

Painesville Ohio ..

Sept. 1st 1868.

My Dear Husband -

The whole family are in bed very early but I cannot go until I write a few lines to you. We are all well as usual. The Boys are doing first-rate and Dan begins to know a heap - I left him about an hour yesterday & when I came home he had waked up and was crying "big" I took him when he began to "coo" and laugh as good natured as could be - I cant leave him for half an hour when he is awake but he will cry. I would hardly think he knew enough to be a "ma boy" while he is so young. They are two nice boys and will be a fine span if they live a few years. We had Mr

and Mrs Spencer to visit us last
night - The fair ended today - The
weather has been damp and
cloudy all the time.

By this time I suppose you are
about to your journey's end and
I hope to hear from you very soon.
I love you dearly and think of
you all the time. My love to
Minnie & Mrs Tricot.

Your loving wife

Frank

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By this time I suppose you are about to your journey's end and I hope to hear from you very soon. I love you dearly and think of you all the time. My love to Minnie & Mrs. Wilcox.

Your loving Wife

Frank.

Painesville Ohio "

Oct. 4th 1868.

My Dear Husband

I can hardly realize that last sabbath evening you ~~were~~ ^{was} home with us - your visit was so short that it seems that I did not see you at all " and now I am waiting for a letter for when you are away the greatest comfort I have is in hearing of ~~the~~ ^{you} from you. I do love you so much dear and think about you so much. I would be glad if I could have a letter from you every day - if it was only a few loving lines. Our precious boys are well. Johnny is getting louder and louder all the time for three or four mornings he has woke up about five o'clock and commenced his singing - and playing

so there is no more sleep for any one
near him. he rides me for Basil
Duke & I am obliged to lower Dannie
as a hen would a chicken to keep
Johnny off of him. Johnny has
nearly learned the song "Children
go to & fro" from this little book you
got him & he steps about the house
and yard singing right lively. -

I went to church today for the
first time in a long time. & it
has been nearly two years since I
have been to church in Parisville.

Yesterday I was surprised with a
visit from Henry Phelps - he is a
very handsome young man - I
wonder if he has been to see his
Aunt Lydia, but I don't know.

I have not seen her this week. She
called here with Mrs Allen last
evening but I was at Aunt Lida's.

I expect Eliza here tomorrow.

Write me very often dear Jack.
Your wife Frank.

Painesville Ohio.
Oct 4th.1868.

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I can hardly realize that last sabbath evening you was home with us - your visit was so short that it seems that I did not see you at all, and now I am waiting for a letter for when you are away the greatest comfort I have is in hearing often from you. I do love you so much dear and think about you so much - I would be glad if I could have a letter from you every day - if it was only a few loving lines. Our precious boys are well. Johnny is getting louder and louder all the time for three or four mornings he has woke up about five o'clock and commenced his singing and playing so there is no more sleep for anyone near him - he rides me for Basil Duke & I am obliged to hover Dannie as a hen would a chicken to keep Johnny off of him. Johnny has nearly learned the song - "Children go to & fro" from his little book you got him & he steps about the house and yard singing right lively.-

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Your wife

Frank.

Painesville Ohio.

Oct. 6th 1868.

My Dear Husband,

Last night I received the first news from you since you left home. Pa will answer the despatch today.

We are having delightful weather now - and we are all well - I hear John pounding away at play on the bench out doors and Dan is sleeping nicely in his "kib" - If their Papa could be about here among us we should be pretty happy - I called to see Mary yesterday - she seemed to me to be "blue" and quite

low spirited. Her mother says it start - so what time was taken
is quite hard work to get her in accomplishing their feat. I have
not to side - but she enjoys it not learned. Dear Jack I hope
when she gets started. I hope soon to have a letter from you
Dan will be able to come home I love you dearly and think
before long that may do more of you so much. How glad I shall
be when you can come home
to cheer her than anything else. Last evening I received
a letter from Emily Hall. Remember me kindly to
Mrs. Wilcox and Minnie.

She cannot say yet when she
will come here and from the
tone of her letter I was afraid
she felt a little discouraged.
Your loving wife
Frank.

