

of imagining our cousins had  
twice time making how I would  
with Eddie's farm among you but  
as our present time are in Neb. we  
are or make our details constant  
of few we are. Eddie's father left  
for his home in Iowa looking  
for a place to live as a west of  
the prairie. he is well  
pleased with the looks of  
our country. Eddie's father  
has been laying on the  
leaving behind a few bar  
wishes trying to sleep a  
little and says I would  
not let her feel. says she  
would write some to her  
as she has not seen any  
of you. she has a collection  
in which. I tell her that  
I would not make any difference  
to any of them but as  
Turkey Creek is pretty good  
particular how the  
water is sweet the  
well not under  
take it this time.  
Say if you will  
come and see  
for the well then  
write your best  
letter. Mother  
I tell her for you not  
to be any more  
long about my  
bed. I am well  
I send my love  
letter to Chuck to  
day. He has 45 little  
chickens 40 old  
fews and one  
Mottler. we  
are doing very well  
raising of Chickens  
if nothing  
else.

Dear and affectionate friends,  
After so long a while I avail myself the present opportunity to send you a few lines to let you know something about times in Nebraska. Times (Financially) are very close in fact it seems there is no money in Neb. and I may say how we "apparently" get along with our crops - wheat is not at best but very little is more than it can hold. Crops - Wheat don't look very promising at present in fact it is to far gone for redemption although the rain we had the last week has helped the looks of it 50 per cent it is thin, short, and weedy. Barley - most of it looks splendid. Oats generally look well but thin on the ground. Hay looks splendid where the weeds did not get the start of it. Corn - looks promising for a good crop - has a splendid color and generally a good stand. Potatoes - good, where the bugs did not hurt them. Garden truck of all kinds good - especially vines. Prairie grass very good for grazing. Timber is ~~not~~ making a <sup>good</sup> growth - consequently looks fine. Horses - have never seen look better since it has been in Neb. - Cattle - in the herds are fat. Work Cattle - where they have not been worked to hard look well. Hogs - (what few there is) is good. The crops on my place look very well except the wheat. of which I only have out 21 lbs and that winter I have 5 1/2 lbs. barley very good. Oats 4 1/2 lbs - is good. Hay - 17 lbs of which two thirds is nice. Corn 11 lbs of is very good - and very clean. Potatoes good plenty to use if we would dig them - but as we have plenty of old ones - we will use of them and let the new ones grow larger.

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the house in my eye to the house from the  
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Have early corn in tassel and in silk so we think will soon have ready  
ears. Plenty of Peas (aint & glad) and other garden touches. I have, also  
19 Acres of corn sowed which looks very nice. I put out a large amt. of  
timber this spring which looks real nice. I put out 5 rows 8 ft. apart 30 rods  
long which will average 6 in. apart. west of the house, 4 rows <sup>South</sup> east of the  
house 20 rods long will average 2 ft. East of the house 6 rows 30 rods  
long 8 ft. wide - average 20 in. of which I had all in fine growing condi-  
tion. I intend putting in the spring 6 to 8 in of timber and all the way  
around the place on fire breaks which will make out <sup>new</sup> 2 miles long besides.  
The b. b. Farmers are turning their attention to the putting of timber and by the way I think it  
the best direction we can take to improve the land and increase the value of our Farms and by  
the way for every acre of <sup>growing</sup> timber we are allowed two dollars on each acre  
for paying taxes which I think is quite an inducement in that direction.

I had had about 100 cords of timber this spring in the way of work I had all of my ground to  
flow and the amt. of timber I put out kept me very busy. I believe the most I done at  
one time I done 100 cords of flax in 4 day and by 5 o'clock I dragged 17 cords. my horses  
got pretty tired but as they are of the best material they got over it pretty well and then  
will be able and I put 4 horses to the corn planter and put in 19 ft. in one day  
Does not by sun up and little after. Has not been as much breaking done this season as usual  
a good many think they have about all they can handle. I did not get much broke as I  
would like to have done but I done all I could and will stop for this season as it is to hard  
to break. I have the quarter of R. N. land long by long & joining me on the south  
is being broke out - The man who bought it is living Elliott's house they will  
build on it this <sup>Fall</sup> spring Elliott's will be back in Sept. David Robinson and Keaton

Leah was married last Sabbath to the Browns girls. We expect to go to Fairmount  
to see the Fourth of July Military - will be in full bloom. Collected games of Base ball  
clubs will play the Fairmount. Seneca. and ours - the promised will play amateur  
games. Such evening and five dollars will be offered to any one who can catch the greased pig.  
with good speaking and music of all kinds is about the program.