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like very much to be in Berlin
with you, mother dear. Will and
I have filed on our homestead &
presumptions and will not go on
them until April if we can get an
extension of three months. Will found
some real good land and we now
have it a whole section, 640 acres.
The proposed railroad route of the
Canadian Northern is to the north of us
between $\frac{1}{2}$ and three miles. We don't
know exactly, of course. It ~~is~~ is in
course of construction now but we don't
know how soon it will get to us,
maybe next year & maybe not that
soon. The nearest railroad now is
about ninety or a hundred miles
from the homestead. There are only

Our section is
No. 9 Range VII
Township 28.

Dear Mother:—

Received Mary's letter on
Monday telling of Grandmother's
death. You know how both of
us boys feel about it. I hope you
stay well after this. It will be
awfully lonesome for you & visit it?
When does Mary's school commence?
Will & I have been talking over our
affairs and think that maybe I
had better go to school again this
fall for one semester. I would

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a few settlers around in that country now because it has just been opened up but there will be a lot of people there in the spring. If Will goes to the coast to work during the winter, which he now intends to do, I would like to come home and go to school for a semester. Do you think that would be a good plan? I couldn't live on my homestead without Will, anyway, this winter and I am sure that I could earn enough money at photography in Oberlin to pay all my expenses there & back & also expenses while in Oberlin. I haven't earned any money at all since I have been here and haven't enough money now to risk hiring a horse to take me into the country to take pictures. I wish I had a little more nerve or brass and maybe I could get started. I hate to think of working on a ranch when I might earn as much & probably more taking pictures. I just love to take & print pictures. It is real pleasure. I am going to go around and see the real estate men here now & see if I can't persuade them that it is necessary for them to have pictures of their properties. Almost all the agents in Spokane have pictures up of their real estate and none do here. I hope I will get a lot of orders. Please write to me mother. Your most loving son
Selden.