

Friday evening Oct 30 1868
 Dear Brother Lew.

Henry has not finished his letter yet but I take the liberty to scribble this page over. All the young folks in these parts have gone to Mr. Ransom Southwards this evening and in fact the evening is lovely enough to invite any one forth. For the moon shines as bright as day, and the wind which has blown a perfect gale for the past week is quite again. I am writing by the light of your Kerosene & it is a tip top light too. We thank you ever so much for sending it & hope to make it right with you. We are all well & glad to hear you are so well & like your business - and shall be tickled to death to see you in old No. again. The children are delighted to think you are coming - I told them you would be here in about six weeks I guess - Willie says Ma how many weeks will it be tomorrow I suppose he hoped it would bring it ever so much nearer when tomorrow came. Georgia is as big as he is long almost. Perhaps Sarah has received the sad news of her Grandmother's death she was buried Wednesday - died with Lung Fever. Rushe will take it very hard for she thought so much of her mother and so did every one for she was a good woman. Eli Norton has a bad swelling on his neck & Dr Macfield thought he was not going to get up again but I don't know. Uncle Edw. Lord Bennett is quite sick - and is not expected

to live a while
 I have been thinking of writing you for some time but have been so busy that I could not find time to do so. I am now at home in Bridport. Nov 29 1868

W. L. Lew as we received another letter from you this morning, I thought I should commence and scribble a few lines in return. I don't have much time to write I hardly get time to read the papers. I am all alone now - I could not afford to pay the boy for what few chickens he does. I want a good man for 2 or 3 weeks. But don't know as I can get any one. Henry, Linn is at work for G. L. now. I commenced breaking up in the East lot north of the Monday & have plowed some every day since. I got my 3 adult this morning took care of the horses & chummed before five. I got 2

I flourish till noon this
 afternoon Mr Shavers & I have
 been getting in 2 sets just about
 30 bushel in the cellar will
 freeze some to night we need
 some 2 or 3 inches of snow
 last week & stayed on 2 days
 I got my new boy up through
 the storm just her & Betsey
 down in the sheep barn &
 Eat some oats & Betsey kicked
 the other back of the fore leg has
 swollen up quite bad. Hope she
 will be all right in a few days
 went to turn her out again
 but don't know as I can.
 Billy and quite enough for Billy
 cook to every day work he hasn't
 got enough gets in him to
 quit me. if I keep him till
 you get back I think we can
 train if you want but I
 shall let him slide if I get a
 chance to do it will do

I don't know
 how much
 I can
 do for
 the
 family

I think either one of us
 can buy a cheap one
 & get more money on it in
 a year. at least I can't
 afford to keep him unless
 I have to make out a
 loan. and in hopes the
 Frenchy will be in town
 in a few weeks must of
 but will finish this soon
 other time. It is up to Phentus
 Monday Saturday morning five o'clock
 have been to the bank & better
 care of the Pories the morning
 very bright I heard Phentus go
 got home must have been 2 or 3 o'clock
 he went up to Southards last night
 Grandpa helped me in forenoon yesterday
 we drew stumps out from the corner
 of the great meadow are going to
 plow up to the woods got in the best of my
 but in afternoon have about 40 bushel
 here now pulled the Carrots got cantal
 half what would do

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 how much
 I can
 do for
 the
 family



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