

26 Dec 1893

Nora → Hill  
in Iowa  
(the baby)

Friday before Christmas - but I did not. or if I would have taken them down the next day Sat. but I told them I would not go down the next day for I was tired out, I had been down already twice that week once to ship to Miles & one to Christmas.

Jake Jones spoke to me in the dance for two turkeys for New Years.

Thomas Lindsay sent word by Billie to save him a pair - I think I will find out if he wants them sure - if not I will dress them & take them down Friday when I go.

Last night Lee was very restless & would wake up & want me to go & find "Papa". He said many times "take me mamma & go & find papa". We all miss you very much. I hope you are having a good time & that the folks are all well. I got a letter from Jim the other day. Tell him I will answer it soon - unless he comes out with you & then I can talk instead of writing. My paper is full so I will quit. Your loving Nora  
children send kisses.

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W. D. Ream.

Dear Will - I will try and write you a few lines tonight. I am very tired and sleepy - for Eph & Rose would have me go to the dance with them last night - I hated to go but I went to keep Rose from wanting to go to Paris to the dance. The dance was in the hall - there was none on this side nor any thing going on, for Mrs. Sparks' father was lying dead. It did seem heartless in so small a town as this for some to be dancing while others were sitting up with their dead. I don't suppose you know that Mr. Flin is dead. He died very suddenly - Mr. Strong has accompanied his remains East to his mother. Oland Pollick's baby was buried a few days ago. There seems to be a good deal of sickness now. I am very



Thankful that we are all well. I have the head ache a great deal lately - & a bad cold but - that is nothing very serious. The children all keep well.

The boys miss you very much & will be very glad when you come.

Eph just came from the post office & brought me your letter written at Chicago. I was very glad to hear from you & that yours were well. I saw Hon last night & he told me when & where he left you. So all the evening I thought of you at your old home and wished I was there too.

This was the most lonesome old Christmas I ever saw. I was actually home sick.

Morning the 27 - I did not get to finish writing last night for Ida insisted on my tending her. so I went to bed with her & thought I would finish writing this morning. I will send

this with Eph to post. for he is going to Paris this morning to get some chopped feed. he took it there last Sat. & they said they would have it done today. Yesterday he went to Wabymplex to get that yearling for Mr. D. sent word for you to get it right away but he did not get it for Mr. D. was not home. Eph got the red cow that Will Quayle saw down in the Bottoms that is all we have got up since you went away with the exception of the three head the Stan Valley man brought - I thought I had better let him turn them in for we did pretty well to get them at all. I will tell you all about it when you come. The pigs & hogs seem to be doing well. It is very cold here, but not very much snow just enough to make pretty good sleighing. I have five turkeys left to dispose of. I could have sold them all right if I had had them with me the