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© customer, It would be better
to sell for seven hundred than
to keep it and I was also
free if you think best.

The note I have @ gainst Father
is due next August and will
be almost \$400 with interest
but I do not care anything about
the interest, and if I had
the money to put out some
where else I would take care.

Do not think I am getting stingy
for I am not I do not save my
money. It costs me \$800 @ week
to live saying nothing about out
clothing. I know it will have to
pay up off the farm. Father
is getting old, and had not ought
to work any more.

Roultown Sunday Ev.
Feb 25-83

Dear Brother,
I have just been
taken comfort to day. It has
stormed so hard that I have
not been out of the house
only to get @ little woods
and was so lazy put off writing
this till evening.

Your letter came
the first of the week and
I supposed you expected me
to answer before this, but I
did not have much spare time
week days and do not feel
much like after I get out
of the store tonight.

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True God what about the West? Do you really intend to go, or are you just thinking of it. I do not see how you they are going to get along without you at home. I but I suppose you are your own boss now, and will do what you think is best for your self. I don't doubt that what Dakota is a good Territory to go to, but I don't think you would be any better off going there. Your wife has to do what you can get to do, and probably have to work very hard. If you stayed at home you know got a pretty good start for a young man, but if you have decided not to stay at home, I should a good station go West. I have found out

that a young man cannot get ahead very fast working out here, I shall probably go west in case of a great order. Now about money matters - I wish you were able to give Father & Mother the note & mortgage I have against them, I would do so gladly. I don't think you are able or should pay any of it. I have been thinking for the past month or so, that I've ought to in and see the lower part of four this spring. If you are going away Father will have a be can look after with out it and besides he would be out of debt and a considerable left. I think if you would put out a good saying part of the four for sale you would find