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I heard by way of Mrs. Scofield
that Mrs. Allen & Mrs. Noble walked
to Milloughby Sunday morning - I
think they must have the
Weston fever bad. such a freak
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Dear Jack I hope soon to have a letter from you - I love you dearly and think of you so much - How glad I shall be when you can come home again. Remember me kindly to Mrs Wilcox and Minnie.

Your loving Wife
Frank.

Fairsville Ohio "

Oct. 8th 1868.

My Dear Husband "

We are well as usual tonight.
I am thinking of you and wishing you could be at home just as I always am when you are away.
Our Boys are doing well. Johnny has just climbed up at the desk and says "write a letter to Papa & say Johnny good boy" - Dan is getting along very fast. Today Pa has gone to Cleveland to the great mass meeting. They have an unpleasant day - it rained all the fore noon & has been cold & cloudy all day. I hope I shall hear from you tonight - but perhaps it is not time - write just as often as you can for I am all the time so anxious to hear from you.

Your loving wife

Frank

Painesville Ohio.
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Your loving Wife

Frank.

Painesville Ohio..

Oct 11th 1868..

My Dear Husband

We are all well tonight and as happy as I can be when you are so far from me.. Our Boys are doing well and Johnny sends the usual message to you that he is a good boy - I think most of the time he needs his Papa to train him..

Mary and her Mother called here day before yesterday - I think Mary was feeling pretty well that day. Mrs Noble and Mrs Wilson took tea with us last evening - Mrs N. looks well since her walk to Milloughby and back.. I have had no letter from you yet I hope I shall have soon for I am waiting anxiously..

Good night dear Jack -

Your wife

Franka

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Goodnight dear Jack -

Your Wife Frank.

Union Pacific Railroad.

Office J.S. & B.T. CASEMENT.

End of Track Oct 12. 1868

My Dear Wife

I have been here a whole week without writing to you, but not without thinking of you. I shipped your Boy Bannum and trunk by freight trains from Omaha. I could find nothing of the pictures and gave some of the carpets to John Ellis. The stove and some other traps I ordered sold by auction. I found Lou and all the girls at the end of track when I got here. Anna and Miss Hill are still here enjoying themselves very much. Dan started up the line today to be gone a few days, we are getting along well with our work are very busy and will be for the next month. How I wish I was with you and those two nice boys to night. I hope to be before long I love you all dearly and long for the time to come when I can be with you. I received Emily's letter and will answer it to night, give my love to all at home and tips to the Darlings. God Bless and keep you happy
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Jack

Painesville Ohio

Oct. 14th 1868.

My Dear Husband

I had hoped that tonight - the anniversary of our wedding - would bring me a love letter from you but I am disappointed - You have been gone more than two weeks now and it seems to me I ought to have a letter - but you will write when you have time of course -

We are all having hard colds just now - Little Johnny has a cold in his head that has made him almost sick - so he has been quite fretful for a day or two -

my cold affects little Dan some
but he is pretty good natured
all the time and I enjoy the
company and affection of the
little dears so much.

Ma has been to see Uncle
Ben this afternoon and found
him pretty comfortable but some
what discouraged she thinks - I
don't wonder at it - of course he
must have the blues sometimes.
I have not seen or heard
from Mary this week. Will
Dan be home soon? I expect
you will see Mr Roberts before
long - for Pa heard tonight he
had gone to see Tom.
Has Mrs Reed returned from
Salt Lake? I begin to count
the weeks now that must pass
before I can expect you home

for I understood you that you
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months again - I wish you could
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ing the eleven years of our wedded
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Eleven years ago - how I love
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you - and how I looked forward
to the future - for I thought while
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be together and how easy it would
be to be perfectly happy - Time
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as well as others - It has brought
joy and sorrow - and I know I

have learned that life has trials
for me to meet and endure that
I never thought of until they came.
But how thankful I am that
through all these changes my love
for you my chosen one is not
changed but you are dearer
to me every year of ^{our} lives. How
much I love you the father of
my boys I cannot express in words
but as sincerely as I wish to meet
our angel Charlie do I wish to be a
good and devoted wife to you &
a mother that my children can
always love.

Darling I must close I hope you
will write me very soon - -
I hear that Ed Mings has brought
home a wife. Love to Minnie &
Mrs McCoy -
Your loving wife Franka

Painesville Ohio
Oct. 14th. 1868.

