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One reason I did not write you shortly after your marriage was you did not give your new address. The others wrote to Martine at my advice, but not having heard from you since, do not feel sure that you have rec'd their letter.

You ask about my family. Katie is pretty well. Pamie will be 16 this fall Annie is 13. Will 11 & Joe 8 & all healthy & blessed we think with good common sense. Mary Hand has been sick but is much better. Annie is with her. Mother is alone one of our or Joe Al's girls generally stay with her nights. Sarah is getting over her trouble & appears tolerably cheerful, but still there is a sadness about her. Maggie is a fragile creature, we hope she will do her good. Hoping this long letter will partly make up for my careless delay. That this will find you happy & I will subscribe myself with kindest regards to your mother & sister
D. G. Muir

14 claims, looks things in Glen
City, Colorado, out of which I expect
what is for my best benefit
I'll show a 20m interest in
D. G. Muir

Postage this June 26/80

Dear Bro Joe

I was really glad to receive a letter from you this AM even if you did give me a whipping. I deserve it though. I heartily congratulate you for your good fortune in getting a good wife & wish you had found her sooner. I hope your wanderings will hereafter will not be so lonely as they used to be to your dear wife & would say I welcome her into our family & preprate for her a happy life & hope soon to see & become well acquainted with her

Father reported himself very sick
 a month ago & urged Joanne
 to come to him. She went
 (taking her intended with her) to
 whom she is engaged to be married
 Sep 7th Mrs Walter Brown of Phillips
 Wis, dont tell her I wrote this)
 They found him feeble unable to
 walk without crutches, but
 he has since regained about
 his usual health. They have
 done all in their power to
 get him to come home but
 as yet he says "the Lord
 has not ordered him to
 return to Portage yet" but
 we expect Joanne will make
 out to bring him with her
 in August. Jos Reid & Family
 will go to Crite Neb in Sep
 if all is well. he owns a 1/2 interest
 in 200 cows near there & intends to
 take a 1/2 interest in a meat market also

Dan has for two years been entirely
 overworked in Racine & his health
 threatened, but also has had great
 trouble in collecting on a/c of
 hard times security of money
 He reports himself nicely located
 on 18th & K Sts Lincoln Neb, when
 he will do office business only
 & have office hours & also oversee
 his large stock farm 14 miles distant
 his farm is large but his flocks are
 very small yet. but has made a
 start. I dont know as I suffer from
 "inflammatory neb" but I ought to
 suffer from inflammatory some place
 as Portage is certainly becoming
 worse for business. business has
 gone hard for a few years
 lately they have promised to do
 better but good times still linger
 in the future for the last 10 days
 we have been surrounded by water so that
 not a single customer to come from the country