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Biletz Ind Agency Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1872

Dear Sir

Your letter of 10<sup>th</sup> inst has been received, and in reply must inform you, that we cannot give employment to a miller, for the reason, that we have no mill, nor have we the means wherewith to build one.

We hope that appropriations may be made during the sitting of the present Congress - to erect a sawmill and flouring mill, for we are without either.

The entire supply of bread stuffs comes from the Willamette or San Francisco - Little wheat has been raised - but it is either pounded and rubbed <sup>in mortars</sup> by hand, or boiled.

J. Ulrich  
Can Bellingham & Co  
Portland Oregon  
They respectfully  
Yours

a large amount of lumber  
has been expended on assent  
of mills and yet there are none  
here that can be used

Upon taking charge here I supposed  
the mills could be repaired and  
employed a person to take charge  
of the business, but upon examination  
they were found to be useless and the  
attempt abandoned

Mr J. Wash  
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