

he would go + more but the lady thing says in town, what you get this time about give to Potters for you read it your self.

Your Sister

Esther Benson

Perry Kans
March 23rd 1894

Dear Brother,

I will reply to yours of the 20th, the folks are all well at present that is here at home, I havent heard from Carl for some time but was well the last I heard from him. in regards to Frank I suppose that has you better protected than we are, all I know is that Mr. Gray wanted him to marry his daughter + he refused, he took the pony + went to Perry + took the train, but the Potters out fit, including

Uncle Willard, came to know
than we do, for Mat, has
been around & told that
he went to Williamstown to take
the train, for Uncle Willard
seen the pony there & then
the old man went down &
got it. if they would tell
the truth yet, & all that
hear this story will tell you
the same as I do, that they
told nothing but a lie. we
have heard nothing of him
since he left.

Mat, was here the other day &
wanted to know if Pa would
take your ^{he want} ~~cow~~, for they are
roughish he had to pay 5.00 last
year to plechager. he said he
would fracture the colt.

Father will send check for
\$175.00 & note which you can

sign & return, & told me
to tell you that after this
you need not look for any
more for he needs what he
has got, he has two hands to
pay every mouth.

Father said if you could clear
\$50. a month on your trade
which Mat told here, you had
better let farming alone. You
can buy your claim & hire
the work done or rent it &
make more, of course the
land will increase in value
in time.

Mary is intending to come home
to day but I dont know for
how long she was some better the
last I heard.

I dont know what Carl intends
to do he is at St. Marys yet.
Father said the wheat looks

well on the place. they will
finish sowing oats to day. haven't
planted any potatoes yet. have 9
chickens + cabbage, lettuce + tomatoes
coming up.

Father heard that you had to haul
lumber for Liza, the best advice
he can give you is to let Liza
tend to her own business + if it
is her claim that you have in view
you had better give it up, the farther
you get from that place the better
off you would be.

They were surprised to think
that you would write as they thought
you thought them unworthy of even
the words good bye, it hurt Mother
she said that she didnt think
that they ever deserved it. + she would
not forget it as long as she lived.

you be careful now when you buy
+ not get a claim with a contest +
lose what little you have. + try +
get your money from Ellie, they
are always at hand for to get something but
not when they owe, if he wanted to pay very bad

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