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W. W. C. Ream —

My Dear Boy —

It has been some time since I have written you, But I have thought of you often.

I have suffered so much the last six weeks with my head that I have not done much writing. I think it is the "Lagrippe" that hangs on. Fabian got home all right. Of course I was glad to see him, but I felt disappointment also for I was anxious for him to finish up his school year. I was so

sorry that Mitchel was sick
and could not finish the
school year. I would do any
thing that is honest to give
you boys (and girls too) a good
education that you may
stand a better chance in the
world. It seems as if it has
been an up hill business
and we can not do nearly
as well as we had hoped
to do. I hope your health is
good and remains so. How
did you pass in your Exams?
Are you lonesome without
Mitchel & Fabian? Last Sunday
we were all at home but
you. We miss you more
~~now~~ the others are home.

I hope you can keep on till
the end of the year. When you
run short of money, go right
ahead and draw your
checks for what you need
and we will take care of
it at this end. We will
be having some money
come in on feeding the
sheep. I think perhaps we
can sell some hay too. We are
having some inquiries for
hay. The snow is quite deep
and it seems to be mid winter.
Perhaps I told you in the other
letter of selling $42\frac{3}{4}$ tons of hay to

Hyrum Nebeker & Thomas for
sheep. They are now feeding
them out to the Peterson place.
The 1000 head of Acquilla Nebeker
are are feeding at the home
place. Papa has had to do a
good deal of the feeding the
last three or four weeks - It
has been hard on him -

Mitchel works quite a bit -
but he is very stiff & lame.
Lou has done about eight
or nine days work in two
months. He could have had
work every day. I guess he
has not been able to leave
the baby. His mother in law
stayed with them four weeks
she has gone home now.
Lou has the "grip" the last few days.

Watson laid off with the "grip"
from Tuesday till the next
Monday. All the children
and Papa have had bad
colds and about half sick.
I think Papa will try and get
away and do some canvass-
ing. Still I hardly see how he
can. Our cattle are looking
fine. ~~We~~ have not sold yet.
Your team are all right.
They have not been used
once since you left.

Now the other boys are not
there all the writing depends
on you - so write as often
as you can. And tell me

every thing.

Wesley you should use the
Viari. I do not think it could
be spoilt if it has been kept
cooked and in a cool place.

Papa says he never could
have stood the work this
winter without Viari. He
thinks it has done him
so much good.

I must quit and get to
work. I will try and write
often and you do the same.

Your loving Mamma
N. E. R.