

Chinook Alta,

Nov. 16, 1910

My dear sister:-

I want to write you a little birthday letter. Please excuse the stationery. It's the best of any description that I have.

First of all I want to thank you for my birthday present the little silver pin which we found in Jeanne Marie's wedding cake. I was very much pleased with it and have put it away where I won't lose it till I have some opportunity to use it.

We are thinking of sending you a little present in the shape of a small package of tabasco peppers. I hope it will last you till Christmas. It is quite strong pepper and one seed will flavor a dish of pilaw for a whole family.

I hope you will have very many happy returns of your birthday and will grow younger every year.

For some reason or other I can't think of any news, probably because I'm attempting a birthday letter. Everything is about the same here from one day to another except the weather. We're having beautiful still sunny days this week and clear moonlight nights though it is

sometimes misty at night. Its very easy to see things at night
now that it is hard to see the sights of a gun. Selden went
out ~~the~~ five times last evening and each time saw a
jack rabbit in the door yard and each time he shot
at it and missed it.

Selden leaves for Alaska some time today or tomorrow.
He took about \$20 worth of pictures that he has to deliver there.
He had bad luck with some of them. He still has to make
a couple of trips to the coal mine, and at least one for hay.

I hope you are planning to come out here next summer.
It will be a quite a change for you and it will be fine
for us. We are planning very much on Mamma's visit.

Well I guess this is long enough for a birthday
letter so I'll say goodbye.

With best wishes,
Willie

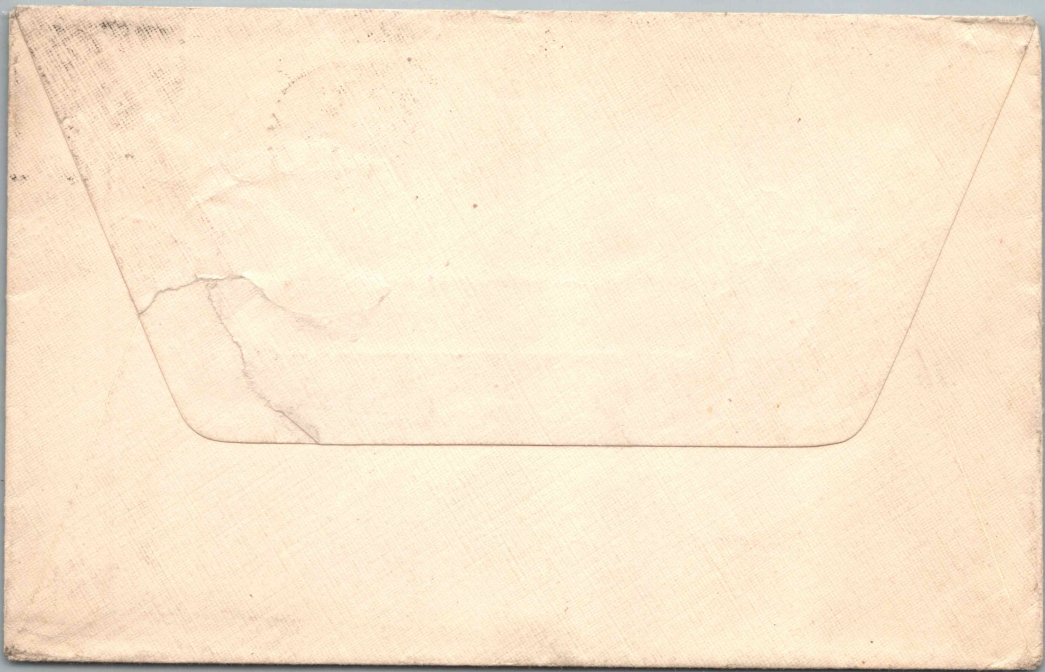
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