

see come see
I give you words
say I hope
had two
poultice
Hem's with
Mac two
she felt
her arm
get it from
with the John
I hope Mac
you go & there
for the day present
that I want
two last week
much
love to
a little from
Sally

My Sister Dear,

I don't expect to have
time to write a long letter home this week,
for they are going ^{to} town just at night, to
bring up some of the harvest hands; & if
I don't send this to the office to-day perhaps
I shall not have a chance to send it this
week, as they are very busy, just now har-
vesting. They commenced last Thursday
at 10 P.M., Friday P.M., commenced up here, &
yesterday I had 7 men here to breakfast, 11
to dinner & 8 to supper. I expect to have
them all here the most part of this week.
Don't we have a large family about these
days? I had one of Mrs Bartlett's girls to help
me yesterday & expect she will help me untill
they get all the grain cut. She is a girl about
a dozen years old I should think, she is quite
handy about washing dishes, setting tables, getting

vegetables & such things; of course I have all the
cooking to do. If you was here you could see
quite a specimen of the western "gents", but
our harvest hands are not as likely as they were
last year, for wages are only \$1.00 per day (last
year they were two) & so many that worked last year
'won't work this. This year we have Henry Underswood,
Wm. Hubbard, Freeman White, a Paddy, & a German
dutchman that can hardly speak a word of English.
I have named five of the hand now for the rest,
Well, there is J. Nelson & 2 more (one man
& a boy) that works for them by the month,
& S. L. H. which completes the number necessary
to bind & sheath the grain as fast as 'it is cut by one
'the Cornicks reaper', allowing 2 of them to go on,
and attend the reaper. I have written before home
I spent the 4 & 5 inst. so will not repeat. You
asked where we are going next year? I am sure
I can't tell you as we have no where in view
yet. I think we are as likely to go farther west as any
where. You say you grow peas? If you should