

Cherokee, Alta.
July 11, '912.

Dear Mamma:-

I think you know I sent
G. M. Lovelock \$54.00 for 1st of July.
Also Mr. Hillis says he will pay
my insurance in time which will
finish my account with him.

We have on hand a check ~~\$42.00~~
from Mr. Hillis and \$80.00 for
hay from railroad. We sold
all our hay and I hauled it.
The roads were very bad because
of the continual rains and I only
had two horses as we are so
encumbered with little colts.
Selden unfortunately has been
unable to work at photography
while I was hauling hay as his
supplies have not got here
(over)

Let. They are in Alaska with
bill of \$30.00 to come out of
our at present \$120.00. If he gets
them by end of the week we may
be able to get together \$150.00 by
Aug. 9. or enough to pay up
back interest on our preemptions
but not the \$100 per acre due
then amounting to \$320 more.
Have written Mr. Loveland asking
for the loan of \$320 and might
possibly get it. Have written
the government asking for extension
of time and offered to pay up interest
to date. I might get it. You
know there is a new government
since the reciprocity issue was
raised and the difference is

felt in the land office. They
are trying to hold the western
voters by favoring the farmers
in other ways as they did not
give them reduced tariff
on agricultural implements.
The west is rather hostile to
the present government. The
homestead regulations do
not now require \$300 houses
so we can prove up in applying
with our present houses.

We now have ten head
of horses all mares. Pinties colt
is much like Nellie being from
percheron stock as Nellie is

Lots of rain and hopes now
of a fair crop. The rain was a

High late and ~~injured~~ crops
will not be more than half to
two thirds what they would have
been.

As to Selden not charging
enough, you misunderstood his
prices. He sells more cheaply
to stores and of views which
very one buys. Sully Brothers
have bought about fifty dozen
of his post cards. He can get
all the business he wants and
you know canvassing is half
the expense of a business, note
the trouble Mary had with her
European trip and Ellen with
her picture post cards. It
is next to impossible to sell pictures
in Oberlin. Every other person you

see is a photographer and
will take a picture anywhere
at any times with the chance
he may get an order. The
galleries there give a man
half profits for taking pictures
and orders and they furnish
everything and do all the artistic
work except posing the subjects.

Willie

Had a nice letter from Aunt J. in
reply to one of mine. Of course
she can't help me now. I wrote her
telling her not to worry about me
if she couldn't do anything and
had this in reply. First joy

disagreed and second trial
should have been June 26. The
girls are financing her as she
is dead broke. It seems funny
to me that Mrs G. Tufts never
opposed the divorce. I hope she
isn't a fraud too and bleeding
Aunt J.