

reminds me of old times this is the
 opportunity I have had to say since
 I came away, well this can't be
 very interesting and will close for
 this time hoping the few and
 poorly composed lines may
 reach you in due time and
 find you in as good health
 as it leaves me my kindest regards
 do to you hoping to hear from
 you soon as convenient excuse
 my scratching for I am in a hurry
 for this to leave in this morning's
 mail no mail East to morrow
 yours Truly
 (L. C. D.)

E. M. Webb
 Brocton town
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Fort Dodge Kansas
 July 24th 1875

Well, E. M.

To day find me in a different
 location from what I was the last
 time I wrote you and in a different
 state of mind, and things in general are a
 little more so to make a long story short
 we moved from Larned June 29th and
 came here the 30 by Rail. and took
 quarters for the summer and I hope
 for the winter, and then they can go
 where the Woodbine Smith for what I
 care. Fort Dodge is situated on North
 bank of the raging Arkansas River
 is finely located for a Frontier Post
 and "Big" is quite brisk at the time of
 going to press troops are changing
 stations 1st comes the 5th U.S. Cavalry
 from Arizona and now the 6th is taking
 their place, 4. Cos are here preparing to
 leave by the 28th inst and you see
 that we have plenty of company

and a rather Company of Cavalry is
expected from Camp Supply Indian
Territory, to day, and all is on the wing,
and now and then a Pigeon wing, at
least you would thought so had you been
here last night, and a week ago as
the 6th Cavalry one leaving of course had
to give their farewell hop, and to
return the Compliment we gave our in
return and Co. F. 5th Cav. gave me
and of all, I think there never was a
bigger a crowd enjoyed themselves better
and everything went off, O.K. Had
room for 4 Sitt. and floor was
crowded Officers and all came and
fetched their wives and joined, so
you see that we are not (dead if we
be shut) as "Joe, Manager" used to
say

Well now I will notice your letter
came to hand yesterday and found me
right side up with care and glad
to hear from you again and to learn
that you was enjoying yourself, and
saw the famous Fourth

as I did not see much for the simple
reason he did come this way, but, I
did see the 5th and had quite a time
so you had quite a time and came out
victorious. Bully for you. I had heard
about that game with your neighbors
and was aggravated, to a great extent
however the one that gave it to me did
credit it at the time, you must had
quite a time, Pic. picking. Hope you will
continue the good work and some day
not far distant I may be able to
lend a helping hand as I am nearly
done picking in this locality. I do
not think I will spend another 4th in
this Country, still I have enjoyed my-
self finely since I came here may-
be because I found an lady here from
the Badger State and do not let the
leisure hours pass unnoticed. She used
to live at Ripon and I seldom see
any one from that Country and she
the same. She came here last winter or
spring and what I like, she is a
good singer and understands music