
Home Sunday Aug 4th 1895

Dear Pa and Ma

I suppose a part of the Gex generation are with you before this. I suppose they had a very pleasant visit at Uncle Luke's from all accounts. We had a nice shower this evening our prospect for a corn crop is fine, I raised some rye but the small grain is nothing to compare with last year, either in quantity nor quality. I have had to haul water for my hogs sever times the last week, I never saw the earth as dry. I mean down deep in the earth. The wells and branches are scarce. I caught a good supply in my pond in June. I wish you and Ma could both come out and make us a visit together. We can make it pleasant for you both I am sure, if, any of the little kids get Ma's nerves unstrung I can round them up in the cave.

I was up to Glenwood the week before Bettie left, and visited some of her long-tailed kin, and found them to be nice people and well to do farmers. I did not like their country as well as ours, neither did Mr. Burris from Warrensburg. I also visited Frank Ridgeway and family. They treated us royally: but as Smiley says he will always be a dammed fool. I went to Omaha one day, went to the stock yards to see what kind of cattle they had in the stock line. They were in the scalawag order. I think we will let Fannie [16 years] go over to Oregon to school this winter; from what I can learn of Mr. Roberts he is a fine man; and there are some very nice people in Oregon and vicinity. Give my best regards to Uncles L [Luke] and S [Silas] and their families. Tell Louis I saw Col Smiley yesterday and he said he came very near coming down from Cin [Cincinnati] to see you all on his way from Pennsylvania; but he was a little dubious of the Kentuckians. I recd Louis' letter not long since, will answer soon. Good night with much love to all.

I am as ever

Your Affectionate Son

RBGex

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