

Boswell Okla.

X-mas, 1926,

Am at the house since
dinner - just put down
a book, my eye caught
the smile and flash of
your eyes that seem
to look down upon me,
your picture on the mantel
which set me to thinking
and wondering how you
were spending the day.
Presume we have an
ideal X-mas day - as to
weather - yesterday
cold with a cold North
wind - this morning
our little world wrap-
ped in a white blanket of

Snow, snow about
2 or 3 inches deep -
Don came up, and been
shivering all day.
Snow melting fast -
we've had some ex-
tremely cold weather in
the last two weeks -
heavy rains, this week
Roads are muddy, off the
highway. Yesterday not
much of a crowd in
town, but in the af-
ternoon business
was good, in fact much
better than we ex-
pected - we only had
a small stock of holiday
goods. If yesterday
had been a good day.
Think would had

Sold pretty well out
of Xmas stock -

I thought to take din-
ner with Mrs Messingdale
my Cousin, roads too
bad for them to
come in after one -
Instead went to my
regular meals, at the
hotel - we will not
begin taking stock un-
til after the first of the
year - Two business
houses will be discon-
tinued after the first.
One Hardware & Furniture
the other Raquet Store -
Duncan stock of Drugs
will be sold 27th of this

month - we expect
 money changes for 1924.
 Mr Whiskering giving
 a party some time
 next week - Have the
 Senior class and teachers
 few of older boys and
 girls, possibly a few
 of the neglected by the town
 I have so many rooms
 here that can be used.
 Dillard and Dewey
 still have their furni-
 ture here. want a dance,
 the youngsters dance
 lots here in private
 houses. Maybe we
 will have one of Henry
 Ford's square dances,
 wouldnt you like to

attend? I believe you
told me you found
some of the modern
dances. You know the
Charleston is the
rage now - There is
3 little girls here
that are fine, I want
them to dance for
prizes - They have
learned some in the
shows - Two of them
some times spend the
nights with me,
and believe me, we
have some times,
with their dancing
and acrobatic stunts.
It seems would be very
lonely here, but not
much so. Of course there

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is some thing I miss.
but there is much to
do. The school boy that
slays with me is
liably, talking, singing
and dancing all the time
Rev. Messersgale - DeLords
brother comes I fear
this week been bring-
ing a visiting cabin
Loff night at 12:30
had to let them in
told me, had to pull
some cars out of mud.
As they are working
for a garage - but I
suspect they were on
a "High lonesome"
sweet heart, I wonder

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if you are enjoying
this nothing but
thing. To day my thoughts
are divided, missing
back to the old home
and associates. The
places used to spend
X-mas. The children and
simple past times -
my girl had associates
are all married and
had families, possibly
some few are dead.
Those that met, when
last at home, were
fearfully changed, so
much so, that I wished
had not seen them.
I wondered, if they found
me so - I don't feel so.

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I had a dream few nights
ago, that caused my
mind to wonder back,
I don't have any regrets
for the things that
did not happen.

The mind doesn't linger
long in the past.

The future is the only
hope, and without
hope - who would dare
to live? Dear, & late,
I've had some such
beautiful dreams of
you - wonder if it is
an ill or good omen?
I knew each time, I
awoke with a sense
of happiness -
The going out of each

Year tells me ^{with} great
 apprehensions - The birth
 of the New Year finds
 me with renewed en-
 ergies, bright hopes -
 a resolution to make
 it the best year - hard that
 I fall. remains for oth-
 ers to decide - seems
 I accomplish very little
 and constantly approach
 my self for the insignif-
 icant life I have
 lived - I wanted a
 letter from you to-day -
 unless find in the
 P.O. when go to supper
 will be disappointed.
 My constant thoughts are
 by you.

Give love my sin-
 cere wishes for a full
 measure, heaping sur-
 rounding care, health, happi-
 nesses, and prosperity -
 in the coming year 1927.

And suffer time.

Yours with all my
 heart -

Cosine

R.S. worlds and worlds
 of kisses -

P.O. Box 162
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✓ - thoughts of aging



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IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO F. J. M.

Mr. R. G. Railey,
c/o Railey Herb Gardens,
Porkton, Ky.

Dear Sir:

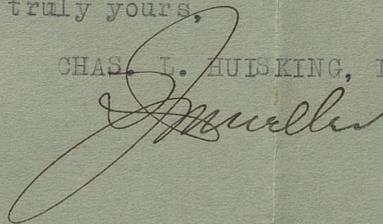
The barrel of Golden Seal Root which you describe as hand picked large and heavy has been received but we must say that we are very much disappointed with the quality thereof. It is no better than root that we have bought here in the last few days at \$4.50 per lb. and frankly we do not think that you should expect us to pay you on a basis of \$5.25. The best evidence that it is not much better than the ordinary run is that the goods are in a large barrel tightly packed and that the net contents is only about 90 pounds. If it was actually bold, heavy selected root the weight should be nearer to 150 pounds. As a matter of fact we set next to it a barrel from one of our purchases here which came in in a package of about the same size and that barrel contains more than 10 pounds more than yours.

