

Apache Branch
Lamar, Colorado.
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Dear Mrs. Perry,

Gee, but today is such a cold day and we aren't doing much but burning the stove all day and night and since its so cold to go outside, I thought I would drop you a short line to say "Hello."

I received your complete letter of Nov. 10 and I understand all the circumstances very well. I am not going to talk about business matters now because I know everything ^{is} unsettled as to a lot of things so will be waiting to hear from you about these matters at a later date. For once I'll just make this a social letter.

Gosh today its plenty cold and boy, I'm not kidding - It is 1:30 in the afternoon now and the mercury on the thermometers say exactly 40 degrees - Gee but the weather sure is funny out this way. Yesterday it was a perfect summer day with thermometer at 85 degrees and today it is entirely

V/ different again just like ~~the~~
winter and 40 degrees - They
say the temperature here can change
about 50 degrees within a few
hours if it gets really bad. I
know of several boys who are
working in the beet fields out-
side of camp and they tell
me that during the morning time
as they breath, their breath turns
to icicles and I don't think
there exaggerating a bit because
it sure is mean when its
cold - Some of the veterans
that live around here tell
me that this isn't bad yet...
Quote - "wait till the zero
weather comes" - wow!!...
Man!!... This is one place where
long wool underwear, ear muffs,
heavy clothing and such comes
in plenty handy.

Well, so much for the weather.
at ~~the~~ last this camp is nearly
completed - anyway all the
Army engineers have left
and everything is in W.R.A.
control now. So it is much
better - I mean everything is not
as strict - Gee they have built
a regular modern hospital with

the latest equipment and I heard they're going to turn it into a county hospital for everybody's use around this vicinity of the county. --- They are touching everything up now and they are going to have a complete dental & optical department also. Anyway it sure covers a lot of territory.

Also they have a regular 15¢ store, candy, ice cream variety store, dry goods store, barber shop, complete fire dept, garage and everything under the sun you can think of.

I heard they are going to give us clothing allowances so that will help some.

In the very near future, they are going to start building a High School in camp and looks like it sure is going to be a big building. The post office here is a complete outfit in itself. It looks like the Sebastopol P. Office and they handle everything.

Oh, I forgot something you asked me. About Larr's ability to handle machinery, I really

4 I don't think Sam knows very much about handling the tractor. Yes, it ~~it~~ is true he used to drive it once in a while over our place but he never did do it as a job. Maybe if you trained him, ~~he~~ and showed him how to handle it, he might pick it up but otherwise I think he wouldn't know very much about it. Pruning and spraying however I don't think you can find a better man to do it. My Grandpop trained ~~to~~ Sam perfect in pruning & spraying to his style and in this respect, you will find Sam to be a good man.

When you find the party who is going to run our place with you please stress on the fact that they do a good pruning job on the ranch as Grandpop told me that a good pruning job was very important.

Well, I'll be closing for now and hoping to hear from you again whenever new development turns up.

Grandma and all the rest of the family send you and Mr. Perry their best regards - take good care of yourself and till then,

P.S. I read in the papers that I remain
Lloyd was in Camp Carson, yours very truly
Colorado. It's about 160 ^{miles} from here and I ^{hoped to}
hope to be hearing from him soon.