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Ma has been to see Uncle Ben this afternoon and found him pretty comfortable but some what discouraged she thinks - I dont (sic) wonder at it of course. he must have the blues sometimes. I have not seen or heard from Mary this week. Will Dan be home soon? I expect you will see Mr Roberts before long for Pa heard tonight he had gone to see Tom.

Has Mrs Reed returned from Salt Lake? I begin to count the weeks now that must pass before I can expect you home for I understand you that you would be here in about two months again - I wish you could be home all winter - In reviewing the eleven years of our wedded life how much of the time we have been separated - that seems like time lost but no doubt we have learned many a useful lesson in those times - hard as it has seemed sometimes.

Eleven years ago - how I love to think of it - how I did love you and how I looked forward to the future - for I thought while life lasted we would always be together and how easy it would be to be perfectly happy- Time has brought its changes to us as well as others - It has brought joy and sorrow and I know I have learned that life has trials for me to meet and endure that I never thought of until they came. But how thankful I am that through all these changes my love for you my chosen one is not changed but you are dearer to me every year of our lives - How much I love you the father of my boys I cannot express in words but as sincerely as I wish to meet our angel Charlie do I wish to be a good and devoted wife to you & a mother that my children can always love.

Darling I must close. I hope you will write me very soon-- I hear that Ed Mirgs [?] has brought home a wife. Love to Minnie & Mrs Wilcox-

Your loving Wife

Frank.

Painesville Ohio

Oct-15th 1868

My Dear Husband

Your telegram was received today - I was glad to hear that you was well - but so disappointed that I did not get any letter from you for you have been gone nearly three weeks. We are all well with the exception of colds - Ma and I have been having a good ride in our easy carriage today - we made three or four calls - I like the carriage better the more I use it - Pa took ~~some~~ sick persons to the Polls in it on election day & they all declare it a lovely buggy "

Take care of yourself dear and I hope you will come home soon as you can - I love you so

much and think of you all
the time - I hope you will write
to me soon -

Yours affectionate wife
Frank ..

Painesville Ohio
Oct 15th. 1868

My Dear Husband

Your telegram was received today - I was glad to hear that you was well - but so disappointed that I did not get any letter from you for you have been gone nearly three weeks. We are all well with the exception of colds - Ma and I have been having a good ride in our easy carriage today. We made three or four calls - I like the carriage better the more I use it - Pa took some sick persons to the Polls in it on election day & they all declare it a lovely buggy.

Take care of yourself dear and I hope you will come home soon as you can - I love you so much and think of you all the time - I hope you will write to me soon- Your affectionate Wife Frank.

Painesville Ohio ..

Oct-18th 1868..

My Dear Husband

We are all pretty well tonight. have all had bad colds but are better of them. the children are sleeping quietly. I wish you could be with us. how you would enjoy the innocent darlings. I do love them so. and should be so happy if we could all be together. You have been gone home three weeks now. it seems to me that I ought to have some letters from you by this time. but I shall try to be as patient as possible for of course you will write me when you can find an opportunity. I hope you get my letters for I write every two three or four times a week. and certainly some of them will be answered before long. Last night a

small jubilee was held in town over
the election. the ladies fed about
six hundred "Days in Blue" some of the
houses were nicely illuminated and
a brilliant time was had. Our boys
and girls went over. I stayed at
home with Ma Etta & the children.

Yesterday I had a letter from
Maria Osborne - she said Mother was
pretty well. & Kate wants to go and see
Emily Hall but is waiting for Mr
Osborne to go with her. I have not
answered Emily's last letter so I have
not heard from her very lately. I will
try and write her before long.

Mrs Noble was over here awhile
this afternoon she was quite tired out with
her labors last evening. I went to
Church this morning. Mr Hayden preached
an excellent sermon I love to hear him.

I hope I shall have a few loving
encouraging words from you before
long. For I think it would do me a

great deal of good. Darling I love you
more than I can tell & think of you
all the time.

Your affectionate wife
Frank.

Painesville Ohio.
October 18th 1868.

