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Big Spring, Neb. May 13th 1892

My dear Amy -

We have been expecting every day to hear when you and Aggie had decided to stop back on our visit to us from you are arranging the details of your trip. As we see by the Townsman that you and Sam have been to Washington we presume you are feeling better at least we hope so and that the trip has rested you so we are anxious to hear how you all are Jenni and the children are in Omaha making Walter (Childers) a visit and to day I had a letter from Jenni saying that she had had the doctor to see Amy who has been a little sick and he ordered her to bed and advised that he thought she might have the measles and I am afraid if she really has it that Harrett and little Joe will have the same

and should it prove to be the worst an
afraid Jennie will not have a pleasant
time but there is the advantage of being
when she can have the services of a good
doctor although our old friend Dr. Conkle
is in the South for the winter. If the children
really both do have the measles, I suppose
Jennie will have to stay in Omaha for
some time it would be nice if she could
visit you at Omaha on your way out.
Have you had any word from Will we have
not and he promised to write.

We are having the most sudden of
weather for this section that we ever experienced
Rain! Rain! Rain! Everything soaked and the largest
grain crop has been put in and this weather
is remarkably favorable to it and if nothing
unusual happens between now and harvest time
we will have a wonderful crop. We ourselves
have sown over 100 acres of small grain
and it is all looking well. It has been a terrible
spring for stock so much snow and rain
and cold weather and the end of the winter
when the stock was poor and with stringency
in stock it as we had lots of feed our stock
got through pretty well I suppose it is likely that
our letter will cross this time but hope to hear
from you soon Love to all Affectionately John

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Big Spring, Neb. June 12th 1892

My dear Amy

Your nice long letter of the
fifth to Jesse I took the liberty of opening
and reading and as yet have not sent
it on to her as I did not know until today
just where to send it. (She and) the children
and Lillie are now down in York county
making them Uncle John Sumrell a visit
I expect now that they will not be home
for about ten days yet as they expect to
make them Cousin Mrs Park a visit of a few
days then on to Gottenburg where they will make
another halt with Mrs Carlson "Mollie"

Of course I shall be mighty glad to have them
back again but I hate to hurry them as they
are having such a nice time and the children
are well and enjoying it also Jesse wrote
that Amy is very much taken with the trees
and will spend the whole day playing under
them. I think she and Agnes would

make good companions in their ~~various~~ ^{various} elements
of trees. Perhaps any pain for them is justly
caused by the force of the novelty of them
Jimmie also had a letter for Agnes enclosing
your letter to Agnes giving you an account
of your over-land experience of reaching to
which I was mightily interested in. This part
two weeks has been quite common like and the
crops have grown wonderfully and give good
promise for a tremendous harvest in about six
weeks but ^{it} will ~~not~~ be necessary for us to
have several good rains yet to insure it
as far now as it will take lots of moisture
to properly mature the Rye Wheat Barley & Oats
we have is now on one farm 35 acres of Rye
30 of Wheat 30 of Barley 15 of Oats and 35 of Corn
about 150 acres all together an area about
three times as large as Boston Common which I think
I think here contain 53 acres (as you are an
success or failure means considerable to us
not to count the effect it will have upon the general
prosperity of the country which of course makes far
more difference to us. There is just enough of
the gambling spirit ~~is~~ in living out here to make
it fascinating and perhaps that is one of the possible
reasons why so many of us like it out here
It is always the large hope in the near future which
are always so promising and frequently so elusive
that is so very attractive here and so common
in the East. As Jimmie Bacon said he had been in
Michigan ten years on account of the big crops
next fall.

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I have been entirely alone the last week as Walter went up to Cheyenne last Tuesday to look over the prospects up there. Just now they seem to be on the eve of a "boom" because of the location there of an immense "Smelter" and it is expected that a marked advance in Real Estate will follow. We don't have much faith in the Smelter business as that is now a good time to unload which Walter hopes to do while there so he may be away several weeks.

