

Spokane, Wash.
July 16, 1909.

Dear Mother: -

You just ought to see the fruit that they grow here in the irrigated districts! Will and I have been eating cherries for the last two days so much that we are almost sick of them. That old saying about there not being two bites to a cherry doesn't hold here. Maybe we will send a small box of them home. I wish we could afford to buy five or ten acres of irrigated land. We could easily pay for it in two

years. Irrigated land that will produce from \$300. to \$1000. worth of fruit per acre per year can be bought for any price between \$200. and \$400 an acre within twenty minutes ride of the middle of this city.

I don't blame the fruit any for growing so fine. You'd just ought to see the kind of weather we have here. There has not been a cloud in sight since we have been in Spokane & the sun is so hot & bright that it almost scorches us and the days never end. We have gone to bed every night before the sun sets. When we get up the sun is half way up

in the sky and then it is earlier, by several hours, than it is when we get up at home.

Will and I are both just crazy to buy some land here. It would cost less to plough & get ready five acres of fruit land here than to do the same to one hundred & sixty acres in Alberta wheat land and just as much or more money could be made from it. Will is even more anxious to buy some than I am, and you know how practical he is about such things.

We have not registered yet because Mr. Percy's letter has not come yet. I wonder if he decided not to send it? If it does not come today we cannot afford to wait any longer.

We are both well except that Will has a headache and I a sore throat so don't trouble yourself about our troubles but please write to us.

General Delivery, Calgary because we will be there by the time that you get this letter.

Your loving son

I believe I forgot to tell you Selden. We went to the Methodist Church in Calgary last Sunday night.



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