My Dear Husband

We are all pretty well tonight, have all had bad cold but are better of them - the children are sleeping quietly I wish you could be with us - how you would enjoy the innocent darlings - I do love them so - and should be so happy if we could be together - You have been from home three weeks now - it seems to me that I ought to have some letters from you by this time but I shall try to be as patient as possible for of course you will write me when you can find an opportunity. I hope you get my letters for I write every two three or four times a week - and certainly some of them will be answered before long. Last night a small jubilee was held in town over the election - the ladies fed about six hundred "Boys in Blue" some of the houses were nicely illuminated and a brilliant time was had - Our boys and girls went over - I stayed at home with Ma, Etta and the children.

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Mrs. Noble was over here awhile this afternoon she was quite tired out with her labors last evening. I went to church this morning. Mr. Hayden preached an excellent sermon. I love to hear him.

I hope I shall have a few loving encouraging words from you before long, for I think it would do me a great deal of good. Darling I love you more than I can tell & think of you all the time.

Your affectionate Wife
Frank.

Painesville Ohio "

Oct. 20th 1868.

My Dear Husband "

Why dont I get a letter from you - the fourth week is now passing that you have been away and I have no letter yet - what is the matter dear Jack? do let me know. Every day I wait for the mail time only to be disappointed - I hope you are not sick - We are all pretty well. Johnny has got almost over his cold and is quite like himself he is learning fast and talks very large - I think he will be able to kill as many as bears as Charlie did. I love you dearly and am so anxious to have some news from you. Do write me soon + often -

Your affectionate wife
Frank.

Painesville Ohio.
Oct. 20th. 1868.

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Your affectionate Wife
Frank.

Painesville Ohio

Oct: 21st 1868..

My Dear Husband ..

Yours of the 12th

I received today. How glad I was for I had been looking so many days for a letter and every day had been disappointed. I heard Pa telling Johnny if we did not hear from you today he thought they (Pa & John) had better write to you - but this afternoon we were all pleased to hear from you..

We are all well tonight but Ma she has been having a very distressed spell tonight - I have got her down with in mustard and in bed so I hope she will be easier through the night. I dread these sick times that Ma has she suffers so and I want so much to relieve her immediately..

The children are perfectly well &

Friday morning ..

Oct. 28th ..

Johnny works all the time busy as a
bee. He does not take any nap in
the day time but at five o'clock,
every night he wants his supper and
will perhaps drop asleep while he is
eating - then he is on hand early in
the morning and wants every one else
to be. He is learning very fast & will
repeat parts of songs & verses we have
sung & recited to him. Danny grows
pretty well. I tell you Jack they are
fine boys it is a great pleasure for me
to take care of them. I often think if I
had never had any children I could
now be with you all the time and go
through the world smooth or rough
with you. But much as I love you
dear as much as I wish to be with
you I would not like to give up the
pleasure my children have given me.
And I doubt if we had been as
well off now if we had not been
blessed with our dear boys.

Dear Jack.

I left this night before last
to wait upon Ma and have had no
time since to write - Ma had a
distressed night - but last night she
rested some & today feels better she
has a hard cough and yesterday her
lungs were very sore. I hope she will
soon get over this cold. The boys are
well this morning and Johnny & Ethel
are having a frolic on the floor.
We are having quite cold weather and
it seems that winter is near by.
Yesterday it snowed a little and as
Johnny saw it from the window he
said it looked like little hills.

Write me often as you can Jack
for your letters are my greatest com-
fort when you are away.

Your affectionate wife

Frank.

Painesville Ohio
Oct. 21st. 1868.

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We are all well tonight but Ma she has been having a very distressed-spell tonight - I have got her done up in mustard and in bed so I hope she will be easier through the night. I dread these sick times that Ma has. she suffers so and I want so much to relieve her immediately. The children are perfectly well & Johnny works all the time busy as a bee - he does not take any nap in the day time but at five oclock every night he wants his supper and will perhaps drop asleep while he is eating-then he is on hand early in the morning and wants every one else to be. He is learning very fast & will repeat parts of songs & verses we have sung and recited to him. Danny grows pretty well. I tell you Jack they are fine boys. it is a great pleasure for me to take care of them - I often think if I had never had any children I could now be with you all the time and go through the world smooth or rough with you - but much as I love you dear as much as I wish to be with you I would not like to give up the pleasure my children have given me, and I doubt if we had been as well off now if we had not been blessed with our dear boys.

