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Dear Jesse.

I have just been reading some of your letters that have come during the winter and this spring.

They are such a comfort to me that I like to read them especially since Papa passed on. and I am wishing to night that I was with you but guess it is too long a trip for me to take alone and Geo. needs me here for a while, any way as he has no one to do his house work yet; he is busy in the field in sowing some flax on his spring plowing will likely get it all done this week if nothing happens to prevent. It is now 9.20 P.M. and he is still running the tractor. The kids will finish school for this year this week. There will be

home all the time. It is  
awful lone some here without  
Papa and I miss him so much  
more than I can tell.

Bertha and Howard came  
Sat. night and stayed till  
Sunday night. Fannie stayed  
ten weeks with me and it  
was lonesome than ever when  
she left. She has been gone two  
weeks now. I am feeling well  
now as usual. and Bertha says  
I am looking well. maybe it is  
because I am out in the country  
and have got tanned up some  
as the wind has been putting  
some color in my face and  
on my hands. - I am living  
on soups and soft-foods as I  
went to a dentist and had the  
rest of my teeth pulled before  
Left Billings and my gums  
are not healed yet. and I have  
no lower teeth so have to eat  
soft foods that dont need chewing

(3)  
Geo. hasn't done any thing  
about the business yet - as he  
has been busy getting his crop  
in and will get at it in a few  
days likely the first of next  
week. I will be very glad when  
he can get to it. and am anx-  
ious to ~~know~~ have it settled  
up and think it will loosen  
the strain some for you -

You wrote some time ago  
about the survey. I think if  
it will be all right. you can  
sell it. The cost for it and the  
harness was near \$300.00  
either a little more or a  
little less but near that figure  
but if you sell it - put a price  
on it that you would if it was  
yours - and the piano and  
sewing machine are mine  
bought with my money and I  
would be glad to have you dispose  
of them for what ever they are  
worth. The bedstead and mattress

could be (4) disposed of also  
I would like to keep the feather  
bed and quilts and pillows  
The piano cost me \$150.00 but  
suppose it isn't worth as much  
now as it is several years  
older now. my dishes all but a  
few keepers could also be sold  
If you think you can sell  
them for me I will send a  
list of the things. I hate to put  
that much more on your  
shoulders as I think you  
have about all you can do  
now. I am glad Howard came  
and would be very glad for  
all of the rest of you to come  
and wish you could have  
been here when we were going  
through the hard times

It is now ten o'clock and  
Geo has just got me from  
the field and he says tell you  
that one reason he had been  
delayed in the business is

(5)  
that the attorney that he ~~you~~  
~~the~~ talked to, had had made  
arrangements with for getting  
up the information needed  
very suddenly and he hasnt  
had time to see another one  
The ~~had~~ attorney had taken it to  
the court and appointed Geo.  
as administrator. And they  
were to finish up by corresponding  
after Geo. moved here. Then  
since he moved the attorney  
died and he has been so very  
busy with his crops since that  
it has delayed him and he  
will soon be through with  
the seeding then will get busy  
and push it along as fast as  
possible he said till you he  
meant to have answered your  
letter before this but hasnt  
~~seemed to find time for it~~  
either but he will soon be out  
of the rush of ranch work then  
will get busy with the business

Hellie said in her last letter  
that Herbert hadnt answered  
your letter about the business  
there as he hadnt decided  
yet what to do about it.

Now I am getting my board  
from Geo. that is he is boarding  
me for doing the work as  
long as I can stay - and I  
am wondering if you can  
send me a check for say  
\$25.00 once a month ~~all~~ as  
long as I stay here. When I  
get through here I will likely  
go to Billings, there likely my  
expenses will be some more  
as I will have to help with  
the expense of living there  
but maybe the business will be  
settled by that time. Do you  
have an idea that you will  
sell out? It seems to me that  
would be the easiest for you  
if you can find a buyer. I wonder

if it would (7) be a good idea  
to advertise it in some of the  
papers in the U.S. when the  
time comes that is if you  
want to sell - but do whatever  
you think is best - about it.  
I don't think Howard cares  
to go back to Cuba as far as  
Cuba is concerned he seems  
to like the U.S. quite well and  
wishes you were here too -

I sure wish we <sup>were</sup> closer together  
some could visit some -

Papa had decided to go back  
to Cuba this next fall. before  
he was taken sick. He seemed  
to suffer so in his sickness but  
~~after~~ he when he passed away  
it was so quiet and then there  
was such a peaceful happy look  
on his face after it was all  
over. I do so wish you could  
have seen him - but our Heavenly  
Father knows what is best and



is ever ready and willing  
to help us through the hard  
places. I was so glad so many  
of our children were with us  
and would have been glad  
if you and Walter could  
have been here too -

Well it is nearly eleven and  
I must go to bed so as to get  
up in the morning in time  
to get the kids off to school  
guess you will be tired of reading  
when you get this read.

With love and best-wishes  
to you all.

from

Mamma -

Hope to hear from you

soon - My watch works  
fine and I like it as a wrist-  
watch all right. Let me know  
if you want the job and buttons you  
sent to Papa or if there is any thing  
else of his you would like.