

Oberlin, Ohio
April 6, 1906

Dear Willie! -

You know Ray Lockett don't you? Well is very much interested in the West and expects to go west next fall. Maybe he will take up a ranch and maybe try to get a job such as you have. Everytime I see him he asks me how you are getting along, what your wages are, how much money a fellow can save and so on. He wants to know about taking up land, how long you have to live on it before it is proved up, how much it costs and value of it generally. I told him that I would ask you about

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these things and you see that I have kept my word. He just came up to the house to bring a bill and told me more things. He is going to stop with relatives in Kansas until about the first of December, then on to Colorado and California and ending in Oregon or Washington. I guess he will write to you anyway, because he asked me your address several times.

I have a duty to perform that I must not forget. The Brotherhood fellows are writing to the absent members to remind them of the "Brotherhood," and let the absent ones know that they are not forgotten. I promised to write to you and Dick Board. I don't know what to say to him, I am sure. Well, I hope you are living as good a life (Christin)

as if you were present at our meetings. We have influenced at least six people to join our church in the last two communions. I hope you go to Church every Sunday. You do, don't you? (You see, I have to report about you)

By this time I suppose you have received that letter that Jeanne Marie and I wrote to you. I am not so sure that you have read it yet. We certainly did have a lot of fun writing it.

I want to build a row-boat now. The pattern cost \$2.00 and lumber about \$8.00 I guess. Then I could sell the boat for fifteen or twenty. If I had the capital I would start making it right away tomorrow. The canoe that I have been making is all done but the canvas, which is on its way here from Sears + Roebuck. This I will sell for \$5.00 and so have enough capital to start the row boat.

Please write to me. I haven't had a letter from you since the first week in February.

Good-bye.

Your most affectionate brother
Charles Selda Belda



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