We are very sorry that this condition has arisen but are sure that you would not expect us to pay for something that we are not getting. We would really much rather return the goods to you if that would be satisfactory because otherwise we are afraid you will be disappointed and you know from your past dealings with us that we have always tried to do the best possible for you.

Will you please let us hear from you promptly.

Very truly yours,

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Glasgow N.Y.
Sept 28-1926.

My Dear old friend + chum R. S.
I have been intending to write you
every day but have been busy and
didnt take the time. Mrs Davis
has been sick but is better. Mrs
Bartley is over she is out at Eras
now she staid here a week.

Mr Brown is doing fine with the
new building ^{and stuff} he is getting along
fine with the work. we have
been talking about you Mr Brown
likes you fine. we all enjoyed

the melons apples + pears and
many thanks to you for your
kindness we all appreciated you
remembering us I kept telling
the folks I must write you and
thank you and they each said
thank you for them

Aunnie is Crazy as ever she
was down yesterday talking
about you.

we all want you to come
over and stay awhile with
us dont be in such a hurry
next time rushing back
so quick but come to stay
with us awhile Mr Brown &
Pauline said remember them
to you, and Mrs Davis and
both of them said not stay
away too long to come soon
please pardon me for not writing
you sooner I will promise not
to do that way any more

Your old friend & chum
G. W. Davis

R.R. #3, New Albany Ind.

July 29 - 1926.

Dear Brother,

Have not heard from you for a while. How are you getting along? How is the yellow root looking now? We had a great rain here the other day. Best rain since in April. Crops are looking fine now and the late crops will be fine if it stays reasonable.

Grace and another girl came in the other night dressed fine. Grace had a big roll of bills.

She looked prosperous. She said the girl with her was her room mate.

I asked her if she had been to Forkton and she said no. That she was at Mr. Cassada's some

2/3 time ago but did not go
to Forkston. She looked well
and fat. Getting to be a big
stout woman. I was glad to
see her looking so well.

Last Sat. home grown tomatoes
were sold as high as \$1.00 the
bu. I think they sold yesterday
around \$1.50 per bu.

If the rain had not come for
2 wks. the crops would have
been ruined.

I planted beans and Irish potatoes
yesterday, and want to plant
more today. Late gardens are
just as valuable as early ones
and better for canning purposes.

I understand that millions of
dollars of apples and peaches have
been sold in the Ozark's Ark. to
Northern dealers. The largest
peach orchard in the world
are at Nashville, Ark.

3/2 Two men who had been
down there buying fruit came
here the other day reported that
as being a highly prosperous
country now, Kansas and Okla.
are marketing the largest wheat
crops ever produced in the states.
I hear large crops of other
products are there this year and
plenty of money in circulation.
Money in most sections of Ky.
is scarce, and very scarce
in Ind. so I hear.

I am still at Thompson's,
This is not as bad as some
jobs. No hard work - the hours
are bad.

What do you think about the oil
business? Do you hear any
talk of drilling around Forkton?
I am satisfied that plenty of oil
will be found all along East Fork
some time. Write soon
your brother J.P.R.

Prob. Hope all are
well - Ware
all very well.

Got my hay all
in the stack
and barn last
Monday.

How is the
hay crop down
there?

J. J. R.

W. E. THOMAS
GENERAL EVANGELIST
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Burkesville Ky.
June 25, 1926.

My good friend,

As the program committee
I want to ask you as the
historian of Maury Co. to gather
up traditionally & otherwise the
history of old Maury meeting house
& read it at the celebration there
on the first Sunday in August
consuming not more than 30 minutes
You Mr. Milliam of Nashville will
also be on the program, & others,

I would refer you to the
following for information.

Dr. H. B. Ray.

Sam Chism.

Old Church Register at Joe Hammers.
(We will pay to get it copied.)

Sam Martin Gamaliel.
(Perhaps oldest record)

I want to see you the first Monday
if I can be in Portsmouth
I always have a warm feeling
in my heart for you.
Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

W. E. Thomas

Sulphur Lick, Kentucky.

June 21, 1926.

Mr. R. G. Railey,
Forkton, Kentucky.

Dear Friend:

I wrote you some little time ago about the price of yellow root plants and you told me the price by the thousand, but I have been offered \$20.00 for the patch and that seems to be the way nearly everyone wants to buy. I will have to let the man know as soon as I can as there is another man wants it if I don't let it go. I know nothing about how to price the bed and don't know anyone that could tell me but you. If it is possible for you to come up and look at it I would surely appreciate it, for I had rather risk your judgment on it than anyone, and of course you can't tell what it would be worth with out seeing the bed. I want what it is worth but don't know what that is as I have never had any experience along that line.

