

Willow Springs, Mo

Dec 7. 1921.

My dear Sister & Hubert.

I feel like I want to drop in on you a little nearer Christmas and wish you a happy time. hope you are better of the flu so you can enjoy a good time, I seem to have had the flu for 3 years steady, but I believe I'm getting the best of it.

My last had so much snake in it that it wasn't like a chat with you. I read with pleasure Lord Hugh Cecil's speech and with your notes on it I think it good. If the large countries really want peace as they profess I think it can be accomplished. but there's Russia & Germany to be reckoned with some day, but I think we shall be at rest before then.

I do wish business would start up

So Hubert can get into action again
I suppose he is insured against
unemployment, but that doesn't do a
fellow as much good as work does
he couldn't do any better here for
there are millions out of work here. I
noticed in yesterday's paper when several
thousand packing house employees had
struck and the paper states there were
two men applied for each vacant place
I can't sell any farm product. Cattle
are selling for one cent per lb delivered
at Kansas City. So the freight would
cost more than that. am waiting for
weather cold enough to butcher a beef
for our own use. It will be quite a job
for we shall have to can most of it as
we have so small a family six of us
now but the boys will soon be leaving us
I suppose I told you that Francis & his
boy was visiting us for the winter.

I can drive the car on good roads
O.K. but oh! These roads. The folks all
went to town today. I told them they
had better take a pair of big strong
horses and buggy. but no! the car would
go quicker and the consequence was
they got in a mud hole with mud above
axle and were stuck for half an hour
and hauled home finally with mud all
over themselves + car. had to run car in
pond to clean it and I told the folks
they ought to be dipped too. for taking
the car out. For one can scarcely get
to town on horseback. It has rained for
days. and the new graded road is
just a long stretch of soft mud
where in many places a horse sinks in
to its knees. Ill not be able to use the car
this winter.

Yes, I received the newspapers O.K. Thanks
always forgot to mention them.

I wish I could furnish your fuel you
shouldn't have cold fingers. no expense
here except cutting and hauling. just
help yourself to all the wood you want
so we always have a big fire in the
old fireplace. The lightning struck the
chimney the other night and came down
the chimney and blew a hole in the fire
place breast blew two wheelbarrows full of
stone out. It took us all day to build it
up again. Lightning also came in on the
telephone wire and exploded like a gun
in the room. I had the switch outside
turned to ground it but it jumped
the switch. It struck a large oak tree
and left it a pile of splinters and the
telephone wire passed close by the tree so
when it was struck the wire rec'd a heavy
charge. It was a severe storm. I never
got up to see the fun tho'. hardly awoke
Merry Christmas. Good bye and best
wishes for the New Year Uncle Sam
Love.