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## Letter from David G. Muir to John Muir, 1862 Dec 31

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Portage City Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1862

Dear John I believe I wrote last  
but as I see no sign of your answering  
I must write again. The folks are  
all well, Maggie is about the same  
as she was last summer. Hope you  
are well my son, I am still trotting  
around the counter tearing rags & doing  
fine business for winter. It will do  
a fellow more good in the way of  
sharpening, and trading, than teaching  
I think. I wonder why on earth you  
dont write a letter to let us know how  
you are getting along and how the business  
prosperes, and who is there. Mother wants  
to know if you are coming home about  
New Year. You should come if it were  
for nothing else but to get your  
clothes here where they are cheap I  
will be very much obliged to you if  
you will do some business here  
before about the first of March that  
is to pay the interest on my land  
I will send the money, and the de-  
scription of the land, and you can do it  
as well as I can. Will you do it  
I had a most glorious visit last  
Saturday. Perhaps you dont know that C. L.  
is teaching in the Town of Colorado this  
winter about ten miles from here. Well  
you see I started on Saturday afternoon  
and got there early in the evening and  
staid all night and till three on



Sunday afternoon I declare it was  
 the sweetest hours that e'er I spent  
 I have got acquainted with lots of  
 pretty girls in Portage but I would  
 not trade off my Katie for any  
 ten of them. Now that's plain talkin.  
 but it is so She is the best girl  
 I ever saw or want to see. John if you  
 have not found a lass yet you are mi-  
 ssing <sup>one of the</sup> most greatest pleasures this  
 earth affords. I wish I was out of debt  
 so I can get married. Now John  
 if you abuse this free speech of mine  
 I won't write another word to you on  
 the subject. Tell P. F. Abbot that  
 I have not got his letter all read  
 yet and never will. if he would jolly  
 write the Dutch in English letters I would  
 risk the rest. Tell him I will write to  
 him soon. Dan & the girls have gone  
 up to the farm to spend New Year  
 You had better make up your mind to  
 come up and harvest with me again  
 next summer. If you will send me  
 your picture <sup>without</sup> a case in a  
 letter I will send <sup>mine</sup> the next week  
 it won't cost much. How does  
 Jack Duncan look? Now Sir you  
 must please write an answer to  
 this the same day you get it  
 and tell me all the news, so  
 hoping for the best I will leave  
 you but Oh! Yeer a bad yer!! but  
 try and be a good boy abth this <sup>with love</sup>