

in it. Tell John I think  
he is lazy & I don't  
speak a good word  
for him to our family  
friends if he don't  
write soon. I have written  
up here as I am going to  
write father on the other  
half of this sheet. Tell  
mother to write me all  
about her visit at the  
fair. Write often &  
forget not you  
sister in the  
far distant west  
Give my respects  
to all deserving  
friends.  
Yours truly  
Chas. Coffey

Princeton Aug. 6, 1857

It is very rainy today & has been  
for about two days past. It is lonesome here Sundays at best  
for I cannot attend church as I would like, & when it rains  
it is a very lonesome day with us. It is quite a satisfaction  
though to look over the letters I have received from our  
relatives & friends since I have been away, far from them.  
I have not much news to write you this week as it has been  
rather dull times (for news) around here since farmers have been  
cutting their grain. H. & I went to Princeton Tues. morning we got  
your letter of Aug. 3rd. & a number of Nelson's newspapers  
that had been to Princeton N. Y. & had been remailed there.  
The country is not put on newspapers that come from where  
they are printed & that I expect is the reason so many are mis-  
sent or lost. I expect you are having nice times about now  
eating whortleberries, O how I wish I could have some too.  
I don't miss anything <sup>that I am deprived of here</sup> as much as I do whortleberries, <sup>(I mean anything to eat)</sup>

Dear Ann, I thought I would write  
you a <sup>line</sup> or so to inquire after your health  
and whether you have a bean to day or  
not if not you had better call and take  
one of our western "right smart chances"  
and then I can "get to go" to your wedding.  
I am obliged to you for that letter hope you

will write me again when you feel like  
it. Say how are you Mac & Pack for me, my  
love to all in<sup>ing</sup> friends. From Hy.

I left off writing to get dinner & Horace said he was going to write  
you a few lines & so he has as you perceive & as he says he has finished  
his long letter, I will go on again. You ought to have been here to  
dinner, for we had fried ham & eggs, new potatoes & green corn, cucumbers  
light bread, rice pudding, & pumpkin pie, I guess I have beat  
you in making or eating pumpkin pie, & I don't think many  
about here have pumpkins fit to cook yet. We had a few planted  
early & as I found some of them turned yellow I thought I must  
make some pies so I did & they are real good. Call & see if they are not.  
I think Aunt Sarah's baby has <sup>a</sup> "distressing" name & if I was the brat  
I would have it changed soon. I hope your teeth & face are better  
if they are not I think you ought to go to the doctor & get him to give  
you something for it. You better doctor for it sharply now, & not let  
it get seated on you, if it is not already. You say you have written  
me 3 or 4 letters that I have not answered but I think you must  
be mistaken about it for I think I have answered all that you  
have written either in letters directed to you or in those directed to  
~~some~~ of the others. But don't let us quarrel about writing either  
way but write each other as often as we can, while we have the  
privilege & then we shall not have it to regret, when we have not  
the privilege. You say you wish sometimes that you had come west  
with us, I wish very often <sup>or both</sup> one of you had come with us. I hope  
you will be wanting to come west when I come to Br. I. on a visit,  
I will come home with us & stay until we go on another visit, if  
no longer, so save your loose pennies for a journey out West. Tell Mac  
to be a good "little girl" & write me a letter with as much as 10,000 words

Tuesday evening Aug. 18

On account of the rain Friday Sat. & Sunday wheat  
has sprouted & is growing on the bundles on top  
of the shocks. It is supposed that hundreds  
of bushels will be lost in this neighborhood.  
Yesterday it was quite clear & H. G. folks were  
out about all day, setting the wet bundles out  
to dry. Today has been a nice drying day & they have  
been out shocking up again what has got dry &  
turning <sup>the</sup> rest. The reason I have written the <sup>particulars</sup> <sup>is</sup>

your  
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I did  
not  
know  
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he was  
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if I  
had  
known  
I would  
have  
sent  
my  
letter  
before  
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evening  
or  
last  
night  
or  
early  
this  
morning

After the time for today mail. It is  
going down in the morning to the office & so it  
will go in Thursday mail. I hope you will receive the  
coming packet. By the way our kids are well again  
goodbye afternoon, so now we have got to live

Alas not they are well! The Dutchman that works  
for your friend the American has moved & went to the  
office & got your letter at 10 o'clock. I also the paper