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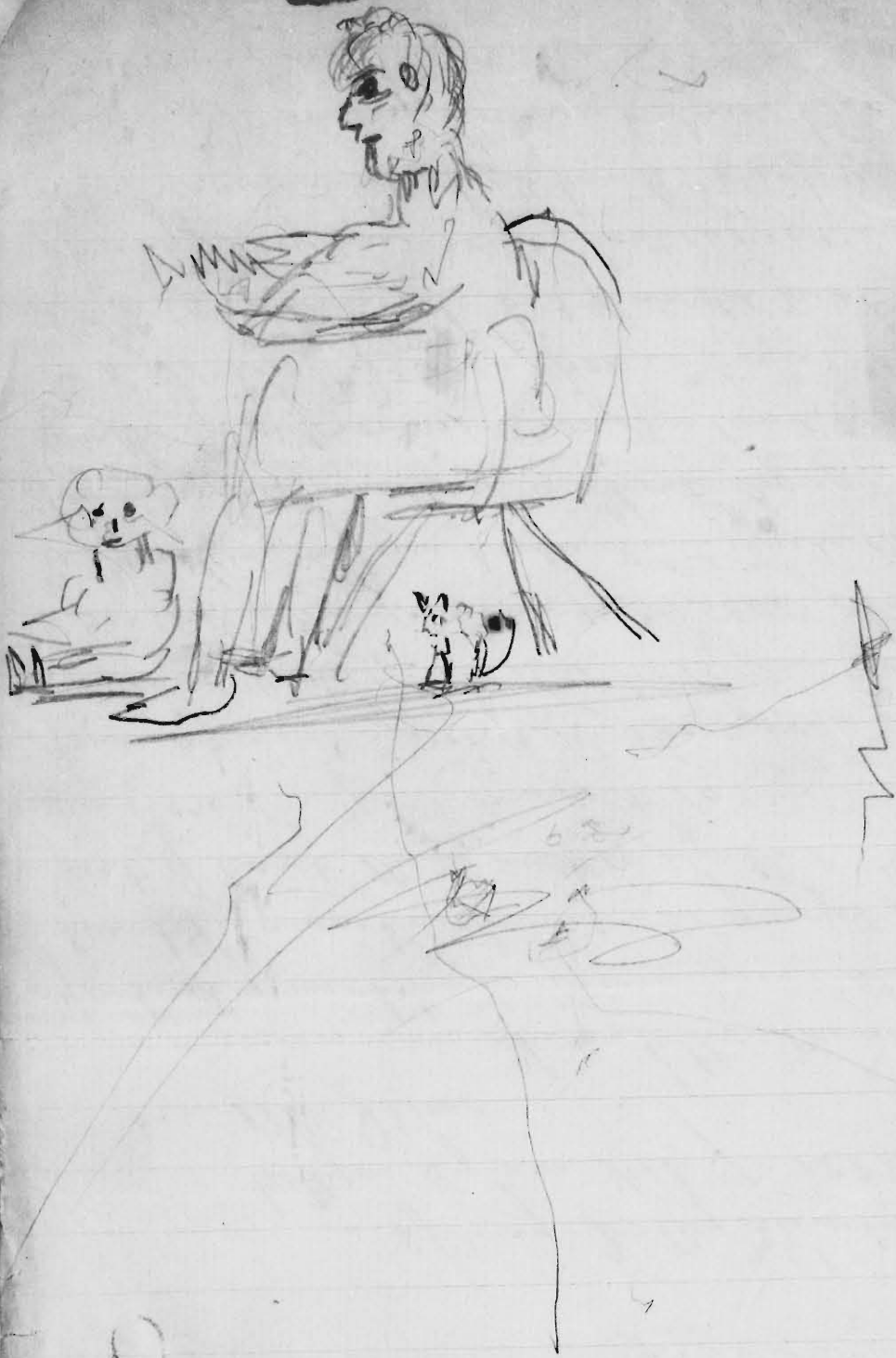
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Spring Valley Kanet
 Collier Kansas Feb 7 - 1888
 Dear Bro. John

Your letter came
 yesterday wishing to know how I stand
 Sarat & I own 3 sections & one quarter
 sect of land the 3 sect is worth \$ 8⁰⁰
 per acre the quarter sect 10⁰⁰.
 this is against 2 sect. R.R. about 3000⁰⁰
 the school sect 1700⁰⁰ due in 18 year at
 6 per cent. the quarter sect 500⁰⁰ this
 is consider a fair valuation while others
 land is ^{held} higher. there is about 2500⁰⁰
 worth of improvements on the land such
 as 8 miles of fence, house, barn & corral
 Colts 185 head will be 3 year old next
 spring & summer except about 16 head is
 older 10,000⁰⁰ held by 2 bank, which are
 friends of mine. My house is valued by a
 good many from 2000. to 2500⁰⁰ do not
 consider it worth over 2000⁰⁰ there is a

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Mortgage of \$350⁰⁰ on it. I have about \$500⁰⁰ worth of other property, that is all I have. The firm of Reich & Foster is held for the amt of about 4000⁰⁰ that is to be divided by 3 of us. When Sarah & I comes to settle wth them may not be met for me to pay as the improvement & what I have paid her may bal wth.

