

as a general thing are let alone unless one
gets to much and is alone. that was the
Case with our lad last night left the
Board. well I have now said more than
I ought and will soon close for this
time hoping those few straws will
find you in as good health as it leaves
me. I saw one of the girls to nightth
I told her that you was happy and one
said she thought she could make you so
if you was sick. to morrow is Sunday and
I will soon be at liberty again. I will
try and say something more interesting in
my next. my regards to you hoping to
hear from you soon as convenient good night
or morning rather. I will soon retire in good
order I am Respectfully yours
E. M. C. L.

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Fort Dodge Kansas
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Well, E. M.

This fine September evening
finds me on guard, and to pass
my half of the night. I thought to
reply to yours of the 5th inst which
came to hand in due time, and found
me all O.K. and pleased to hear that
you was well and enjoying yourself.
as I said I am on guard and the
country is safe from all harm. I
have to don the armor about once
a week and march forth to do
battle. it gives me courage (in a
fige trunk) to think of the troubles
and trials I have to enjoy in the
defense of such a glorious cause. But
this is not noticing your letter

I regretted to learn that Samuel S. was so low, also Mrs Sampson, pleased to hear that Abba Welch was recovering no doubt on I return that many of our aged towns people will be laid away to rest. many has gone since I left.

Well there is nothing to cause any excitement in this locality all is quiet and enjoying themselves finely and for that reason my remarks will be rather brief. hope you will have that Threshing before you get this. Excuse me for omitting the Machine. the (Skuties) are too numerous to mention just now I think they will change their base of operations before morning.

Do you think of coming out this way and organizing a Barber Shop I do not know but you could make a name if there was only one shop in the ancient City of

Dodge but as the population is not very large I am of the opinion that it would not pay. Dodge City as they call it is five miles from the post but does not look half as far you can judge for yourself how long it is. about 3 years. and I think five hundred people such as they are. I will tell you what a barber will charge you for a shave and cut your hair \$1.00. and cut your throat for .50. And I noticed that one of our boys was down town last night and came home this morning with his eye closed and head cut for nothing (so he says), they do not think ^{nothing} of shooting a man or any one else in this country you go in town and you will see no one but what has one or more six shooters girded about his loins. I tell you Ed. these frontier towns are hard places and are mostly made up of cut throats. horse thieves. pick pockets and such like they never trouble the soldiers for they go in large crowds and