
Wednesday Dec 3rd 1901

My Dear Father

I reached home safe on Saturday Nov 23rd, found all tolerably well except Willie, he has had a severe cold and has had some symptoms of pneumonia, had the Dr. out to see him yesterday: I think he [*the paper is torn and illegible*] everything on the place in a flourishing condition, stock all looked well, and I think Willie had given everything close attention in my absence. The wheat looks fine, the grass looks so much better than I had expected to see it. I will have plenty provider for my stock this winter. Corn sold yesterday at Mr. Springers sale for 74 ½ cents per bu: Persons that can keep their stock until next June will be worth having. Hogs are 6 cts per lb. Stock cattle are 3 and 3 ¼ per lb. at K. C. [*Kansas City*], St J. [*St. Joseph*] and Omaha. I have been doing some fencing since I got home, plowing discing. I killed a fine beef last week, was very fat and tender. I wish you all had some of it.

How is "Little Breeches" [*perhaps he means his son Will*] getting along? I hope he and Lulie will prove a comfort to you; I think Will [*19 years*] is a high minded honorable young man and can make himself very useful to you: As for Lulie's record, she has been weighed in the balance; and has not been found wanting. I recd a letter from Ellen (*16 years*) today, she was well, said it was snowing Monday in Columbia. We have had very mild weather since my arrival. I hope it will continue. Fan and John came out Sunday and spent the day with us, they were both well and asked to be remembered kindly to you. [*the paper is torn and illegible*] and Jim a few days ago but I have not seen "Zeak" yet "Jim" and "Bill" said he was tolerably well, thought he would go to Oklahoma in the spring. Bettie and I were invited over to Willie Burris' Thanksgiving for dinner, Laura, Mary and Anderson were there. I hope this weather will be good while Downey is putting in the well. I suppose they are about ready by this time. Give my regards to Ollie and Paul. Take good care of yourself and do not expose yourself so that you will catch cold, tell Will what you want done and let him see to it for you. All send love. Love to Will and Lulie. Now believe me to be as ever your loving son

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Will be glad to have you write me if it is not too great a task for you.

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