

8 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. Wednesday night, Dec. 29th 1886

(TREASURY) My dear Daughter,

I begin my triweekly
to night. Have been home only a few minutes from
Denton, where the P. A. S. met this P. M. A good
attendance. A splendid supper, not over when I left
about half hour ago - with confectionaries, wines
eggs &c to follow. My whole household in-
cluding Betty were there. Left all behind. They
will be home about 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 10. I expect.

The following persons were at Denton. Bruce
& Mamie (to whom the entertainment was partly
given, & more elaborately prepared.) Dr. D. Pattie
Lizzie & Bob, from River Springs. Miss Palmer Sam
& Larry from Friendly Hall. Martha, Lucy L.
Aminie Blakestone Rose, Betty, Frank & myself
from Burlington. Mary, Marshall & Francis
from Oakley. Capt. L. wife & two daughters, Ned
Burch & R. H. Garner, in all, 25 or 26. The third
Table was full when I left, & I think I have not named
all. Doris (I know your big mouth will water) had
stuffed ham, Turkey, raw & stewed oysters, slough
pickles, jellies, collards, sausages, & all the usual

accompaniments of an elegant meat supper.
Confections &c. were to follow. Music vocal,
& piano in full blast, and all in full enjoyment
when I left. Lucy L. & Annie B. came up here Tuesday
P.M. & will return to River Springs to night. To morrow
They are expected to dine at Billingsley Garner's.

We are all invited ~~to~~ Friday evening, to friendly
Hall. Mr & Mrs Reed & Miss Lomas were expected
at Denton, but were not - probably, on account
of the threatening aspect of the clouds, which
have resulted in snow ~~not~~ falling.

Thursday morning. All well. My folks got home
about 12 last night. I had been to bed an hour,
but had a good fire. Martha says, Dossie had
an elegant confectionary table, with the usual
Kinas accompaniments. All enjoyed them-
selves very much. Dossie & Grace sent me
good bundles of confections by Martha,
which I have put away, not to dry up,
but to enjoy, either by myself, or some child
even. We have quite a sleet this morning.
It looks very much like more snow.

All that were at Denton last night,
are invited to Capt. Palmer's to morrow
evening. Martha says she can't go. This
will stop Mary & Rose from going, I expect.
I don't expect to go.

Marshall was, or seemed to be getting over his
cold & neuralgia yesterday.

Have no clue to the robbery of Mrs Boswicks of
28¢ from her trunk, & fear she will not be so
fortunate this time, as she was before.

The Steamers are still running, & carrying
good freight. But I don't think they can
continue much longer, as there is so much
ice in the upper part of the river, it is hard
work for the Steamers to break their way
through it.

Little Lillie Palmer sent, as she calls herself,
sent me by Frank Dent, a nice box of grapes &c.

With love & best wishes to all, & a kiss to little
Fanny M. I am

yr affec^{tn} Pa

John F. Dent