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January 27, 1930.

Dear Brother Jesse:-

Well it has been such a long time since I heard from you that it seems to me that it is high time that some one limbered up along the line.

Noticed down in the post office the other day a new air mail schedule for the West Indies, and South America; so I got a real sound hunch that I better get busy and try it out; and help poor old Uncle Sam to keep his courage up; and perhaps some time I can persuade him to ~~me~~ along bodily; if I do my part now.

Wish we could exchange some out last two weeks sub zero weather for a box of grape fruit; and a few other Cuban commodities.

Have been tied up in the house mostly myself for some ⁷ three weeks with flu; pleurisy; etc; and in fact going thru a general reconstruction period such as one of about my age ought to go thru. Had a basic setting of hardening of the arteries, over weight etc.; that was needing some changes of diet; more regular hours etc.; so am making a real cleanup of it.

Ariel and Allen are camping in Wheaton and are in High School. Ariel is somewhat of an athlete; and is one of the prize runners. He is most scrupulous about his diet; and has been showing me some things about mine, hence the change.

Joe, David, and Lewis are here with me. I had no thought of being here this winter; but was suddenly awarded large well contract about 10 miles west of here in October, without competition; for an 8" hole, to produce at least 80 g.p.m. I protested about the size, telling them that it should have been 10" but to no avail. There is lots of sulfur water in the first 400' in this vicinity; the first dependable water being at about 1000'. So we came over on the job, and at 270' got into an awful mess of it. Black sulfur water, mud pocket filled with sulfur mud; stuck sand bucket, and loose bit. We fished around in that mess for about a month, and I still told them that I would whip the thing out and finish the hole there if they said so; but that after the reductions were all in that they could not possibly hope for anything like 80 G.P.M. So they called the hole off; paid me up in full for it; and gave me a new contract amounting to about \$7,000 for drilling alone, besides about \$2,000 worth of pipe. Will have to get another machine for this job as our other one is too light--am expecting to get a new Keystone #5¹/₂.

We are waiting now for the contractor to get the pump house foundations out of the way; but will soon be under way again now.

Stephen is in New York with the Colonial Radio Co. as chief designing engineer. Has just finished a wonderful automatic coil winding machine. He was here with us for Thanksgiving. He is certainly a big one--nearly 200 pounds. Next to him, Lewis is the big one. Certainly have much to praise God for in my six big boys.

Well if the air mail shoots true you will soon have this hand; and so I close now; as there is not much time to get it in for tonight.

Will be glad to hear from you soon. Remember us to all the friends there; and tell Lorena that I think I wrote her last. Anyway would be glad to hear from her again. Have not heard from Nell for a long time.

Love and prayers,
Sincerely,

Clarence W. Crosby