

Milwaukee & St. Paul & Milwaukee & Prairie du Chien
RAILWAY COMPANIES.
GENERAL PASSENGER DEPARTMENT
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Brother Croille,

Your welcome letter was duly received, we are always glad to hear from you and the dear ones at home. I recievd a letter from Amos yesterday, was glad to hear from him that Father & Mother were comfortable although quite feeble. I know that they are well taken care of, what a blessing it is for parents to bring up their children, so that they rise up and call them blessed old parents, you took good care of us when we were children, and now we will take good care of you, we are as well as usual although Sarah feels the rheumatic pains every change of the weather. Mother & Deligh is quite feeble and liable to drop off at any moment. Hannibal has rented a store and will commence the Grocery business in a small way, he seems determined now to do something, and if he attends to business as well as he ought to, I think he will succeed. Crops are very good and business is good generally.

Politics are running high we had a rousing meeting here last night, a whole regiment of "Farmers"



were out in uniform with torches, they made a very imposing appearance, tell Father that I have put on a leather apron for the first time since I left home, some twenty five or thirty years ago, of course I knew how to do it, Giles is Lieutenant of our Company and makes a dashing officer. If you can judge anything of the "signs of the times," Grant will sweep the Country as Lincoln did in 1864, I hope old "Vermont" will come up with her 30,000 majority. I assure you every Vermonter felt proud of the Old State when she opened the Ball in September, all eyes were turned upon her, and it would have done you good to have heard the shouts that greeted the ear, "Have you heard from Old Vermont" it was the key note, and well did it ring. If you carry Pennsylvania, Ohio & Indiana next Tuesday, we shall feel sure of the election of Grant & Colfax in November, all send love to all friends of the Old Homestead, with a double portion to Father & Mother, as ever your affectionate brother
Franklin