

Oct the 30th /68

Well Friend Lewis, the widder is married at last, to her first love, she was married the 22^d. David and Ruth have gone to Oregon. David has gone to work on the railroad, and Ruth is staying with an acquaintance of hers. I guess they will not stay long, for it will be too hard for his horses. Jennie came here on Tuesday, and staid until Wednesday after dinner. Richard took a load of hogs to Rockford on Thursday, he got six dollars, (rather low) he is building fence to day. you must not think hard if he does not write to you, he has never written to Martha and she has written four times to him. if you knew him as well as I do, he would be no wonder to you. The last time Allen wrote, he said he and Martha was coming home

in two months, that was good news for me. Rachel is at her usual occupation (that is doing nothing) and Leon is out with his father.

and Clyde is drawing a box around the floor filled with pop corn.

I guess he will do to go east, for he tells Ruth that he will go where he has a mind to. I was up to see Martha yesterday, she is very much pleased with the idea of going to Mr. she thinks of teaching when there.

It is a cold, rainy day, every thing is dull in the market, and will be until after Grant is elected.

Leon and Clyde goes around, hurrahing for Grant, (and you had better to) Mr. Fay thinks Grant will not be elected, but I do, my I know he will, because he is the man we want.

Well good by, for Rachel has got her feet in the oven, and I

must go and make more fire or she will shiver all the bones out of the flesh.

Minnie