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Your Bro: John Deice

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Write Feb Feb 21-1890

Dear brother John Deice
 Maggie rec- your letter few days
 ago for which we thank you very much
 for your kind help to us. we have thought
 the matter of coming to Cal now, very
 carefully, & think it would not be
 best to do at present, for several
 reasons 1st the ranch there has been
 to much paid on it & also improve-
 ments made to abandon it, as the
 place would go to rack & ruin,
 I am going down there next week to
 see what I can do with it, sell it or
 lease it or do something with it
 2nd I have got about 30 head of horses
 on the ranch big & little & to attempt
 to sell them now I would not get much
 for them as horses are very low at present.

3rd our home, to go & leave it would soon run down, would like to sell it. besides we have about 50 or 60 acres of Rye & some plowland & would like to take it all in all John I think it would ^{not} be wise to leave at present.

I will have to leave my family & go off & work some where to keep things going family & ranch. How would it do for me to come to Cal. this summer & work for you & see how ~~you~~ I would suit you, & how I would like the country. I guess I could come to Cal without costing me much.

Maggi thinks it would be best for her & the little ones to move down to the ranch & stay a little while till we see how things will turn up.

I am afraid I will have to work the bal of my life as I have run behind so in money matters that if I attempt to pay off my creditors ^{they} will take every

things as just as I make so that ~~it would~~ be a long time before I could ~~conquer~~ ^{conquer} up. I think by coming out to you I could explain things better & we may make some arrangements so that both of us may be benefited ~~by one another~~ I suppose there would be no chance of tracing this ranch for Cal property that would pay int on the investment I am getting some diagrams printed of the ranch I will send you some, one thing that ^{would} help me to come to Cal is Maggi's health she seems to be going down the hill lately. for some cause or other

If Henry was older & could be depended on & I could put some sheep on the ranch I would like to do so as sheep is the only thing when there is money in, they would have to be put in his name for awhile

Crete, Neb., Feby. 21, 1890.

Dear brother John Muir:

Maggie received your letter a few days ago, for which we thank you very much for your kindness to us. We have thought the matter of coming to Cal. now very carefully, and think it would not be best to do [so] at present, for several reasons. 1st, the ranch -- there has been too much paid on it and also improvements made to abandon it, as the place would go to rack and ruin. I am going down there next week to see what I can do with it -- sell it, or leave it, or do something. 2nd, I have got about 30 head of horses on the ranch, big and little, and to attempt to sell them now I would not get much for them, as horses are very low at present. 3rd, our home -- to go and leave it would soon run down. Would like to sell it. Besides, we have about 50 or 60 acres of rye and some plowed land, so take it all in all, John, I think it would not be wise to leave at present.

I will have to leave my family and go off and work somewhere to keep things going, family and ranch. How would it do for me to come to Cal. this summer and work for you and see how I would suit you, and how I would like the country. I guess I could come to Cal. without costing me much.

Maggie thinks it would be best for her and the little ones to move down to the ranch and stay a little while till we see how things will turn up. I am afraid I will have to work the balance of my life as I have run behind so in money matters that if attempt to pay off my creditors they will take everything as fast as I make, so it will be a long time before I can square up. I think by coming out to you I could explain things better and we may make some arrangements so that both of us may be benefitted. I suppose there would be no chance of trading this ranch for Cal. property that would pay interest on the investment. I am getting some diagrams printed of the ranch. I will send you some. One thing that would help me to come to Cal. is Maggie's health. She seems to be going down the hill lately for some cause or other. If Harry was older and could be depended on I could put some sheep on the ranch. I would like to do so, as sheep are the only thing which there is money in. They would have to be put in his name for a while any way. If they were in my name they would be all taken away. Besides, I do not feel like having Maggie end her days in that country.

Your brother,

John Reid