

well I cant write much more
this time for I want this to
go out this ~~evening~~ mail and
will close hoping this find lies
may find you in as good health
as it leaves me my regards
to you and all, hoping to hear
from you soon as possible. I am
Hortly yours
L. C. Dick

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Port Dodge Kas
Sunday February 20th 1876

Friend Ed.

Your kind and welcome
letter has been received, and in
reply, I can say that I was, as
usual pleased to hear from you
again and to learn that you
was enjoying good health, and
having such fine times. I hope
that you may continue in the good
cause, time must pass more lively
with you. I would not mind if
I was there to take a part, that is
when you come to the good part
as the old saying is, the best part
is the part that gets over the fence
last. I suppose that you know
(how it is myself)

well since I last wrote you there
has nothing transpired to cause any
excitement and for that reason I can-
not tell you much that would be of interest
and my remarks will be short and
like losses, as to day is Sunday and
I have no church to attend, and
after a little while I will take a stroll
around among them, and try and pass
the time in such manner as may
present itself. yes by the way you
spoke about my going to join an
Expedition, etc. I think some of it
or did but certain parties objected
and I have partly given up the idea
I think that is to much like
soldiering the Expedition is of an
Exploratory nature and would be
gone 8 months, but good pay - I
now think I will join an Explor-
ing Expedition of my own
How is that for high

and be subject to orders from per-
son but my self.. Oh yes by the way
a certain young Lady ask me who
my Correspondent was I told her
and she say that I must tell you
that she sends her love to you and
that she is now flying around
getting dinner (but do the old say-
ing is) tearing your shirt I could
not say about that. well we are now
having fine weather as you say I
never saw finer winter weather in
all of my travels, there has been
no snow since the first of December
and I think we will not see any more
this winter

So Hank is in with
Charles I do not remember him but
I know him by reputation and
guess that if one see him once they
would know him for ever more