

I believe they were the last
that I heard from them three
days ago, grain is down in the
market wheat is worth 60cts
corn 15 oats can't begin
at 80 or potatoe

it is getting so
still about this time of year, as I
doubt if you can read it

give my love to all

A. S. Peterson
write soon half of
the news

me
H. S. P. to F. S. B.

Morrison Ill March 29th 1861

Cousin Lewis I
received your letter last Sunday & have not
had time to answer it until to day
I am as well as usual & hope these
fine lines will find you all enjoying
good health, I have hired out for
the summer on a farm at \$16 per
month for nine months or a year
as I wish, the man that I am at
work for's name is Bennett not
Dob but a darned sight likelier
man, the farmers haven't commenced
their sowing yet, this has been a
very cold & backwood spring, only day
before yesterday it snowed to the depth
of three or four inches, something we
have not seen before since the first of
February, for the last week or two it
has been so cold that a person could sit