

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

but I must also quit that for to night.
Hoping that health & pleas ant dreams
are hovering 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 Grummett will be up soon to make
abam here & as I have a few minutes I will
give it to you

Single Dell Idaho
Sep. 12th 1888

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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 I 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 Sparks George Dock
& Will Stater. Noto has been rebaptized
and all of them expect to go through
the temple - Well Daisy I am fairing
better now than I did before coming down
I have gained 9 lbs. I had one of the
snickens 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. Nowland 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 thinkin of getting a
job 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 egl. 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 applicants
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 positon in the round house as soon as I go to
Mo. I am going to work on ditch tomorrow &
next day Jinnie Emmett has got the
cut done in to the river & we will finish the
levee in Okey's pasture I will commence
branding the first of next week every
body seem behind time this year in that
regard but thrashing machines as all

Sat Night Sep 13 1888

Dear Wife & Babies

The word of Payne
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 with them 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 I to
come

sheet No. 2

I did not tell you I had a letter from John
Ream + enclosed one from Mast - one he
wrote to you Will he wants to sell for the note
he says he thinks Larson & I am working
a game of some kind that he has not heard from
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
all right John is teaching the Union school
folks are all well

I was at the dam yesterday
and got a nice load of wood some that
come down the river from railroad bridges
being repord. Well to day ends another wk.
of your labor + you can have 2 da. rest 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 Lidda?
You bet I would like to be there & cat in the

with you this evening after school is over
I suppose you are well and like them as well
as you did a while ago - She looks
well she will have a little colic 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
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
scraping 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 Rowie I
did not skin mine but got mud on
it - Cooles 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 Oc. + think of a big hug and many
kisses + see if it is as the real
thing its 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 win 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 cramps since I got back and they make me just hollow right out - the worst come on while I am asleep & wake me up in a very short notice. - I think High Dayton has another hair from the bustle that - was mad 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 let 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 Younceks and one of those read ones Younceks 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 affect also any other thing that you may have forgotter I kind of wish I