

Dingle Idaho
Jan 30 1937

Dear Dad & Mother,

It is surely nice to hear from you and I appreciate it even though I have not been answering. My intentions are good but the hand is weak. I am surely glad to hear that you both are feeling well. We have not had that good luck here. ~~Right~~ Right after you left Dad, we all had the flu, then it has been just one continual round of colds since, with the baby being very sick with pneumonia. The night after I delivered my January turkeys I had a very bad coughing spell and coughed until the bottoms busted out of my belly, just what you were afraid would happen to you, Dad. I went to see Dr. Lindsay and he said it was bad, and I should have it fixed soon. However, I don't see how I can spare the time or the money up until Christmas the weather was quite nice, but since then it has been

steady cold, dropping to more than 40° below for a while. It was around 36° to 40° below while I was picking my turkeys, and it surely was a job to keep them from freezing.

The hay situation is very much the same as when you left. There has been none sold. I have about 200 tons besides that you raised that I would like to sell. There is very little hay selling this year.

I was very sorry to hear that the Christmas turkeys arrived so late. I sent them as early as I usually do and they should have arrived in plenty of time. All the others I sent at the same time went through O.K. Mrs. Thomas's turkeys came to \$7.48 and the express was \$1.67 making a total of \$9.15.

The turkey business as a whole has been bad this year. The average large grower stands to lose about one dollar per turkey instead of making that much. I still have about 340 to sell in February.

Mamma and the children join in sending you love.

as ever your loving son -
Rodney

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