

and the big Wagon ^{up} ~~with~~ ^{within} looked grand sitting
up on the high seat driving his four horse team
they staid till Sunday we all had a good
time together and nice weather, we all thou-
ght it would have been better if to have
Mary and Winnie had been with us
Barley went home with them to go to school
he is boarding with Ellen and going to
school to Eugene him and within they
go to the public school, he was home a
week ago to day him and within came
with some more Cows to pasture, they staid
over night and went back the next day
they like the school very much, one of the
Cows they brought is giving milk so we have
two Cows to milk, now they give a nice
quantity of milk, I am making more butter
now than I have at any time this season
The Juslaw people are going to have a
Christmas tree at the school house townily
from here, the Juslaw Cornett band
are going to make their first exhibition in
public they are going to play Christmas
eve at the school house Well Mary we
are so land poor we cant afford to buy
carpets but I am sewing all the rags I can
to make a carpet, I hope to get enough by
spring to make one, I have com. need a
rug, I am doing pretty well with it, for the
first one I am drawing it on sacking

December 30. ^{thurs} -

as I did not get my letter mailed last week I will write you some more this week it stormed so last Monday on Christmas day no one would go for the mail we have had a big rain the last week it rained so on Christmas night the Cornet band had to stay all night to the school house and wade through the water in the morning home Irving was wet to his middle and had to strip himself and put on dry cloths the streams have been

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full and running over so the salmon have come up into the small streams to spawn and the folks have been ^{at this corner in the forest} all about ^{at this corner in the forest} salmon hunting last week Irving has caught 20 salmon he went three days came home wet all over every time and have to strip for dry cloths I have not seen Harley nor heard from him for two weeks Pa and I staid at home for our Christmas we had a pretty good time he was reading and I was

working on my rug none of us gets
presents we are so poor, we could not
afford it and another thing we could
not go any where, to get any thing we
live so far from markets that is the
most I dislike this place for it is so
far from market, Achan. Pa wanted
me to tell you if you would send
him the Anterocean he would send
you a paper regular that is if you take
it Achan I wish... I knew how you
and Mary would like it here but
that cant be told until you see it
for your self, to tell you the honest
truth I like the looks of Wisconsin
the best one thing is I lived there
long as I have told you Wisconsin
did not look good to me when I first
saw it folks can get use to a most any
place we do not have such fearful
stormes here, as they do in the eastern
Stats we have read of a good many
since we left there we have not had any
very cold weather yet nothing more the
fall frost it has snowed some but melts right
away well how do you all feel since Chris
tmas we are all well and hearty write
soon for I am anxious to hear from you
this paper is some of your brother Josts
I know your Mother - Miss Winnie

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