Dear Wife,

We returned from Blair last evening and found a letter from you and Clara, and were pleased to see letters and also to get back to Omaha. Although we had a very pleasant time, staying at a hotel is not quite so pleasant as being here. Last Saturday we all went up to New York (luck and spent the day there the boys first. Levi was reading and Tomm was cutting paper, came back to Blair that night and the boys told us when we left that they would come down to Blair and spend Sunday, but they did not come. Monday Lyd. and myself went up to see the boys again. Found no one at home so we went in and made a fire & Lyd. she cleaned up the coffee pot: brewed coffee and got ready for dinner. And the boys
Came along with a trade of Map.

said they saw the smoke come

thought the old shanty was on fire

as first, but they turned out their

team and we get dinner and

Meat Pie, Gravy, cake, Clothing,

Bread & butter. Coffee & milk. Potatoes Heab

we had a fine visit, the boys are busy

now fixing up for Winter & will not

to down till Thanksgiving. Then we expect

them both, cause if the weather is good

we shall go out to the boys land and

perhaps to Lincoln. The fine weather continued

until last night we have a slight fall of

Snow but it is nearly gone now and the

air coming on the cold, I am feeling

cold and hope to improve. Last

better to hear from you.

Sunday Mother came up from the Sea,

Meat and we had quite a good dinner.

company Chris & family & other company

made out a table. Chris talks of going

made out a house in Blair. Sunny is filling up

a house in Blair. Sunny is filling up

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as you write you was there when the

as you write you was here when the

I come to see you. Do you take good

a good chance here for business
Omaha, Feb., 1869.

The girls must go out a

some occasionally and let

Lori B. take a walk, how

does the Chatham Calf get

dong? It is hard to

down with the other calves. Tell the boys

to take the old sail and

spread over the potatoes in

the stove cellar. How many

turnips did they have, and how

much corn? I don't know how

long I shall stay out of the

weather should be cold. I shall

not stay much longer but if

pleasure shall stop till

middle of Dec. with much

love I remain your affectionate,

Phoebe Hall SN 86 13
Nov 11  1869

Dear Wife

We returned from Blair last evening and found a letter from you and Eliza, and was pleased to get letters and also to get back to Omaha although we had a very pleasant time but stopping at a Hotel is not quite so pleasant as being here.  Last Saturday we all went up to New York Creek and spent the day found the boys first rate.  Levi was herding & Jimmy carting poles.  came back to Blair that night ant the boys told us when we left that they would come down to Blair & spend Sunday but they did not come and Monday Lyd, Bren & myself went up to see the Boys again found no one at home so we went in and made a fire & Lyd she cleaned up the Coffee Pot burnt Coffee and got ready for Dinner, and the Boys [over page] came along with a load of Hay said they saw the smoke and thought the old shanty was on fire at first, but they turned out their team and we get Dinner had Miner Pie, Dough Nuts, baked apples, Bread & butter, Coffee &c, with Potatoes & bread we had a fine visit, the boys are busy now fixing up for Winter and will not be down till Thanksgiving then we expect them both, and if the weather is good we shall go out to the boys land and perhaps to Lincoln.  the fine weather continued until last night we had a slight fall of Snow but it is nearly gone now and has the appearance of being colder I am feeling better today and hope to improve.  last Sunday Watson came up from the Saw Mill and we had quite a Cape Cod company Christ & family & our Company made out a table.  Christ talks of buying a House in Blair  Prinny is fixing up his planning Mill for a Flour Mill & expects to make money at that.  I am afraid you are getting along rather poorly as you write you was there when the Dr called to see you  do you take good care of yourself and not get run down.  Eliza writes for me to get a [---]ation out here well there is a good chance here for business [next sheet, also on letterhead]  The girls must go out to Store occasionally and let Lothrop take a walk.  how does the Chatham Calf get along, and how are the other Calves.  tell the boys to take the old sail and spread over the Potatoes in the Store celler.  how many turnips did they have, and how much Corn.  I dont Know how long I shall stop but if the weather is cold I shall not stay much longer but if pleasant shall stop till middle of Dec with Much love I remain

Your affectionate Husband

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