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FESS' HOTEL,

PERRY DOOLITTLE, Proprietor,

CORNER KING AND CLYMER STREETS.

Madison, Wis., Sept 10th 1886

My Dear Brother John

I have been here ten days serving as Grand Jury of U.S. Court. have been walking all about the city trying to find old familiar places but everything nearly seems changed, however the University proper & the North & South buildings are anchored on the outside at least. I tried to park into our old room on the corner & also tried to find the place where we went in bathing but could hardly identify the spot. Our duties as jurors are about done so we expect to be allowed to return to home & work to-morrow.

Your kind letter of sympathy was received, accept of my heartfelt thanks for your kind words of consolation & encouragement. I ~~was~~ surprised it would be my lot to bear such a heavy loss, to drink such a bitter cup, to endure such anguish. The scene is still reproduced before me every day with undiminished sorrow. Poor Johnnie, the pleasant, mischievous, dutiful merry boy, gone & nothing left of him but a pleasant memory, but we shall meet again.

He told his playmates repeatedly that as soon as he graduated he was going right to Cal to his Uncle John & sooner if he would let him.

We are all quite well, Mother is real well & seems happy & contented

FESS' HOTEL.

PERRY DOOLITTLE, Proprietor,

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Sarah is much better & stronger than when you were there but still is not strong & has had spells.

My family have been all together at home since June. Carrie has gone to Bayfield Co with Miss Rosenow to assist her in conducting County school examinations but will return in a week or two. Annie & I will have gone to the town of Buffalo for a visit while I am here. Will attend a ~~attended~~ examination of teachers & get a good Certificate to teach. As he did not get one yet I think it will do him good to teach a few schools for a few years.

I am going send you some photos
in a short time.

I had a visit with Will's yesterday. He was here as a delegate to the State Republican convention. He reports his family well. I suppose you have heard how wealthy they feel over their little daughter.

He (the Grand Jury) visited the University Experimental farm today which proved very interesting. we saw a great variety of grasses, corn wheat, grapes, cattle, hogs, potatoes &c &c also emulop, a model barn, &c

We also visited the Washburn Observatory but as it was not the regular day for the reception of visitors they did show us anything through the telescope. Madison is very handsome but then seems to be but little business going on. Except at the hotels.

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We have had an exceedingly dry summer, hardly any rain from March to Sep 1st. We have been told that it is a regular California summer our crops are not as good as usual consequently the outlook for business is not very good. How is K. C. real estate business. We sent \$1000.00 there & after it lay idle those months we sent for it & put it where it has gained \$ fifty per cent in less than three months.

If you have any idle money one or two thousand dollars

And you could trust me ^{personally} with
 it. I would give you eight or ten
 per cent per one year & could make
 a handsome life for myself besides
 & no risk. I am anxious to make
 some money, so as to enable me
 to get out of business, as I
 could make very much more
 money at other business while
 would not require such constant
 attention

Mother shows me all of your
 & Annie's letters. Am always
 glad to hear from you directly
 or indirectly - glad to hear
 that Annie is improving
 give her my love. Remember
 me kindly to Mrs. Miss. Wanda
 and Lilly. Excuse my long delay
 in writing to you & believe me in true
 brotherly kindness you Bro. D. & Annie