

Please try to
cash the enclosed
check. It is probably
no good now. Keep
the money.

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Dear Mother

The first passenger train went thru Chinook today. Trains run regularly now from Saskatoon to Hanna, a distance of 275 miles. The eastbound train goes thru Chinook about eight o'clock in the morning & the west bound thru at about six in the evening. I have not yet seen the passenger train but hope to soon. It is wonderful to have a real, regular passenger train!

The antelope season is over. Lt Shabins & I succeeded in shooting an antelope the next to the last day of the season. It was a fine fat young buck & was fine eating. There is a little piece left yet to make soup of, all the best meat being eaten. We had one half & Shabins's the other half.

The week before Shabins & I went shooting. Dilley & I went. We saw antelope enough but did not hit any. One has to be in good practice with a rifle to be able to shoot an antelope. We went down to the strip, of course. While

there a prairie fire started nearby + we had to fight fire nearly all Saturday night and most of Sunday. The fire ~~might~~ ^{would} have burnt up the strip if no one had been there to stop it. We worked hard & fast, beating out the fire with wet gunny sacks; at least they were wet when we started! Dilley + I saved two hay stacks for a neighbor who was away, by lighting a fire around them & leading it out on the inside. We did not start this backfire however until the main fire was very close. The front of the main fire could be heard roaring for nearly two miles & there was only a very light breeze blowing. The front moved ahead about as fast as a very fast horse could walk. With a heavy wind a fire will go as fast as an Express train and without a very wide piece of breaking or backfire it is impossible to stop it.

My mortgage money came last Thursday. I am afraid that it will be impossible to save out any money

for my teeth. As it is we will have to
let a great many bills run for another
year which should have been paid up
from one month to four years ago.

If you would like to see where my
mortgage money has gone I will send
you an itemized account. At present there
is four hundred left but the only reason
is that we cannot decide which bills
are the most important to pay immediately.

We have been having fine fall
weather. There is no snow yet but it
has looked like snow every day for
a week. I think it will surely snow
within the next few days.

Love Selden.