

Dear friends. We did enjoy your letter & love to think of your visits with us. ~~Something~~ maybe I'll tell you nothing but much delight in your coming. May farming prove a delight & I wish to hear of you. I am R. D. #1
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Your letters were duly rec'd, and we were very glad to hear from you, and much interested in the description of the land you have taken up. Am glad you found some good land that will be near the rail road. It will be a good size farm and sure to be worth a lot of money in a few years. It occurs to me that farmers especially in a new country should be very careful in the selection of seed grain not to get in with it foul weeds, such as mustard etc. Once it gets started it is almost impossible to eradicate and there are usually careless farmers in any neighborhood. I just offer this for what it may be worth to you. We both hope the land will be very profitable to you. Last week we had some pretty warm days. It is much cooler now and seems quite fall like. My sister Caroline is visiting us for a few weeks from Los Angeles where she expects to return to take up teaching again.

Sunday a.m. Sept. 12th. When the interruption came I did not think it would be so long before attempting to finish what I had begun. This fine morning finds us well and enjoying its blessings and trust it is the same with you. The farm work has not been especially hard, but one thing and another has taken my time. The hay, with the help of a man was hauled into the barn in good condition and there is good demand for it this season at \$16 the present time. Have sold ^{so far} but three loads. Have 44 acres ready for next crop and have been cleaning & vitrioling my seed wheat which is quite a little job. The horses, we were very thankful, were afflicted with nothing worse than influenza, of which there has been much complaint in the city, especially. Friday I exchanged the black mare for a five yr. old black colt with one of our neighbors. Am not a chronic horse trader, but we thought the exchange would be beneficial for both parties. The colt promises to be good single as well as double, and it was my object to get something safe & pleasant for single driving. I did not see either of your names in the lists of those who drew the "lucky" numbers in the

land drawing, and I doubt not it is just as well
well for you, and I trust better, for from what
I could learn much of the land is not very
desirable. Our neighbors (Mr. & Mrs. Thews) who
lived in the little house just west of us on the
opposite side of the road have exchanged their
40 acres for a house & lot in the city where they
have gone to live. They received some difference and
thought it would be better for them. This farm has
changed hands twice since we came here, and the
Thews have moved seven times in the past ten years.
Many people in this part of the country buy property
with the object of selling as soon as they get
an opportunity. We haven't the fever yet but I
suppose there is no telling what may happen to
us. Some real estate people wanted to know if we
would sell and our price a couple of weeks ago
and after talking with Julia who reluctantly gave
her consent. I gave them our figures, thinking it
will not be a ready sale at the price, \$125. an acre.
I would very much enjoy a trip into your
part of the country, for I know it would be
full of interest to me. It is out of the question
for this season. If circumstances will permit
at some future time, will certainly be glad to
come. We will be very glad to hear from you
again. Julia wishes to be remembered to you.

Yours very truly,

Dewey Rogers.