Friday morning.
Oct 23rd

Dear Jack -

I left this night before last to wait upon Ma and have had no time since to write - Ma had a distressed night - but last night she rested some & today feels better - she has a hard cough and yesterday her lungs were very sore. I hope she will soon get over this cold. The boys are well this morning and Johnny & Etta are having a frolic on the floor. We are having quite cold weather and it seems that winter is near by. yesterday it snowed a little and as Johnny saw it from the window he said it looked like little pills.

Write me often as you can Jack for your letters are my greatest comfort when you are away.

Your affectionate Wife
Frank.



Painesville Ohio..

Oct. 25th 1868..

My Dear Husband..

How much I would give to see you tonight..

The boys and myself are well
Ma is pretty sick yet but sits
up most of the time - Pa has
just come home from Uncle
Ben's. Uncle Ben is about as
usual they are talking and
thinking of taking him to a
Doctor in New York State. If he
goes Pa will go with him to
help get him there..

Mrs Noble & Nettie Harding have

been here this afternoon.

The babies are asleep - Johnny improves very fast - talks like a pattering every thing that he can think - his head is full - he has been in the house lately most of the time - + has Etta harnessed for a horse driving her about all the time. And every thing upside down through the whole house, he is such a nice boy - I wish you could be with him all the time. Dear Jack I do love you so much - I can never tell you how much. I hope you will write to me often as you can - Pa said the other day he did not see why you did not write to us more - and I don't want to be too expecting

but I should be pleased to have more than one letter in four weeks.

How much I would give for a good night kiss from you.
Your loving wife
Frank.

Painesville Ohio.
Oct 25th. 1868.

My Dear Husband.

How much I would give to see you tonight. The boys and myself are well Ma is pretty sick yet but sits up most of the time - Pa has just come home from Uncle Ben's. Uncle Ben is about as usual they are talking and thinking of taking him to a Doctor in New York State - If he goes pa will go with him to help get him there—

Mrs Noble & Nettie Harding have been here this afternoon.

The babies are asleep - Johnny improves very fast talks like a rattler every thing that he can think - his head is full - he has been in the house lately most of the time - & has Etta harnessed for a horse driving her about all the time and everything upside down through the whole house, he is such a nice boy I wish you could be with him all the time.

Dear Jack I do love you so much I can never tell you how much. I hope you will write to me often as you can - Pa said the other day he did not see why you did not write to us more - and I don't want to be too exacting but I should be pleased to have more than one letter in four weeks.

How much I would give for a goodnight kiss from you.

Your loving Wife

Frank.

Fairsville Ohio

Oct 28th 1868

My Dear Husband.

I had about concluded that you had taken your self off to China. but a despatch tonight informs me that you are still this side of the Ocean and I should think trying to see what you can do - eight miles of track is a pretty big thing I suppose -- I expect the reason you are not able to write me once in awhile is that you are bending all your energies to out do every body else & do the biggest thing that ever was heard off - There are a few things that pay in this world and I hope that is one of them - How glad I shall be when the

last mile is laid - but I doubt if you will be as satisfied and happy as when you were doing railroading on a smaller scale --

Our boys are well and happy. Danny grows strong and bright very fast. But is not very large and heavy yet. Ma has been quite sick but is improving. Pa is suffering with his crippled arm tonight.

Mrs Noble is staying here. She is on her annual visit making bitter-sweet salve. Pa has been to Oberlin to see what he could do for a boarding place for Billy. He did not succeed but perhaps he can have one when the winter term begins. He will go to the Union School if he goes there - if he could

make up his mind to go to school to our Union School here it would be the best thing - but he has the Oberlin fever and maybe it will not wear off. I have not seen Mary for some time. I suppose she expects Dan home soon.

My dear Jack I love you dearly. I know you are very busy but a few lines from you two or three times a week would make me feel real good. - and help me to be cheerful & more patient with the babies. It is getting late and I must say good night & go to rest with the dear little ones. Take good care of your self darling.

Your loving wife Frank.

Painesville Ohio.
Oct 28th, 1868.

