

busy and the seasons seems to be
for along as at Preston Babies or all
day well as far as heard from & I hope are
enjoying the same poor little fellows they must
have been very lonesome on last Mon. when
left alone I would like ever so much to see them
at night - I almost feel like saddening a bore &
crossing the mountains at night & be there
to see you all by sunrise but fate derails
other wise I can do nothing more than write

but I must also quit that for tonight
Hoping that health & pleasant dreams
are harassing round your fellows at this
moment - and that you may awake with a
cheerful mind & a happy heart on the morrow
I close sending Much love to you &
Babies & love & well wishes to all the rest
Good Night -
Will.

13. Sep. I have just finished my breakfast of fried
cake they are a little better than usual I have
some baking powder & am doing well & feel
first rate will work on the ditch if we get the new
fixed John Crummett will be up soon to make
abram head & we'd have a few minutes and will
send it to you

Single Hill Idaho
Sep. 12th 1888

Ward. E. C. Ream

Preston Ward

Dear Wife & Babies

It is quite late now and I am tired
have been writing every minute since I
took my seat - but cannot quit now if
I should so so I would not feel like I had
done I feel impressed to write you to
night although I have no news to tell
in particular it may be that I have been
thinking of you & the boys a great deal
since I come back and am a little
lonesome to night - at any rate dear
Ward I shall sacrifice a few moments
of my slumbers to give you that joy you
so much look for & so dearly appreciate
seeing that I cannot give you the real

necessaries of life at present I will
try and give you all of the comfort I
can by writing you as often as possible

A little of Dingle news

We are to have a tripple wedding
here before long Jim & Sarah George Dock
& Mill Slater. No. has been rebaptized
and all of them expect to go through
the temple - Well Dairy I am fairing
better now than I did before coming down
I have ginned 9 lbs. I had one of the
chickens when I come home there was nothing
to eat so I had to kill one I now have
Lade up milking but I got one lb. of butter
of Mrs. Howland I can tell you things
looked dismal on my return I did not
feel I did not feel much like coming in
I hope ear long this kind of a life will
end I have been thinking of getting a
got in the round house & have you come
up as soon as your term is out & keep
house for me we all could live as cheap as

I could board but I guess I will be not be able
to do that as I will have to go to Mon. I
have a letter from a lady w^{ch}. there that is
to work and my management and the
house has also made arrangements for me
to look after the territory they seem to
want to put me at the top before long
They are sending all letters to me from officers
for agencies in that region and I guess I
am some what bound to give them a little
while of my time seeing that they have been
so liberal I have not gotten my outfit
from the express yet - can't raise the money
to pay the express. I shall apply for
a position in the round house as soon as I go to
Mo. I am going to work in ditch tomorrow &
next day Jinnie Emmett has got the
cut done in to the river & we will finish the
levee in Gley's pasture I will commence
branding the first of next week every
body seem behind time this year in the
regard but thrashing machines as all

Sat Night Sep 13 1888

Dear Wife & Babies

The word of Prynne
come more forcibly to me to night - than
I have had them for some time Home,
Home Sweet Sweet Home. There is
no place liker home. I wish you
were all here to night - I would like to see
you all ever so much. Home is not home
to me when all are away that I love
so dearly - the 4 walls and all that
is be here - then have no real appearance
of home when I come in They seem
like I cant tell what all seems
strange to me in general Now
the Boys are away that must account
for all I guess at any rate you
shall have a good home some day before
long, you are a good wife and deserve
it & shall have it too (sheet do (B & D
come

sheet No. 2

I did not tell you I had a letter from John
Ream + enclosed one from Mast - one he
wrote to me Will he wants to sell for the note
he says he thinks I own it & I am working
a game of some kind that he has not heard for
him for some time he offers it for \$25
less than it calls for I have just written
home + made an offer for it I think will work
I might John is teaching the Union school
folks are all well

I was at the dam yesterday
and got a nice load of wood - one that
come down the river from railroad bridge
being repaid. Well to day ends another wk.
of your labor + you can have 2 du. net I
hope - By the way how does the girl get along
+ do you like her + does she take good care of
the children - I mean help Liddy?
You bet I would like to be there & see you

with you this evening after school is over
I suppose you are well and like them as well
as you did or when so a go - She looks
well she will have a little coat next spring
if all goes well. Have not seen your
filly since I come back have not been
on the range Will write you more
next night

Good Evening

Evening late + I am tired
not being ready to go to bed I thought
I would write a word or two I have been
scrapping to day + my feet are tired I will
tell you a little joke that happened to me
this morning I have Lades calf up now
and this morning I thought I would lead
it to water so I put a rope round its neck
and took it out to water when I opened
the gate he shot out and before I could
stop him he took me right into the
pond I had my old Danish shoes on

and they had no heels on so I could not
stop + when I got within a few steps of the
pond my feet slipped from under me +
I slid right into the mud and water
up to my arms I got wet all over + got
my pockets full of mud but I stayed
with the calf I thought of Roxie I
did not skin mine but got mud on
it - Crooks have been branding
to day and I did not find it out
till late this evening I shall go
to morrow I wish I was through
that job. Well I am getting
sleeping + will quit If you get
this in the evening read it about
10 P.M. + think of a big hug and many
kisses + see if it is as the real
thing is self for I heartily give you
one in my mind Many kisses
much love to you + the Boy
Good Night
Will

could get a job at W^m and I think you could be with me this winter and that would be so nice and it would only be a question of a little longer time to make the required amount - I do so hate start-cavassing but the time is getting near and I must beat it I know I can make it in and make more money that than any other way ^{and} when I consider more seriously I at once decide to act in that way.

Now I have had some bad croup since I got back and they make me just blow right out the worst come on while I am well & shake me up in a very short notice. - I think Leigh Dayton has another hair from the bustle that was made there last night - Haven't heard the particulars yet - I am getting sleepy so will close
Much Love to You ^{and}
The Boys ^{and} Kisses Plenty Regards
to the rest of the folks
Good Night
Will

I put No 3.

Well Daisy I have been
working very hard to day
have been branding cattle some
of ours and most of coocks I
was out this morning helping to
drive I got three of the heifers the
one that looks like Larsons and
Youncks and one of those read
ones Youncks. calf was a nice
fine fellow the other two had nice
fine heifers calves It will
take several days to get through
I shall not get through as soon as I expected
but will be over soon By the way I guess
I will have to bring the wagon over and
now while I think of it don't you want
your feather bed if so you can write me to
that effect also any other thing that you
may have forgotte I kind of wish I