I have "put in" most of the day driving around looking at our crops and cattle and horses. This year and last our calf crop ~~is~~ was unusually fine in quality owing to the new imported black horned Bullwag which presides over the herd as "lord and master" the little fellows are all jib black no matter what the color of the mother might be and when you see a bunch of them playing together it is a pretty sight especially when you can see they are growing might and day into

into dollars, drove around to the Summit
Ranch for dinner which is a great treat after
a month or so at the Hotel found the folks there
all well or usual and Tom is interested in the
news from you and Agnes and delighted with the
remembrance of you and Agnes and wish in
the return the to you both. We were very much
amused after dinner by witnessing a battle between
Edward & Abby (Tom drew two young ones) on one side
and a big turkey gobble on the other both sides
showed considerable pluck but the gobble won
the battle driving both children into the house
Edward crying not because he was hurt but because
we laughed at his defeat the children were around
one with a hoe and the other with a broom but the
turkey was too quick for them. I would like to have
been with you and Sam to "take in" some of the Anniversary
week meetings especially the Peace Refugee Meeting and the
dinner. How the list of all speakers names does
not one to thinking what a mixed lot these Unitarian
Unitarians are any way. Bartol, Savage, Hale, ^{Sumner} Jones
and the Pope, Conway, and their work two extremes, where can
they mix any way? What do you hear of Clifford these
days. Ill but George was in high feather on that Canton
trip with his camera taking snap shots at the old
funeral spots. Sorry to hear such a gloomy case of Helen
Munaford it is a pity that old mentworth such graspingly
die. I don't blame you folk the least decision to live in
Canton or regard that we left there did you?

Give our love to Agnes and tell her that Jane will
answer her letter. If I should write to her tonight I could
hardly add anything to what I have already written and I presume
she is still at Mrs. Hudsons and will get what letter they may be in
this. We surely do not forget her, and wish that she
could make us a visit. I believe she would enjoy
a little of this West any way Love to all affectionately
John



Mrs Sam Dale Stevens
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Big Spring, Neb. Dec. 14th 1892

My dear Amy-

You will be surprised
to hear that a boy came to us today
noon. Mrs. Sumner and I were alone.
we telegraphed for a Dr. to Julesburg
but he has not yet arrived and we
have wired him not to come. We had
very little trouble and every thing seems
all right now. We were not at all
prepared as we did not expect the
fever come then or four weeks yet. Early
this morning came the fever all at once and we
sent for Mrs. E. who got here about 9 o'clock
and at 12.30 every thing was all over
and now James is resting quite comfortably.
The baby (George Abbot) seems to be doing
nicely. His mouth, his ears, quite healthy
but these youngsters are always

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honestly at first, I think Jesus in
very much planneth that it is a boy,
and of course I am. Mrs G & I were
naturally quite anxious when we found
that the Dr. would not get here
in time. So much for this time
and it enough?

Yours with love
John

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My dear Amy:-

You will probably be a little surprised to receive a letter from me just now, but John has been and is so busy he asked me to write you a note.

We were very much surprised last Wednesday when little "George" put in his appearance for we had not expected him for a month yet, don't know how it happened, but I am glad it is all over and will soon be up again.

He weighed 8 lbs and seems to be doing nicely, the children think him fine, The first day he looked so blue Amy hardly

knew

what to think of him and came to me and said She thought Grand-ma better change him for a white girl baby. I guess he will have to depend on the bottle as I don't have enough to satisfy him. Was in hopes to have enough for a few months, any way, through the winter as it is pretty cold getting up some nights to warm milk. He has been very good so far, hardly know he is around.

Received a note from Sam this morning, also a letter from Aggie with very surprising news, which is splendid if it all ends well and I do hope ^{it} well. we also received a telegram from Geo. Congratulating us. Of course we are pleased to have it a boy as we are pretty well supplied with girls. We have no Dr. here now so in the morning when I began to

to feel as though something might happen, we sent for Mother and telegraphed to Julesburg for a dr. who could not come till after dinner, but the boy arrived at noon. John thought he and Mother got along so well and everything seemed right so telegraphed to him not to come, you see we are getting pretty smart.

I intended to get something to send to Carrie & Hattie but having to go to bed sooner than expecting to will have to send only cards. We were all invited to my cousin's to take dinner Xmas but I have given up going.

Shall be obliged to stop now with love and best wishes from all to all. Lovingly
Jessie -