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Crate. Feb. 22nd. 1890.

My Dear Brother John

Your good & kind letter was recd the first of the week. & I do thank you and Louie. we have done much thinking since then & would like to come & accept your most generous offers if the way was clear — John has written too explaining the situation somewhat but it is hard by ~~letter~~ to write so as to make one understand the out & in. John does not feel like abandoning the Ranch after so much being paid on it, but is trying hard to sell it if he got no more for it then would pay Sarah so unless he leases it (& it is not likely he can

do that) some one will have to
stay on it. & as John cannot
find anything to do that would
pay here in & around crete. we
think ^{we} must leave & be all together
on the place. it will cost less &
perhaps we can make a little the
the boys & L. I can at least save
all I can if I cant do any more
John thinks he must leave home
anyway. (after he puts in a little
crop) to find something to do -
you spoke of Walter Brown here
is still in Philadelphia. where
he has been all winter & I do not know
how long before. trying to put
through some railroad scheme of
his. which if he succeeds in will
be a fine thing for him - & if other
-wise will prove very disastrous.
Joanna is still in portage and may
be all next summer.

Mary has come out to
her new home in Neb.
we had a very pleasant
visit of about a week
with her & her two youngest
children. she stayed about
the same length of time
in Lincoln. & started for
Kearney about a week ago

I had a letter from Mother
within a few days they are
all pretty well but Annie
she has been sick with this
influenza for three weeks. & is
only able to sit up about four
hours in the day now.

With much love to all
I am your affectionate Sister
Maggie

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