

Chungok Atla
Sept. 26, 1912

Dear Mother

I don't know whether we
told you or not that we celebrated
Will's birthday by having a
chocolate cake and a chicken
to eat. It was cold & stormy that day
so we stayed in & cooked & read etc.
We have been having awfully
cold & disagreeable weather lately.
I think it will be an early freeze-
up this year. It is very smoky & foggy
most of the time too, altho there
are no fires anywhere near here.
Threshing has begun here and everyone is
busy. We may get threshed within a
month. We have to build granaries
in which to store our grain, and as we
have no money with which to buy the
lumber I will have to get busy and take
some pictures. There is not much money
lying around loose here now so I expect
to go over to Alaska & work the line east
from there as soon as I can get away. I am
trying to take a few views of good crops

around here now but it is so smoky & foggy that I cannot get very satisfactory results & have been waiting for some clear days. I think Will & I may write an illustrated article on "Pioneering in the Northwest," to send to the Saturday Evening Post. I don't know whether they would take such a thing or not, but we are going to try. Will would do the writing & I would make the pictures. I also want some good views of this district to sell to the Board of Trade of Chgo. to use for advertising purposes & I want to send some myself to The Family Herald & Weekly Star & other papers to advertise my own work & place. We may need to sell part of our land next year & some photographs of good crops ^{grown} on it shown in several papers would help to raise the value of the land greatly.

I suppose you are both awfully busy getting started in the new school year. Save your strength & make your plans for coming here next summer.

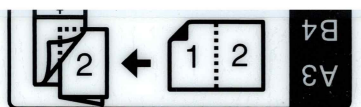
Love Selden.

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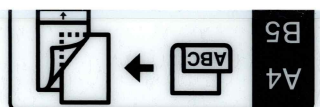


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