

well I must bring this to a close
ever Praying god to bless you all
with love to you all from your sister
Emma H. Crockett write soon
^{to me}

22 May 1884
Emma & Alvin +
Nora

Dear Sister our crops looks
poorely but they need a
good rain to help them a
long for they are getting
real dry I hope that
Wills crops looks well. probly
he is a bobe Farming now
he has been teaching School.
there is thousands of grass-
hoppers here and I am afraid
they will eat our crops up
well Dear Sister I will not
writ any more this time
for Emma has wrote enough
to keep you reading for a
while God bless you
all is the prayer of your
Brother A D Crockett

Preston May 22. 1884

Mrs Nora E. Ream

Dear Sister after so long a time I
now sit down to answer your kind
and welcome letter hoping it will
find you all well we are all well at
present I should have written before
but I hadent got the materials to
d. it with I was very glad to here
that your folks have got such
nice cows and are doing so well
I have to dogy all of my butter
and of my hens do lay so poorly
I have had only 5 eggs oneday and 6
the next for & over 3 weeks so you
see that is very poor for over
30 hens I have had very poor
luck with my little chickens this
year i think it all on the account of
feed

I have only 15 I expect that
that you have quite a lot of
them before now your Mother
have been to see me 1 day this
spring there was 16 of them
all so you may see it we was
quite a crowd of us and we are
3 in family have you had any
garden stuff this year yet we
have had lettuce for 4 weeks
our little trees do look so
nice I have had to sow my flower
seeds the second time as the
frost ~~held~~^{held} the first that
we have got Peas in bloom and
we have planted so many of them
and at different times so we
think we will have more than
we can use we have got corn up
I have planted pop corn and
sweet corn and it is all
up nicely

well my baby as got 6 teeth and
I will tell you what I gave him
and it helped him take a peal
^{new} of lime about the size of an egg
and pore 1 quart of boiling water
on it and then let it settle and get
cool then pour the clear water off
and put it in a bottle and cork
it up tight and i gave him ^{full} 1 teaspoon
in a little milk about 3 times a
day it do help to make bone and
it is very good to give to keep
there bow-als right doctor G C
Ormby told me to use it first
and then sister ~~G~~ Macalester
told me to use it I have been to
meeting and ~~so has~~ we had a splendo
meeting it is quite a nice day well
dear sister i gues Elvarez as
played of on me for she asent
written to me for a long time
and I dont know the cans of it