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My Dear Bill.

Your letter of Jan 19th. received by me Feb 7th. so you can see that we do not have very good mail service up here only 2 Boats a month into Skagway. the steam ships Companys are like every thing else they have very little Buisness up this coast as well as every where else so do not run only when they have a little buisness. but i was sure glad to hear that your self and famley are still in the land of liveing and still able to struggle along these panaky times. at that you are much luckyer than lots of people that i hear from in differnt parts of this wicked old world. it is sure tuff diggens in California and south-ern states in fact in all states as well as every where else. i do not know what is going to happen if there is not some ease up in next year or so. people is not going to stand this muck longer. i only hope that the new Goverment under Roosevelt whip will take the kinks out of every thing and the country begins to move along againe in peace and harmoniney and things will get so that people can live againe. there is on cause for people starveing as they are the world over. I never did like that man Hoover and never will since he let the world get into such a shape as it is at the present time. and i do fell that Roosevelt and his party will loosen every thing up againe in next year or so.

Well Bill I was not very much surprised to hear that you have another child and if you keep on you will sure restore the name of Bumans in this world. but being as you are a farmer you have lots of land to let the childers graze on so keep the good work up Bill and good luck in another 10 years you can sit back and let the kids do the work if you train them right as you was trained when you was a kid. but do not let them run wild on you as the kids has in the past 25 years. as you know Bill the kids now days are not worth feeding the way they are brought up. when i was a kid they sure give me plenty to do and it did not hurt me very much only feeling. i thought at that time that my people was trying to work me to death but i can see now it done me good. for if it had of hurt me i would not be able to wrestle a paterpillar over these roads at the age of 53 years old. i think that it is a good thing to train a childs body as well as it head. and that one of our troubles today we have trained our childern heads to much and not enough in the bodies. I have now Bill gave you my picture of kids now days as i see them. so will now tell you something about other things.

I have not been home since last Oct 20th. was here at this place untill Jan 16th. runing the roadhouse. but on the Jan 16th. one of the boys runing on cat-erpillar got killed a chaine on the back, broke going up a hill and the sled went back down the hill up sitting with the load on top of him and before the other fellow could get the load off of him he was dead. so the Company but another fellow here running the roadhouse and put me on the road. they run the mail in Relayes between Whitehorse & Dawson another fellow and my self runs it 90 miles in two days we run between Yukon Crossing & and the Junction but it is sure a hilley country and ruff road we make it in two day going and two day comeing so it gives us three days.

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to our selves. it is a hard job and that and the three days rest does not hurt us. as we have had a cold winter. from Nov 1st to March 5th. it was from Zero to 72 Below only three days all winter when it got above Zero but since March 5th. we have had fine weater one day it went 68 above. but we have had very little snow only about 15 inches so that help a lot. since going on the road i have killed 5 wolfs. 3 Black. One Gray. and One almost white they are sure big ones and all butties well fured. there is lots of wolf but they are cunning when they hear the Cat comeing they beat it but i have killed all that i have got shots at. we see hundreds of Caribou each trip the little barren land caribou. they are what the wolf are after we offer see moose but have only killed one for the roadhouses. but i will kill all the wolfs that i can as there is \$25.00 bounty on them. but I, am not going to turn mine in for the bounty as i think that i can get more money for them selling them as they are such fine skins. I will be down here untill the wind up witch will be around May 15th. with out i get a spring bear hunting party as i have two parties writeing who want to come up on spring hunt and if one of them comes then i will quit before may 15th up to date i have no contracts with hunting parties for comeing season but hope to close with some party or parties before long as i have had letters up to days from 16th differnt hunting parties. you may have a Dr O.W. Esslinger. of Cedar Rapids Iowa call on you as he and his wife wants to come up here with me the comeing season so i wrote him to run over and have a talk with you and also see your trophies that you got up here and that you could tell him all about the trip and what kind of a fellow i was to be out on a hunting trip with. so it may be possable that he will call on you or write you about trip up here.

I sure was glad Bill to hear that you had such a good crop past season but sorry that prices were so rotten on all farm product. but as you say prices are bum on every thing. Silver foxes that brought as high as \$500. in 25. will not bring now over \$60.00 and all other fur is the same prices are down to nothing some fur is not worth skinning.

I have not herd from H.O. Harrison for over a year now but things were very bad with him the last time i herd from him he was about broke so i guess that he is all in by now. those cattle put him on the bum.

Old Joe Beauchamp. is back out at bear creek he had to take the place back as the party that he sold out to could not make their payments. the Jacquots are still out at Kluane Lake both married squaws and have a flock of kids now. Johnie Frazzer is still at Champlane. Roy Churchill is around whitehorse Bill Sernick is in Mayo Y.T. and Pete. Draper. is out in B.C. come where. sorry to hear about Marshall. Graham. bad health. but do not feel sorry about Caraway as i thought that he was a very poor stick of a man. last i ever head from Pat he was in Los Angeles Cal.

Well Bill you can sure look for us some time in next Nov if every thing goes as i expect them to the comeing season as we want to get to the Chicago fair before it closes. but do not expect you to keep us as there will be five of us in the party. Dave. Stevens. & Wife. no doubt you will rember him he is a conductor on white pass R.Ry. and was when you were up here the Stevens are great friends of out and we are makeing the trip togther so we will call and see you but do not expect us to stop with you as there is to many of us in party but we will stop and spend a few hours with you. so when we come i sure will have a rock for you collection and it will be a good rock to. we are all looking foward to a great trip next winter.

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I do not want to to think Bill that I, am rushing you by my answering so soon but being as i have lots of time just now thought it would be better to answer now as after May i expect to be pretty busy the rest of season.

I suppose that you fellows back there gets a great kick out of your hunts after Fox & wolf & coyotes with hounds i know that when i wes a kid in Mo it was the happyest times of my life when we kids could get a pack of huunds and go rabbit or coon or possom hunting we would have the time of our young sweet life. but those were the days Bill when any thing pleased us kids. when i was a kid it was agenst the law to run hounds on Sunday but my self and a cousin would sneek off with a hound or two after rabbits but when we came back home what a tune they would play on the seat of out pants with that old hickery stick boy o boy how they would knock the dust out of our parts and leave a good mark on the hide to but it never stoped my cousin and me we would do it over the next sunday but i guess that he and my self was the worst boys in clay county Mo. for we were allways into trouble and getting a good lickin if i did not get a good lickin about once a week things were breaking pretty good with me. but i would like to be able againe to have a good old coon & possom hunt with hounds. Sousians Band never sounded as good to me as a bunch of hounds runing after a coon or possom. at night. i had a coon almost drown me one night in a creek but never the less i liked it.

Well Bill i do not want you to think that I, am writeing you a news paper but my head is working pretty good today as well as my body. so if you get tired of reading today you can finish it tomorrow. you did not say a word about your Father & Mother are they still alive and liveing in Cal.

Well Bill think of nothing else at this time so will close for now some day when it is raining between now and next Oct you can drop me a few lines and let me know how things are going with you. if we come on the trip next fall we will leave whitehorse around Oct 10th. for seattle where we will buy our Auto for the trip. so good bye old Top for now with our best wishes to your self and famley.

yours very truly

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