

an unwilling to make the best of every thing which I think I do. Only think brought me your own dear letter

Yes indeed I was disappointed last week not receiving a word from you, another from my sister a third from sister Annie Cornwell and a fourth from my dear Miss Margaret - (the first received from her here) Miss M. writes of Mrs. Platt's young son of Mrs. Lewis's young daughter - of the P. School without a teacher and indeed her letter was very touching to return ... We have had 4 of July since I wrote you last and so have you, did you remember one year ago when you and I and Shakespeare passed the day together in your own room in Second St. How did you enjoy this day? We had a grand celebration Two

never of doing any different on my

and you rights to expect any from them I know that it is hard to be so pinched in this way but I believe it is a lesson not to be disregarded Maggie please do not let me make you low spirited for you may decide if God will these things truly can hardly be

weeks previously our paper "The M. Statesman" or disk rather the top was badly broken
announced that a free dinner would be given. On Monday at the crack
given at Minneola and the inhabitants down. We were stirring Belle baked
of "Prairie City" "Palmyra" "Black Jack" 6. blackberry pies three loaves of bread
"Ottawa City" "Peoria City" "Ohio City" got breakfast dressed and about ten
"Sac Agency" & "Willow Springs" and a m. had you been near you might
all those in the vicinity of each place have seen us going over the prairie
were invited to join the citizens of children included all carrying
Centropolis & Minneola to celebrate our hands full of things we had
the 82, anniversary of Americas Independence. Last week we were invited before us two large stoves were al-
to contribute our mite in the way ready fired up - a platform was
of baking. Accordingly on Sat. I sent built - for the speaker etc. over which
the children over the country to get - hung the word Freedom made
me a dozen eggs then came back with flowers. Two long tables
about noon Belle had in the mean were made. Cousin Nettie was on
time made a nice cup cake baked the table setting committee Belle
in the bake pot. I made a sponge & I were not on a committee but
cake with brown sugar and guessed two more active Minneolaens were
at the night. I blistered my hand not on the ground than me Belle
beating it and for the treacherous cooked the chickens. peas, beans, per
bake pot burned the bottom and potatoes were all there and
in getting the cake out of the plate beef in abundance. I chatted

cut pies. A cake rearranged the table arrangements, the head of one table was for the Hon. Speaker Gove Robinson en suite and this we did up very nicely. I made up four bouquets and am sorry to say they were the only flowers on the tables. Maggie we had ice cream. I had some in a goblet and that was the only dinner that I had. But when the procession came on the ground. "The Pres. announced that first, spoken by the Chaplain" "Music" Declaration of Independence read by Young Bassett (Kinsin Pettit's bears for the day and she went to the Ball with him in the evening. I liked him very much but I am afraid of these Minneola Chaps) "Music" "Creations" "Music" March in procession around and then to the tables. Oh Oh how the good things disappear and there in the back ground some mischievous boys and fellows are into our baskets devouring cakes and pies that are saved for the second tables. They are driven away. Second tables are set the best we can but Oh what a crowd all the bakiney consumed but bread, and