This man that made me the offer wants to know if I will let him have it as soon as possible,

Your Friend,

Mrs. S. J. Page

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Boswell Iola

June 10th '26

Dear Rowford: -

not much going this morning. I'll pen a few lines to you. I've been doing a lot of cleaning at home - the last few days. Boyles is out this morning - digging some potatoes he said farmers here been digging potatoes for two weeks and will take this week to finish - most of the potatoes are very fine. They are realizing

a fair profit - It is es-
timated that in the
County there will be
paid to the farmers
from salaries at least
\$40,000 - wishes the
farmers to get their
harvested, so now is
cotton chipping and
oat harvesting time
cloudy this morning,
think will rain soon,
we had a very good
rain about 12 days
ago - How is it with
you? I thought to
write you a long
letter Sunday - but
spent the whole day in
house cleaning - Am
trying now to heal

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some sewing done,
later will do some
myself - Always do
much ^{cleaning} work at house
and store. Every
two weeks have a man
clip grass and cut weeds.
These plants must have
to be watered every
day. Devery, Devery's wife
is very nice. She feeds
meat by the plant water
I enjoy it every bit. I
because I love the plants
I'm always wishing
could raise a vegetable
garden. More and more
I lose out poor life.
Think I'd like to compare
the woods. write me soon

and ⁴tell me all about
your work. I know
you are busy, but
just a short letter of ten
lines will gladden my heart
and make life brighter.
I'm thinking this morning
of the last time you came.
Must hurry now to get letter
in mail.

Most sincerely your
true friend Always
Cora.

P.S. Love and lots of kisses

The weather is very warm
here - I'm burning up
now.

Tonawanda N.Y.

Feb - 27 - 1926

Mr. R. E. Bailey

Dear Sir I thought I would write you
a few lines in regard to the Golden
slip I was talking you about
last fall if you remember I told you
I wanted to buy some slips this
Spring so I thought I would this day
write you about them so you
would not let any body else have
my part I want 9 or 10 thousand
I would be pleased to hear from
you about them if you can furnish
me the slips please let me know
at once so I will know whether to
depend on them or not

if you can furnish the slips will
they be the small plants or the buds
and will I have to cover the slips
with leaves like I would the buds
and what will they be worth
when will be the best time to set
Please answer soon

Respectfully yours
C. H. Murray

Tonawanda N.Y. R 2 B 24

Tompkinsville, Kentucky,
February 12, 1926.

Mr. R. S. Railey,
Forkton, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Railey,

My high school boys are planning a debate for February 26. The question is: Resolved, that a high protective tariff is best for the U. S. We have the negative side.

I am asking for your help on this question. For I know you that you are better ^{ready} than anyone in the county. If you will give us a few points against high protective tariff and any material that you have on the subject, we shall appreciate it very much.

Please send me any material that you have or can prepare next week sometime. I shall thank you in advance. Remember the date and come to the debate.

Yours respectfully,
Bess Hoper

Feb. 10 - 1926, R.R. #3 New Albany, Ind.

Dear Brother

I failed to find any of the books you mentioned. I think the 2nd hand stores do an exchange and they have a list and in case they get an order they can fill soon as they can get it from another town. Are we having enough winter to suit you?

All be careful this is dangerous weather. The J. B. Clarkston Co of Chicago can get any book you want.

I see in paper that robbery has taken place in your county.

Don't this cold weather make you want to get where you would be a little warmer in winter.

I have not seen Groves for some time. Don't know any thing about what they are doing. Don't know where they live. He never told me. They don't want me to come around but I don't have time to go any where with this job. (over)

I want to sow plant beds now just as soon as weather will get right.

I want to get some money out of plants this year. We are getting about 2 doz eggs daily now. How are the hens doing down there? Our hens did not do well during the winter. Just begin laying.

You can make some money down there with plants. Make your beds and sow them any time now and as spring comes on they will grow. Pull them with dirt on the roots and wrap a piece of news paper around them and get them sold by merchants in E. Tompkinsville and Glasgow. John Beyer is best early tomato plant. Have all kinds of plants. Good money in it. Saturdays in town is best time to sell and Mondays.

I have quit coffee. I believe it will give a fellow hart trouble. I feel much better since. Has Will Webb begin to cut trees yet? Any oil talk. Oil will be up in a little while. Hope all are well. Write soon.
Your bro. J. R. Raily

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LOUISVILLE, KY. _____ Jan. 11 1926

R. G. Railey

Forkton, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Your letter at hand. Do not have anything much in books you want at present, and due to being in the midst of moving, cannot offer complete list. Can offer one old item that had many famous recipes in it. That is, Dr. Gunn's Domestic Medicine, thick volume of 890x pages, pub. Louisville, 1846. A little worn due to age, but good sound copy, and can offer this scarce item, at \$5.00 delivered, cash with order.

Can offer a splendid bargain, due to moving. This is the 20th. Century Practice of Medicine, 20 large vols., good set, covering practically the whole field of medicine, which would give you a world of information. Offer this at the very special price of \$10.00 net, cash with order.

Respectfully yours,

N. Liebschutz

Frankfort, Ky. 1/5 - 1926.

Dear R. G.:

Eddie Lee won for
Cloak-room-keeper. He
got 53 votes out of the
total house Democrats
of 64. John Cy Hutchinson
and I did it. I worked
mighty sly, and I don't
want to say much up
here about the part I
took. Dave Halcy is
Cloak room keeper of
the Senate. I have
not yet shined up my
typewriter, hence this
scribbling.

Frank M.