

E. Portland Oregon - Mar 13<sup>th</sup> - '90.

My dear Friend :-

It has been a long time since I heard from you - I received your letter at the time your daughter graduated and answered it - About two months after the building that was used for the U. O. was burned in Sellwood perhaps your letter may have been burned - if there was one there at that time - I delayed writing you I was very busy - We expected a motor for a long time to Sellwood - but were disappointed - so we moved from there east June - and are renting our home there - but expect it was sold by our agent <sup>yesterday</sup>. We are now living on the East side - ten minutes from the centre of Portland.

The East side is preferable as we have the finest of water - while in Portland proper - it is the Millamille river water that is used. About Christmas time I sent you a cream satin shawl - and - with a wreath of Pansies painted on it. This is why I just am writing today - I never knew until today that it was not registered - I was very busy and sent it to the office by a neighbor - We were speaking this morning about sending packages and she remarked that she never registered - I said I always did - she said why you dont always - for you did not - last winter the package you gave me to mail she is very absent minded - I gave her the dime to pay the fee - she went home in the afternoon - you

her lesson - and was going to the office a little later. Well - I trust you received it safe any way - but thought I would write a line today. Two of Portland's wealthiest ladies were in to get orders they had given me - saw it - and each ordered two "just like it." They were to be sent to Washington. Philadelphie & N. Y. A friend of mine formerly from Calca - visited me last week - she is reading "The White Christ" and is delighted. She writes stories for Sunday newspapers and some very nice poetry. Mattie L. Heyward is her name. It is a beautiful day - my Crocuses are all in bloom. I put 300 bulbs in the ground - now and I will have at least 1000 blooms from them.

one of my friends here - very wealthy  
allowed their gardener to come  
to my yard and set me out 200  
varieties of choice roses -

A friend of mine here is an artist  
Mrs J. Barctus - she won the  
Gold medal three years ago -  
and she corresponds with a minister  
in Mayville - she told me his  
name but I have forgotten it -  
will ask her - & send it to you.

He purchased pictures from  
her perhaps two years ago - you  
may have seen them - all landscapes  
I to the same scenes.

Trust my you are all well and  
happy I will close -

Sincerely yours -  
Lila W. Rich.

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