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CAMP JUST LIKE HOME

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TENNANT, IOWA.

DEAR OLD FRIEND, BILL.

It had been so long since i had herd from you that i thought that you had forgotten my name and address it had been over a year since i wrote you and when i never herd from you i said to my self ~~that~~ that big stiff if i had him againe out on the Gernic Glacier with that big Grizzly comeing at him againe with no Tree to clime i would let that Bear eat him up and then maby he wished that he had of wrote to that Guy that encourged him on to kill the bear to keep it from eating us both, but never the less Bill we were very glad to hear from you and to know that the world is looking up and that every thing is all O.K. with you and that you are doing well for your country. hope the next ONE is a boy. their is two things that you IOWAIANS can do and that is raise CORN AND KIDS if more of the world was like IOWA the world would be better off, but these big citys with their sewers are no good for raiseing kids.

well Bill i dont hardly know how to start to tell all of the news. i had a very good season last year, was out with EDISON MARSHALL the writer on short spring Bear hunt guess that you seen his story in outdoor life in Feb Issue then i had TWO parties on Fall Hunt i was with R. Y. STRUBLE and wife of FREDRICKTOWN OHIO and i had a Man Name OFFICER in charge of WM WAGNER party of BAYSIDE NEW YORK we had fine luck with both parties got the limet of every ^{thing} and some very fine Trophies we had great luck on Bear STRUBLES got 4 Grizzlys and ONE Black and WAGNERS got 6 Grizzlys and ONE Black these was the first Black Bear that I have ever gotten with hunting parties since i have been up in this TERRITORY, we also got fine SHEEP, GOAT, MOOSE, and CARIBOU, it was a good year for big HEADS, had PETE DRAPER with WAGNER party and he and OFFICER did not get along well it was funny as they were old friend and were togher for several years in on Livenston Creek but for some unknown reason they did not hitch it, ~~i~~ think that both of them has stayed to long up in this country so after the trips was over they both went outside PETE went to VANCOUVER and is working in a Sawmill and OFFICER is in JENEAU working in the MINES, i had to get in last summer 18 HEAD of HORSES and i will tell you Bill i sure got some fine ones all big stout horses and all young all 4 and 5 year old, on last OCT 15th, my self and MRS left here and went to CAL for Three Months left JAMES here in school we had a fine time while in CAL we got back up here on Jan 16th, and it was 25 BELOW the night we got back and it never stoped untill it went to 68 BELOW ZERO and stayed around 60 BELOW for 18 Days it had been the coldest winter up here since the early days of the KLONDYKE and since the first of FEB their has been lots of snow about 18 inches on the level, i had all of my horses across the river from TOWN had 36 head over their and it was to many for the range so i had Five head DIE that is i cant find FIVE head so think that they are dead, i have had XX fine luck with the horses that i got when you were up here have only lost FIVE of them that MAUD MAIR Died the winter you were up here and last winter GINGER BUCKS mate got drownded i had him and BUCK hired out to the WHITE PASS and they broke through the ICE on the YUKON RIVER and GINGER drownded before they could get him out, and this winter EAGLE, BUGS, AND WHITE PONTO DIED and TWO new horses Died, so i think that i, am very lucky i had to being in 7 head and feed and stable them for a month to keep them from Dieing, but you know i have that ranch and i put up about 5 Ton of feed on it and that helps a

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LOT when feed cost \$138.00, a TON layed down here from VANCOUVER, the JACQUOTT BROS lost a lot of horses this winter so i have been told and every body that has horses lost heavy this winter and as i said before i think that i come out very lucky with my bunch, i will have another good season this year as i have TWO parties one party of three from CAL Man Name EDMANDS and his wife and a friend and i will use 22 head of horses with them and i have a man name STURET from PARIS FRANCE by him self so will use 12 head of horses with him makeing 34 head working so will do good againe this comeing season, will be with the party of three my self and will have a man name EARNEST HOGG with other man from PARIS, i have not herd from MIKE KNOWLES for THREE years dont know if he is around MCCARTHY yet or not suppose that he is, have never herd from none of the party that was with you on your trip, did not hear any thing of FLARETY around LOS ANGELES he may be around there but you know it is a big city Bill we were there for 5 weeks was down to SAN DEIGO for a week if i had of only knowen that your Father and Mother was there we sure of looked them up as we had lots of time while there, was in FRESNO TWO WEEKS and TWO WEEKS in FRISCO ONE WEEK in VENICE and a WEEK IN SEATTLE had fine time while away and spent plenty of money while on the trip, i, am thinking of geting a TRUCK to use between here and Bear Creek have a GRAHAM TRUCK in mind what TRUCK is the most used around your part of the world and most thought of for rough useage that is a ONE TON TRUCK i want a TRUCK that i can go to Bear Creek with in one day and back in a day if the roads are bad and power is what is needed on that road i want a TRUCK that has the power and the GRAHAM TRUCK has 35 Horse Power so it should take a TON any where, the REO TRUCK is a poplar ONE TON TRUCK in CAL, and the FORD ONE TON TRUCK is a poplar TRUCK up here but they have got to walk back from trips to much to suit me, so i want to get a TRUCK that i can go with and not haft to walk back from trip, so let me know what TRUCK that you think best for Rough useage.

BIG BILL the horse wrangler is out side around VANCOUVER B.C. some where ROY CHURCHILL in LIVENSTON CREEK and JOHNIE FRAZER is out at CHAMPAINE he has not worked for me since your trip or he has not been with a hunting party since, he made a good Fur Ketch this winter, FUR is a good price this winter some of these INDIANS made as high as \$5000.00, and none of the under \$1000. the INDIANS has more money than the whites around this neck of the woods. if you want FUR for your wife Bill never get nothing but Mink as it is the best looking and wearing Fur that a women can get Mink cost around \$10.00. for NUMBER ONE SKINS and it takes about 12 to 15 Skins to make the best set of FURS for a women, the Beauchamps are still alive but Joe was Bitten pretty bad by a Dog this winter but he is all right againe now, OLD SHORTY CHAMBERS is still out at CHAMPAINE he is geting pretty OLD looking but he is a tuff old nut and may live for 10 years longer, i cant think of no more news to tell you Bill so will close for this time we all send our best wishes to you and your famley, the MRS said to tell you to call the next child if it a boy ABERHAM JEFFERSON HA HA WILLIAM.

yours truly friend.

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P.S. I am going to take JAMES with me this season on trip and make a horse wrangler out of him, he is 15 years old and a big boy for his age.

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