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## Letter from Maggie [Margaret Muir Reid] to John Muir & Louie [Strentzel Muir], 1883 Mar 28.

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all I have enjoyed at your hands. Words  
fail me. May God bless you  
lovingly Mappie  
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Crete, Neb. March 8, 1883

My Dear Brother John &  
Sister Louie

We arrived safe & sound, at  
Lincoln on Saturday & found  
Bro Dan at the depot waiting  
for us but feeling very uncertain  
about us coming by Lincoln as  
David & John had written to him  
that they did not know which way  
we would come, and thinking we might  
perhaps come by Kearney Junction.  
They decided to watch for us at the  
Crete depot & wrote to Dan asking him  
to go to the other & if we came that way  
to send a dispatch direct, so that they  
could come down on the Evening  
freight, but with all their watching  
& worrying & the telegraph operator

that if a dispatch came, to send it directly to a certain place; he, or the message boy, failed to be prompt, & to their dismay, they heard the whistle of the departing train, as the dispatch was put into their hands. The poor fellows went home hanging their heads. There is a freight train starts from Crete for Lincoln at six O'clock A. M. so they concluded to try to go by it, but were again doomed to disappointment when they found out the train was about three hours late. They then went home & ate breakfast & I suppose began to think that there was nothing certain in <sup>this</sup> world, and judging by our behavior the past winter, that perhaps we would object to Sunday traveling & might not come home until next day, so they then sent a dispatch telling us to come to Crete on the noon train. (which of course was our intention)

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about an hour before train time  
Dan remarked that we had better  
be getting our things in readiness  
as the huckster was coming early  
when Ariter came in saying  
that she saw some one coming  
very much like Uncle John.  
The office door bell rang. I Dan said  
it would not be them as they  
would not ring at that door.  
Dan went out and I heard him  
talking to some one & of course thought  
it was a patient, but in a minute  
the door opened. & in walked  
David G. & John R. They just  
had time to make a call. When  
we started for home. Found the  
children all well & happy. Annie  
has not been very well. & looks  
rather care worn. They are all  
delighted with their presents &  
will write bye & bye. The Corals  
were all right Jessie thinks they



so beautiful. I thank you very much. There seemed to be nothing but little remnants of snow here & there among the mountains. most of the very everything looked parched, until Saturday, when the air became damp & rainy it has been dull cloudy days since. I quite a little frosty, night before last the thermometer stood 21<sup>deg</sup> above zero which is colder than you have had it all winter. Sarah & I are very sensitive to the cold it is such a change. it has been nice warm weather here for about a month before we came home.

We celebrated our dear little Wandas birth day yesterday. I had a very pleasant time. we all wish the little dear very many happy birth days. Tracey Our Heavenly Father. long spare & bless her & make her a rich blessing to you all. Give my love to your dear Mother & Father. I thank them for their great kindness. When I think of you both