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a place having three points to turn or
stay where I am. Now it is for you to
say: What shall I do? —

Well F. L. has not come yet
I thought to meet him this evening
have been attending court two days this
week. Mr. E. — was brought before
court yesterday & this morning under
four indictments for taking cattle &c.
Plead not guilty. I am afraid it will
go hard with the boy, also with the
Mr. Rich. They are trying to get
a change of venue now. This is second
cases of stealing in court this year.

Mr. E. — seemed to stand it pretty well
If I had been in his place I
know I would have sunk through
the floor. I could not have been there
all of Bear Lake. I felt very far from
to think he had let it self respect & honor
so bold, when even today he was in court.

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Fishy Haven Idaho

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Not at Home. In a place
I wish to call home

Dear Friend

Your bearing date of July
5th is at hand and contents
gladly greeted. I am at the same
place as when I wrote before but
it is the opposite time of day and
things look differently so that they
did. but my feelings are very much
the same. I can appreciate your
patience to its full extent. When you
were looking for a letter from me and
did not get it. I really did treat
you mean but please don't
keep me waiting so long a year it
seems like it has been one year since
we parted. I have written you & was told

and to day was the first word I had
from you, (and to late I am afraid) Have
just started word to Postonville too
friend to find me a situation - I have
resolved upon a change. I never have
had such a troubled mind in my life
I am not fit for business, can't remember
any thing. The sub. religion has worried
me more than ever thing else in the
world. The more I think about it
the more I am confounded. I have a will
to do right - but it seems that my faith
is poor. - Something is wrong somewhere

Will you I shall ask your ad-
vice & act accordingly. Shall I sell
out here or not. Will I wait till
you see Brad take them gone as usual
(Hope you come on ^{the} excursion)
I may not be here, but the water will
& you can see things. Well & the Park
I may be in - Ozden or perhaps Oxford
on all probability out of the valley unless

you tell me when you are coming.
My ambition - spurs me on to action - and
will not let me be idle one day. If you
think you can give advice by not coming
I will abide by it I am divide in my
own mind in regard to the way I shall
act. It all depends on you. I have a good
charm here as I have said before but don't
feel satisfied. I will ask you one question
it may be you can answer it better than
I can give advice. Will you give your word
and promise to be my wife or - one year
from now? I will know what to
do then. You said you would not marry
another you a head & be certain. What
has been an adder to my mind every
since. Either kill the serpent or make it
bite the careless wound. He this in your next
Phase, The issue is at hand & must not
be abated. He's not deal on any technicalities
but come at once to the issue. Please if my
case is precarious I stand or fall with

I am almost burning midnight
oil. not sleepy and do not care to
write any more. This I presume
will have worried you before
finishing. If I think of any
thing in the morning I will
write it - Met Mrs. July Budge
& Woodburn in the evening
for shaking hands with Frank
put me in mind of you and
may have been thinking of you
I don't know - I'm getting very
late Good night

From your friend

Will

Thank for the flowers, I'll send you
a bouquet in the morning

The town is quiet and all as usual
but one star is past eleven and as I look
through the window to my right I can
see the silver lake glistening under
the full moon it looks as beautiful as
as on the morning I left here

All in the room seem to be dead
(we call sleep but a few "musket"
and "mullet" which fly round the lamp
& keep time with our recitation though
The same out doors, save a night bird
that chirps to solicit mate for its lost
mate left with these companions I
finish this line.

I am not so in any way
was wrong in regard to you going to
the show, but feel bad to think I was
not there to show your grief it would have
given me much pleasure to have talked
you - Glad you had a good time

on the 4th When did you ^{not} have
your photo taken & send me one
Oh! I would have been so proud
of it. I would have pleased
me better. I shall have to see you
in your costume when I come down
if you do not object. I should have
been there on the faith but for this
reason. You would have been engaged
in Mr. Pick's company & I would have
had to take a back seat. What
would have mortified me to death
it is mortifying the way things
are let a loud out screech a day &
then have to stand back. I. I. &
I were at St Charles on Mon. & got
the journal I noticed the programme
about the first thing & had time
enough to have come & but then
but we hired a boy in my place
to drive me. Would you have been
really glad to see me at the party that
night?

You need not feel sorry for not letting
me take it. I got a long very well
I would not have taken - but if you had
offered her to me, I was obliged just
the same, as to Lizzy. He did not
well & your selfishness. You could not
have regretted our parting ^{more} than I did
I have left Mother Rome and all
but our parting touched my cold heart
deeper than any I have parted with
& taped on the door but you had
retired or was absorbed in thought
& did not answer. I want a word with
you to tell you I would have
the following days, but you was
silent. Did you get the drop letter
I put in the office?

Yes come with the excursion
to Bear Lake & see how you like it.
let me know & I will see & be here if
I have not already got an appointment