

Waxahachie, Texas, March 27th 86.

My own Darling, Ella:

I was the happy recipient of your brief letter written from Waco, this morning, and you have no idea how proud I was to get it. I am more reconciled to my immediate surroundings now than when my last was written. I am boarding (eating only) at a private house for \$4 per week, and I sleep at the office. I like my boarding place first rate - everything is so neat and tidy and it has such a cheerful home-like appearance - more like my McGregor boarding place than anywhere I have found yet. They are two old maid sisters that are running it, and they are from one of the best families in any section of Texas. We found out that we were almost old acquaintances. Their names is Carrigan, Miss Emma & Miss Alice. Your father knows them well, for they say ~~they~~ he always stops with them when in Waxahachie. They spoke very highly of him as "that nice old gentleman", before I found out that they knew him. Last night I worked till eleven o'clock and this morning I got up at four and worked till six this evening, and to-night every limb in my body aches from real down hard work.

You wished to know if what your father wanted of me. He said if I concluded not to go west and would accept a proposition to canvass with a buggy that immediate country in the interest of the 'Plaintiffs' he would make me a liberal offer. He also wanted sketches from different parts of the country. But I hardly know what about it. We are on friendly terms now, and I fear a renewal of business relations would be detrimental to our final friendship. I hate to be at odds with any body and I will always avoid anything that I think would have an improper tendency. I have given the matter but very little consideration - in fact for the reasons I state above, I thought it hardly worth while to consider it. What do you think? I know you should have more to say in the matter than any body. I think I will write him a good long letter one of these days on several things.

You must excuse this paper, it is all we have and the rest is locked up in the "strick".

I am so tired and sleepy that my eyes will hardly stay open. Write here, if I should not get it it will be forwarded. Remember me to all, especially your mother, grandmother and sister.

Good night, Affectionately,

Your over true Neph.

To-night, Luke 10 chapter.

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Don't know what I am to get for this week's
work, but I am going to exact \$125.00. And I
don't know either that I will remain here any
longer than Saturday night. If I leave I will go
to Dallas and if I can get in will write with the
union and try and get a case out a morning paper.
I have not heard from any Parkville man yet,
but look for a letter to-morrow. I am really a
better type stickler than I had any idea of, and
I believe with anything like a showing I can
make very fair wages at that alone. But if
I can possibly avoid it I don't want to drift
into composition work, for, although I never tried
it, but from others' experience I can judge
of the perils attending it on every hand. If I
could work anyway in the world almost I would
try and get an interest in some small evening
paper - I mean work it out - and by that means
I would become settled and have something that
I could better rely on. But a hundred chances to
one the partner I would get by these means
would not suit me and I might just as
so long only to be fleeced of all in the end.

I want to get settled. That is what is before any

my mind from formerly was that
 ever, and has been ever since our engagement.
 When we marry I don't want us to be hindered
 from peace to peace like the slaves, and the
 name of the ^{power} ~~engagement~~ of each party, but I want
 us to be ^{power} ~~able~~ to be together all the time we can
 little house, and when I can sleep, follow my
 trade and mean for to have house to live in.
 I like to see our people without a fence, must
 be a miserable life if we are to live
 could go near any when we, if I should ever
 with them and account anything like a
 comfortable living for us both. I asking them
 gather no more of our kind and account in
 my wisdom to do right and do the best I can
~~under all circumstances, and I account little but~~
 believe that such efforts ~~will be~~ by proper judgment
 will finally secure their proper amount. I believe
 that is with us and will help us.
 I hope you enjoyed your little piece, great.
 I suppose we are again with plain is with you all.
 Remember me warmly to her, I remember of the
 still has any idea that there is a big matter
 the shop?