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have to buy it is not much Jim last
week laid out 22 Dollars for Shoes & Boots
& 20 more for clothes for him and the
Boys the girls & me have got nothing
yet but I am going to trade this week
it would ^{take} 90¢ just to make us comfortable
for the winter but we will have to do
with less we are having pleasant weather
now altho we have had 2 good Snow
Storms Jim hauled Wood all one
day with his Bobs there was 3 weeks
cold rainy time and now we are having
Indian Summer we have not got all
our potatoes dug yet but will finish
tomorrow we will have about 200 Bush
and the same of Turnip & Carrots together
Jim has only done one day plowing
this fall Wallace has plowed about 30 acres
and the feds pretty large I tell you Jim
has been round thrashing for the last 3
weeks he bought him a Reeper this fall
and he is preparing his ground for it he will
get him a Sower this Spring the Reeper is
worth 140 the Sower 85 Dollars then he can work
with some ease now Allen I must close
as I want to write a few lines to Mary
all join me in much love to you I remain
your ever loving Sister Kate write soon

Springvale

My Dear Brother Allen

will enclose
with your
reply

I received your letter
in due time & also your first letter but
had not answered it well I feel pleased
to think you have got home and more
altho it would have been more pleasant
to have got home in the Spring than just
as cold weather is coming on but then
Allen it may be all for the best now I
hope you will stick to your promise and
come and make me that visit you have
promised me so long I hope you will not
think of settling out there till you come
and see this Country I think you would
like here first rate I was really in hopes
Josey would come here before he thought
of buying there he would have done much
better here than there even if he had gone
to work by the day you cant hire a Man
for less than 12 Shillings per day even to
thresh the wayes in Harvest is never less

than 2 Dollars a day even with A & the
would not have to work very hard and have
A good living here you can raise anything
in the shape of grain there you cant grow
much of anything without A great deal of
hard labor & then I would not live in
Porter at no rate & I dont think you
will like to live there I think when Walt
comes home he will come out here and
settle even if he works at his trade he will
do better and live cheaper than he can East
if I were you I never would go to work
in the Mill it would be the last resort. And
there is no one now to bind her there now her
Mother is gone and go where you can do
best & that is not the Mill you will never
like it again Oh Allen if I could only
come and see you I would be there in a
hurry I do so want to see my Brothers it
seems sometimes I have such A longing
to see you that I would give almost anything
to see one of you for just one day but it
is not possible for me to come as I cant

leave home you see I have 5 little ones
to take care of besides all the rest of my
work now Allen if you feel like making
us a visit there is no one will be more
pleased to see you I will have to stop
waiting as company has come in

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well Allen I seat myself once more
after 4 weeks rest from writing it
began to think I never would get
this letter finished it seems as tho I
never could spare one moment to write
& Sundays there is always some one
here but never mind we are all well
and have got through thrashing there
day Jim had 377 Wheat & 50 Oats & 10
Bush Corn the Wheat did not turn out
so well as he expected on account of
the drought in the Spring Wheat is worth
1¢ 37 per Bush Oats 40 Cents Corn 1¢
Butter 4¢ Eggs 20 Cents it looks like
A good price for everything but when
you consider the price of things we