

but one sheet from both of you in
return. I am glad to hear that you have
got your Shingle out and that Mrs Dickes
has not run you out yet. Ed is well at
presant so are the Appletons ^{but} that are here
it is time for supper and I must close
Give my love to our folks and all enquir-
ing friends also accept a portion for your-
selves Yours in Faith Hope and Charity

William E. Spencer

Camp Fremont

Ripon Oct Nov 24/61

Sister Idealia & Jennie & Co

Your letters

of the Oct 30th was duly received and read
with pleasure. I am now in the enjoyment
of good health hoping these lines will
find you the same. You must excuse my
negligence in not answering your letter
because I had nothing to write, which is
the case with me at presant as you will
presantly find without my telling.
I went out to Mr Bushes Saturday in the
after noon and stayed untill Monday
morning had found them all well and
had a good time. saw Elsin Smith had
a good visit with him. I missed of seeing
Alfa she started for home Saturday
morning am very sorry about it I expec-
ted to make her a visit but was too late
as usual. had all the apples and hickory

nuts I could eat Henry Mills talks
some of joining our Company hope
he will us He is a first rate fellow
I suppose You have herd before this that
we wer Musterd into the United States
serojes last Thursday as a Company
although we wer not full. Mr Shipman
and the men from Madison I wrote to
You about did not com us we expected
they would. Lieut. Pain started Friday
for Butamore to get a squad of 25 men
to join our Company if he is successfull
in getting them we shall be all right.
We still stay in our old quarters tents
for our company have not arrived yet
camp kettles canteens and haversacks for part
of the men have arrived, also, shirts and
socks for our Company arrived Saturday
after I left Saturday Colo Daniels made
the Regiment a speech he told them that
We should ^{probably} leave here within ten days
for Kanasha or Prairie du Chien and that
the pay master would be here in a few

days to pay us off... he also gave the
Officers permission to let all the men
have furlows that wanted them, most
of them have gon home so the camp looks
loner som at present, I almost had a notion
to go to but I thought I would wait untill
We get our Uniforms. then Ed and I
will come home together and show ours.
The Ladies of Ripon got up a nice picknick
for us on Thursday every thing passed
off pleasantly, I wish You could have been
here to see us eat while the pretty Girls
waited upon us. Jennie You better believe
~~satisfied~~ the food relished first rate long
life to the Ladies of Ripon.
I am glad that there is hopes of Emmas
living through it yet. now Jennie you
must not teas her any more and be
a good girl, ~~and not teas her~~
You Girls You must not quarrel about
room to write but put in two sheets
next time. You see it is not fare for
me to write a sheet full and not get but