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Dear Sam,

The shank of the fall is near at hand. A general yellowness is noticeable in the foliage and a few red leaves and branches of yellow over on elms are here. We need rain to keep them from turning color unnaturally.

Elmer Kimball, who lives on the Malcom place, hauled some logs to mill for me and brought back the lumber. He said for me to turn the money over to you for payment on pasture for his stock. So find inclosed P.O. money order for $18.54.

Last night we had a very fine display of the aurora Borealis, I have never seen another as good that I remember. About seven o'clock I noticed it while at Ashby’s and immediately went to town for Ercel and spent the evening watching it. After the flare up at seven the color effects faded into a glow across the north and remained that way until about ten o'clock when the real fireworks began. Long streamers of greenish light went into motion and at one time hung like a curtain across most of the north sky; it seemed near not far away, just over the fields edge just like a cloth curtain with fine folds sewed to be stirred by a breeze that showed delicate colors. The lightest parts were yellowish green with the darker parts reddish and purple red. I have seen a lot of auroras, every summer there are some but this far outclassed all fo them. While the curtain of light was performing and before straight over head was something I had never before seen what appeared to be eight thin clouds were lightened by flashes of golden light that moved quickly and to the south, seeming to be in waves of light. Two thirds of the whole sky was lighted by this glow to the north, for the flashes that came like flashes of sheet lightening. The light clouds above are not really clouds, they just appeared that way as the sky was clear. These pyrotechnics lasted a half hour or so, then changed into a softened glow of light without the different colors. I did not stay up to watch after midnight. No doubt the colors came again. Tonight there is a peculiar grayness to the north sky that I saw last night and recognize as belonging to the effect of last night, but no glow and no colors. I'll take another look before going to bed.
I heard tonight at the Burg about something that happened at Casey this afternoon. A circus was in town and the parade was taking place. The cages of animals were being pulled by a tractor. On the R.R. tracks for some reason the thing stalled; a trainman was down the track to flag a train but train going 90 mph could not stop, so hit the cages of animals and released two lions and a bear. They say a woman saw the bear coming and thought it was a dog, when she realized her mistake she jumped over the front end of a car. The lions were shot with a revolver by the police, one had its back broken, and the bear was captured. The doings of the populace would make interesting reading I think if it could be gathered and described.

I may go to Ind. to paint. I hope to make some trips around in Ill. before long to paint, over by the Mississippi River.

I am trying to get the foundation for the kitchen—dining room repaired, but no one to it yet. Last spring Joe Plion said he would do it but did not show up. Albert Goble said he would do it but he got sick, and I am looking around for someone else. Carpenters are all very busy—more new houses in town than any time I remember.

Guess this will do.

Paul

p.s. Canvas has struck a new high. Last year I got a roll of heavy canvas for $16. The same canvas this summer cost $25.

The pavement to the Burg is all done excepting the shoulder and drains and they are being done rapidly. Already finished for about a mile west of O. I came home twice (at night) in 11 minutes to Salisbury and did not drive very fast, too much dirt and truck on the road for fast driving. It sure speeds us along.