

Aurora Dec 22, 1919.

Geo H. Himes
Portland

Dear Mr. Himes,

I have been having a severe time during the past ten days on account of the cold weather. The frost has robbed me of every vegetables I had harvested. Some couple doz. hills of potatoes I had not dug up are in good shape, for I had taken the precaution to mound each hill with earth, so they escaped the frost. The pump froze up and had to melt snow for about a week. It is O.K. again, I have been compelled to use some of the wood blocks in the wood shed (I mean the seats) but I will cut others to replace them before they are needed.

Now in regard to the disposal of the Champney Painting, I wish to know how you feel about making an effort to dispose of it to the "State" during the next session.

of the Legislature in Jan'y 1920?

If you feel like taking hold of the matter I desire you to please give me an answer right away and I will authorize you to make the sale.

awaiting a reply I remain

Yours Truly
Theodore G. Jones