My Dear Husband,

I had about concluded that you had taken yourself off to China, but a despatch tonight informs me that you are still this side of the Ocean and I should think trying to see what you can do - Eight miles of track is a pretty big thing I suppose-- I expect the reason you are not able to write me once in awhile is that you are bending all your energies to out do every body else & do the biggest thing that ever was heard off (sic)

There are a few things that pay in this world and I hope that is one of them-- How glad I shall be when the last mile is laid - but I doubt if you will be as satisfied and happy as when you were doing railroading on a smaller scale.

Our boys are well and happy. Danny grows strong and bright very fast but is not very large and heavy yet, Ma has been quite sick but is improving - Pa is suffering with his crippled arm tonight -

Mrs. Noble is staying here - she is on her annual visit making bittersweet salve. Pa has been to Oberlin to see what he could do for a boarding place for Billy - he did not succeed but perhaps he can have one when the winter term begins - He will go to the Union school if he goes there - If he could make up his mind to go to school to our Union School here it would be the best thing - but he has the Oberlin fever and maybe it will not wear off. I have not seen Mary for some time. I suppose she expects Dan home soon.

My dear Jack I love you dearly. I know you are very busy but a few lines from you two or three times a week would make me feel real good - and help me to be cheerful & more patient with the babies - It is getting late and I must say good night & go to rest with the dear little ones. Take good care of your self darling

Your loving Wife

Frank.

Tranger Oct 31st 1868

My Dear Wife

Again I have to
make excuses for not writing to
you often. I cannot plead want of
time for it only takes a few minutes
but the fact is when I expect to have
a good opportunity my tent will be
full and when that is not the case
I am on the move. Our Office is on
its way here we have got up one
warehouse and provisions enough
in it to weather one small storm
it is hard to get anything up I had
except ties and iron. Durant is
here trying to hurry things up but
he only creates delays we have held
him level by keeping the tracks
out to the bridges and our men did
more than half of the work but

as #3 claims to love to pay
for those things I propose to
give him his fill of it I expect
to go up the line to Starbuck
gang of the layers tomorrow
we have had one Snow Storm but
it did not last long I hope thirty
days more of good weather will let
me off for the winter. Anna &
Miss Hills started with Minnie
over two weeks and seemed
to enjoy it very much they
are now at Cheyenne Don and
Mary will go home with them
Our mails come very irregular
and go more so I have not
seen a paper since the elections
but I can get along without
them better than your letters.
I love you so much and love
to hear from you and of those
dear little boys so much
How I wish I could be with

You tonight I dream of
Johnny almost every night
and think so often of every
thing he said or done while I
was at home. I want to see
little Don too and Mark his
progress trip the little
Darlings often for me and
always remembers that I love
you all dearly. Give my love
to all at home except this
dirty paper it is the only
sheet I have.

God Bless and keep you happy
Jack

Granger October 31st 1868

My Dear Wife

Again I have to make excuses for not writing to you oftener. I cannot plead want of time for it only takes a few minutes but the fact is when I expect to have a good opportunity my tent will be full and when that is not the case I am on the move. Our office is on its way here. we have got one warehouse and provisions enough in it to weather one small storm. It is hard to get anything up the road except ties and iron. Durant is here trying to hurry things up but he only creates delays. we have held him level by keeping the track onto the bridges and our men idle more than half of the time, but as he claims to love to pay for those things I propose to give him his fill of it. I expect to go up the line to start another gang of tie layers tomorrow. we have had one snow storm but it did not last long. I hope thirty days more of good weather will let me off for the winter. Anna & Miss Hills staid (sic) with Minnie over two weeks and seemed to enjoy it very much. they are now at Cheyenne. Lou and Mary will go home with them. Our mails come very irregular and go more So I have not seen a paper since the election but I can get along without them better than your letters. I love you so much and love to hear from you and of those dear little boys so much. How I wish I could be with you tonight. I dream of Johnny almost every night and think so often of every thing he said or done while I was at home. I want to see little Dan too, and mark his progress. Kiss the little darlings often for me and always remember that I love you all dearly, give my love to all at home. Excuse this dirty paper it is the only sheet I have.

God bless and keep You Happy

Jack