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Laurel center
Brotherston, Wis., Mon Sept 4, 1881

Friend Dick I received your letter in due time and it has been so long since I got it that I have forgot what was in it so I have got to write again we are all well at this date we are having rather bad weather just now what wheat has been thrashed is no 1 and sells at 1.06 to 1.10 the new R.R. is being shored as fast as possible wages is as follows Shovelers 2.00 team and Wagon 4.00 Plow team 4.25 men and team wanted ^{say} that they will work all winter in the cuts I am trying to learn to play a tennor & am getting along slow but shure now ed I want you to copy and send to me ~~the~~ the music called

Taping on the Window pain
I want the ^{full} number of parts you
copy and send to me and what ever
your charge is I will make it
all right I shall come back this
fall and settle up my business
there & like it here and think
that I will go in business on my own
hook we have big times hunting
ducks and chicken & have got so
I can bet a chicken most every
shot on the wing there was an
old bear the other day that was
408 years old tell the boys to
come West and live to be old men
well ed this town dont have Sunday
picnics every thing if church has
Sundays and it makes it pleasant
to churches here John send his
regard to all inquiring friends
tell the boys to be good and not fight
For it is bad for the  well it makes
no difference what I will bring my letter
to a close hoping to hear from you soon
Oly Sprague