting well. Oh John how changed we must all seem to you when you come, but perhaps you look some older too you will know so much difference on the children and so many of them you have never seen. Annie graduated from Postage school last summer, and Jessie expects to next June but my greatest gladness on her account is that she has given her heart to the Saviour. My baby is now five years old and I expect will go to school

we call him John J. - or John John for you and his (43) John working away at his old business is getting disgusted with it as things go here, and threatens to go west. I think my health is perhaps better than when you saw me, at any rate I have lots of help in my own family now, for which I am truly thankful. I suppose you have had a very enjoyable time in Alaska. O do tell me when we shall see your face again can't you do some of your writing in Postage. I must now stop, praying that the blessing of God attend you at every step through life. I remain as ever your affectionate sister
Margt. H. Reid