If we should have fair crops in Kansas ~~next year~~ land will go to 10⁰⁰ per acre. There is a good portion of the land held at 10⁰⁰ now wth out any improvements. & some farms & one Rancho of 4000 acres changed hands at 10⁰⁰ per acre by a Chicago firm for a horse Rancho. What I would like is to keep about 50 or 60 head of the best horses & give a mortgage on 1/2 of the land & my house & the horses for a term of years, say about \$500 to 6000⁰⁰ - any one can see there would be no risk to run as the land would be getting more valuable & the increase of the horses

My friend you are enjoying good health & hope
no more of enjoying about it. Hoping the
A shot of him because the fact remains is
getting any thing. as much the more out
of your eyes as she has no other way of

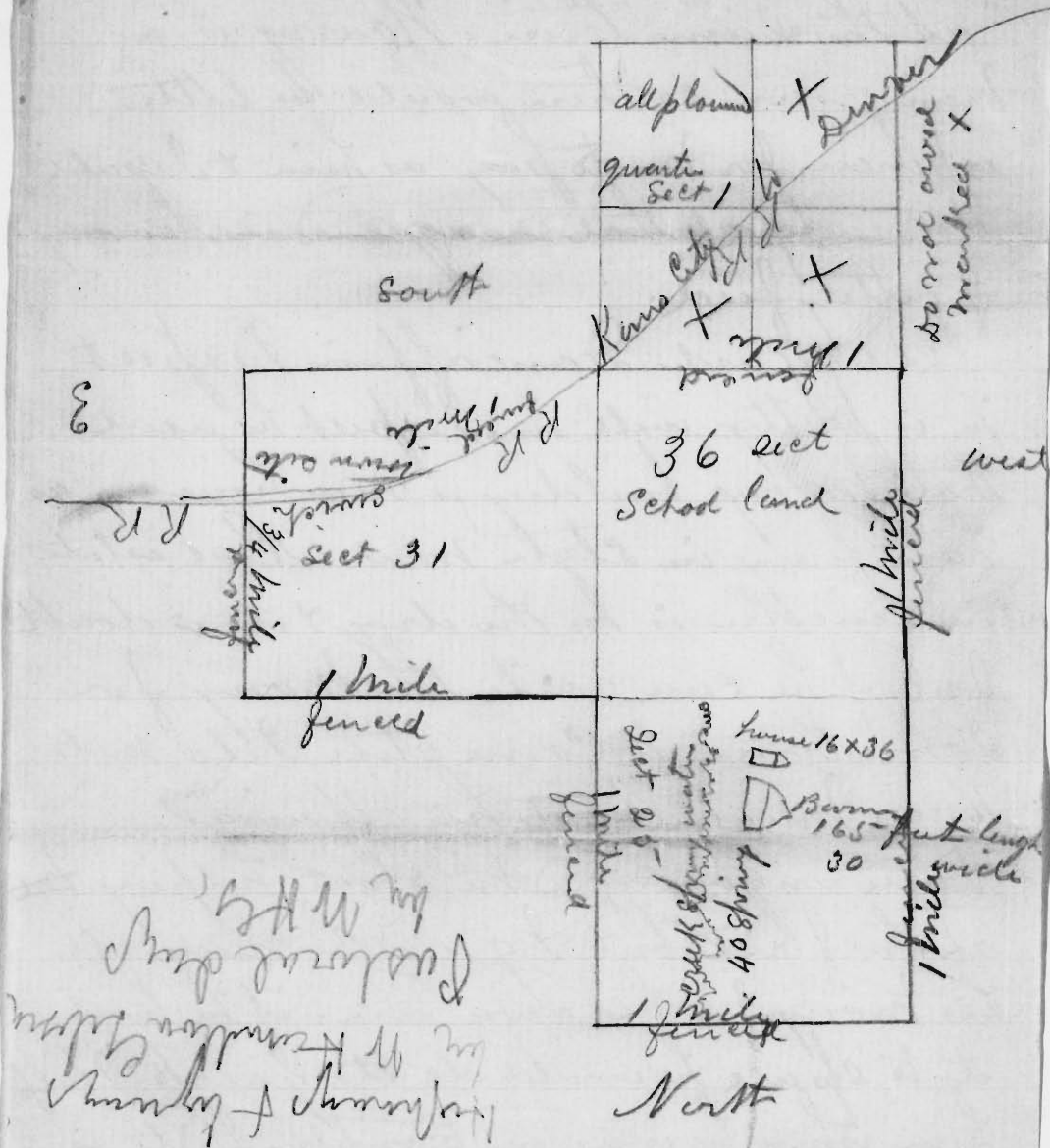
at the same time. Harry is a
man grown so there would be little
expence for me to pay as him & I could
do nearly all that is required in the way
of getting fuel.

As regard Dan's affairs I expect
he is pretty well in, I expect he used
that money building a new house, as
he is funny in style now. Real estate
in Lincoln is on the drop & it is doubt-
ful if he can raise the money for
some time to come etc I do not
know much about his affairs.

Walter encouraged me about helping ~~the~~
at the first but I guess he needs all
his money for his own use. if he had
it to spare he would do it quick. I help
him when he was in trouble. If it is
going to put you about to help Sarat & I
do not do it as I will get through in
some shape I would hate awfully to let

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will give you a little idea how the square
lays.



4 wires + Red Cedar post all in
good shape said to be the best little
horse Ranch in the state of Kansas
would like if you would buy a 1/2 int