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Good Morning Johnny
it is a fine pleasant pleasant
Evening how are you all
getting a long. -- I received your
welcome letter last evening you
was very glad to get a letter
from you and I have been thinking
and calculating to write to you a
long time and I want you to
send me martins address
as I want to write to him and dont
know where to write to. Now
Please write to let me know soon
I will now try to answer your question
harvest commences about the first of
July. we have not heard from you
My crops very poor except about 8 acres of
corn went 40 or 50 bus per acre. it has
been to wet here but I hope it will be
drier next summer. we live 8
miles from Cedar Rapids by railroad
and 10 miles by wagon road. The fare is 25c
to rail

Wheat is worth from 60 to 70 cts connects
 hay $\frac{1}{2}$ per ton so you see every thing is very
 low hay $\frac{1}{2}$ per ton potatoes scarce at 5 to 50
 apples roots I have sold a few turnips and
 beets at 35 cts per bu. — Well as for game
 it is pretty scarce but I shot a prairie
~~chicken~~ chicken this morning and we had
 a good many ducks in the spring and
 fall, but they are about all gone now
 & one man killed 14 dollars worth in
 one day this fall but I don't get
 much time to hunt. — Well as I have
^{been} working pretty hard today a plowing
 and scoping in the mud and un tized
 I nail down for tonight. — To Decr Sunday
 Evening. We have not had any snow
 this fall til today it snowed a little
 but has all gone now. — We have had
 a very good fall for husking & plow^{ing}
 I have husked all my corn alone
 and got most through plowing. The
 roads are dry and smooth. and if
 you was here we would go over to

the Iowa river tomorrow & have
 some fun a shooting rabbits or squir-
 rels and make ducks for I hear that
 they are thick over there. but I dont
 think there is as much game here as
 there is in Michigan. it is not
 as plenty as when we came here
 harvest hands had from 1.00 to 2.00 but
 the times are getting so hard wheat
 turns out so poor that I dont know
 what wages will be next summer
 we dont have any prairie dogs in this part of
 Iowa - the woman's Foreign mission-
 ary society met at our house yesterday
 and there was a man by the name of Spoor
 and his wife here that have been living
 in this neighborhood 2 years from Cayuga
 co. York state they are very nice folks and
 he likes to hunt as well as I do and
 he likes this country much. he and
 another fellow are going over to the
 river tomorrow to have 2 or 3 days
 hunt for ducks rabbits prairie or squirrels^{or}

Such as to the yield of wheat I hardly
know what to say because it has
been so irregular some 8 bus
and some 12 & some 18. I sowed 2 acres
and got 5 bushels & I sowed 3 acres oats
and had 39 bushels but the trouble was
it was flooded with water but I have
got a ditch cut which I hope will
take the water off and give me better
crops next year. - I want you to write
and let us know if you know any thing
about Mr. Norton and where he is and
how he likes Kansas and how well
he is getting along and if he has bot
farm. - Tell Eagers & Ed Tracy that
I should think they might afford to
write to me and we will be glad to see or hear
from all of our friends if we have any
From your Uncle E. D. Cleveland
To John Montgomery, Kansas