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Kansas City, Mo. July 11 * 1887

John Muir Esq
 Martinez Cal
 My Dear Brother:

News of Jays, came this
 a.m. Also the book for Ethel and the parcel
 for J. which I will see at noon when I
 go to dinner and she opens the packages, I
 will speak for them for today and when
 I thank you for remembering them I only
 say what they will report in letter very soon.
 The house is a very fine one with 10 rooms, slate roof,
 soft and hard water up stairs and ~~down~~ down,
 hot and cold water, marble wash bowls,
 closet in house, grates and nice mantels,
 electric bells, good hot air furnace, hot
 air all over the house, plate glass windows,
 hard wood floors, hard pine and walnut
 finish, solid cherry stair case, three large
 rooms in cellar, living furnace room
 storeroom and wash room, also has a
 good barn, the lot is 41 x 132, and will be
 worth 200. \$ per front foot in the near future, is
 now worth 150. \$ per foot, is the amount which
 which I have increased your equity more
 than balances the additional liability which

W. J. M.

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I have placed up-on you so it is nothing for you to fear and if you were to keep the house it would pay its way well for as it is 5000. \$ at 8% is 400. \$ for annuities and 2000. \$ at 10% is 200. \$ for annuities making 600. \$ a year interest while the house rents for 75. \$ per month or 900. \$ a year the difference, or 300. \$ will more than pay taxes and insurance, of course if you can spare the 2000. \$ it is decidedly the best way to pay off the 10% paper. The 3 acres came in this way Paul Gordon owned a 6 acre tract of land, I said to him I will pay your price for 3 acres 6000. \$ if you will give me a contract on the other 3 acres at the same price to run until October 1886 if I sell it ~~until~~ before that time I will give you (Paul Gordon) one half of what I get over 2000. \$ per acre for the 3 acres which the contract is for, This is the whole scheme of the 3 acres as clearly as I can give it in this manner, when our desperate weather subsides come over and I will show you all about it. Love to all, Truly Walter Brown