

I had a letter from Emma last
week. She says that she had a
lot of company. They were Miss Miles
& Martha & Mary & Alfred & Adeline Wood
& Charles Pulsipher & Mr. Pitt
in the evening. Sarah & Albert Wood
& Charles Green were there.

So I wish you & I had been there.
I wish we should have a good time
with them.

I would have given all
the old boots I ever expect to have
& I believe I would have risked
a new pair to have been there
that evening.

If I don't get something
that I can do well at this winter
I will come & see you & we will
go home.

Em says that all of Henry's folks
are well. She writes that Charles died
over dead & so did Henry's father's wife.

My best wishes to you

White River
Mich

Yours truly A. S. Johnson

White River Mich

July 29th 1868

Cousin Let's your ever
welcome letter of 11th is received.
It finds me in the land of
hard labor & little rest yet.
but if it continues as hot
as it has been for a few days
I think I shall be obliged
to leave it.

Saturday the thermometer was
ever so much above zero 104 in
the shade & 116 in the sun.

Sunday it was the hotter 108
in the shade & 121 in the sun
& has been very near the same
since, the only place a person
could find a bit of comfort
was in about 40 feet of Lake
Michigan water.

I am still at work for Squires
& White on the harbor improvements.
I have not been running engine
but a little while this summer.
I have a better job. all I have
to do is to look out for the
work. I get up in the morning
when I get ready go up to the
work when I please & come back
when I have a minute to.

I measure the amount of
timber felled & put on the top of
spikes driven & the amount of
filling put in it will take
about three hours each day, I get
\$3.00 per day \$1.00 per hour.

That's better than a kick in the
back by a mule.

See, if I can get
a job that a man has spoke to
me to do this winter will you
come out & go in with me
it is getting and thagon hubs.

he offers \$11.00 per 100 &
furnish two teams, if you
will say you will come out &
go in with me I will get the
job hire one man & go & try
cutting them for a week & see
what can be made, he says that
he wants for 10 million cord & a
lot of barrel heading, if it is
a paying job we will get a small
portable engine & rig 2 drag saws
to it & we will make them fly.

I think I will get through
here in about 2 months & I will
be glad if it, I don't at
line have a ticket for Jackson or
Windsor for a year or to be obliged
to stop in this out of the way
hole.

You can't see a pretty girl
once in six months all Dutch
Norwegians & Squabos. the best
or the best looking they look about
like a tub of dirty soap grease.