

From Elling Sende

Eau Claire the 27th May 1890

Dear Sister and Family.

I received your very welcome letter several weeks ago and was happy to see and hear by it that you are all in good health and the same good news I can also, God be praised, bring back from all of us, that we are to this (God's) day well and find ourselves as usual.

I want to tell you that I and Guruanna and Mother Snausen were out in the country and visited Ole Eskilson and Elling Skrove and Jakob Olson and Syvert Reittan and Seffinias Reittan. I also talked with Seffinias Vangstad, and there were many other Vaerdaling people. We were gone four days and we also attended church services there. It was about one hundred miles from here. We traveled to the Red Wing station and there we met Ole Skel and then we had to be taken by horse from there another ten miles. Odin came and met us there. Yes, that was a most pleasant trip. It is very pretty out there, a very luxurious farming country. They wanted me so badly to come out there and farm. It cost the three of us about fifteen dollars.

Ole Eskilsen talked about his desire to go to Norway and visit his old father next winter, and then I made arrangements with him that I should get there and manage for him while he is away. Oh, you can't believe how much fun it was. It was the most pleasanst trip we have made since we come to America.

I hope that you will be so kind as to tell me how it is over at Moan now since there was an auction there, and how it is with old Arnt. Elling Skraave says that he would like to have brought Peder Moan here but he can not do it as long as his father lives. He could have work with Elling so he would not have to go to strange people if he did not want to.

Concerning the Nordenfjelske newspapers that I hear you have sent, I have not received any of them. So I would ask that in your goodness, when you go to Levanger, that you would talk with the editor about it. It is most strange that it doesn't come through, but I will send you the money that you paid out. As to the papers I sent you, I did that out of my own desire that you should have something to pass away the time, but when you had to pay ...

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