

Chinoof, Alta  
April 5, 1913

Dear Momona: -

I have just been in to Alaska to prove up my homestead. I hope in a couple of months I will have my patent. I rode in on old "Pete" in nine hours (46 miles)

Some of the other fellows went in on the train taking about four hours for the trip but I beat them back as the train went off the track.

I suppose you know we bought a new horse a while ago. You won't like him as he is a utility type entirely, like Sis. He is a fine puller but not much on style not very young and a good deal battered up. He cost us \$85 and with Pete who cost us \$63 we have a team that are unusually



good pullers. They can outpull  
some \$500 draught teams in a  
bad place.

March was an unusually cold  
month after the first week. At  
the start all the snow melted and  
ran down into the sloughs, then  
it turned very cold (nearly 30° below  
some nights.) The sloughs froze and  
we had the most snow of the  
winter. We sold ice in town cut  
from our slough near the house  
that was sometimes as thick as  
fourteen inches old frozen during  
March. We made about \$45 in 5  
days making ice. The best days work  
brought us \$14.00. Only \$20.00 of  
this money we got cash the rest  
we must wait for several months.

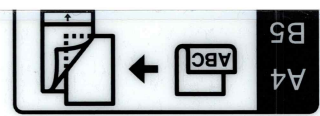
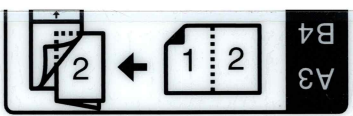


Did you send off my insurance papers all right? This is very important.

Did you ever ask anyone's advice about changing the Oklaian mortgage from the bank to a loan association? Be wary about that a ~~great~~ deal. I believe the bank can refuse to extend your mortgage at the end of any period of six months and might do so in case of a ~~ponic~~ while a loan company gives longer time.

Willie.





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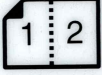
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