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Dear Parants & Sister

5 I received your
letter this noon and saw from it that you
are all well. This morning our whole class
went down to the farm to judge stock but
there was to big a crowd and so they only put
10 the First Section to work. I belong to the
Second and so that put me free to-day
This forenoon I and two of our boys looked
all over the machine-shops where they have
the forges and the carpenter work and from
15 there we went over to the Capitol and into
the museum. This afternoon we are going to
stay home in our room.

I see from your letter that the
root cutter is a success in the line of cutt-
20 ing. and that you have killed old Bill.
Money goes away here like lightning.
everything is so very expensive here. I will
just show you how much I spent.

Railroad fare \$1.25 Trunk delivered .37¢ Ink 3¢
25 Note book .5¢ One white suit \$1.35 One blue jacket +
cap .60¢ For incidental fee \$5.00 For takeing Dairying
a fee of \$1.00. A breakage deposit of \$2.00 (returnable)
Tobbaco .5¢ For meals .60¢ For nights lodging .29¢ Notebook
25¢ Shaving cup .10¢ Shoebrush + blacking .30¢
30 Note book .10¢ Agricultur Physics book \$1.00 Stamps 12¢
Street car fare when it rained .5¢ Deposit for locker
key .50¢ (returnable) Each of us students has got
a locker. One in the Horticulture building +
one in the Dairy school or Hiram Smith's Hall.
35 The one in the Dairy school we got free, but the
one in the Horticulture Building we had to
deposit .50¢. This locker is a little box in the
wall about three feet high one + a half foot square
with hooks, for our overcoat and our hats, overalls,
40 jackets and also books. Each student has got a
key to lock up his clothes. Each key is numbered

and so is the locker and every seat in the lecture
room is numbered. We must each occupy the
same seat as our number of our key. I have
45 key No. 5 for Dairy School and key No. 28 for
Agri + Horticultur Labritory^{locker} I almost have my
key ring full of keys.
I think I will also take blacksmithing I
can take it if I want to. It is not in the
50 First years course. but we have libary work
every third afternoon, that is only sitting in the
room and studying whatever we like. I think
I will drop that and take blacksmithing. If I take
blacksmithing alone I must pay a fee of about
55 \$1.66¢ or 1/3 of \$5.00. To take all the shop work will
cost \$5.00 that is also carpenter work + turning.
The board has not arranged everything the
way it should be.
We have got to study very hard some studies
60 are hard to catch on. Surveying is pretty tough
we must learn how to use the levels for
laying tile and all about Surveying but I think
it is very useful.
Once a week we will have bookkeeping by
65 Mr. Moore. He ordered some text books. they
will cost 95¢ each when we get them.
Last night we all met and organized a
Litituary Soiciety. here we must have a
book called Robert's Ruls of Order this will
70 cost .50¢ more. I did not pay any board or
room rent I must pay next Tuesday that
will amount to \$3.50. When I have my first
weeks board paid I will have \$9.50 left ^{out of \$28.00}. The
75 greatest expence is over. I am sure I will
come to \$75 or \$80 before I get through.
If I will like the school father on as well
is I like it so far, I will not be sorry I
went. I will send you to-day a Schedule of
our studies which you my look over and get
80 some idea what we learn each day in the week
When I need money I will let you know I
think I will get along for a while yet.
We also have a darkey in our course. His name
is Parks. He is from South Caralina. A smart
85 feller. He is here to take the long course but is in
with us till Spring. That one from Central
America has gone back (that is what I was told)

it was to cold for him. He could not stand the weather.
You better send me my black shirt. I will use it if
90 I take shop work. Many of the boys wear black + wollen
shirts. I think you can send it by mail if it dont cost too much
A person can not wear a white shirt longer
than one week. I am going to save my other
shirts for Sunday. I will put on my wollen
95 shirt Monday.
Prof. Henry teaches us feeds + feeding
Prof. Goff plant life and Labritory work
Prof. King Agriculture Phys. Prof. Craig
all about horses and breeding animals. We only got
100 lessons on the horse so far. Mr. Steveson judging
cattle + horses Mr. Moore bookkeeping and the one
that gave us lessons in testing milk his name I
did not find out yet. Mr. Jones gives us
instructions in surveying. This Mr. Jones
105 he rented all of this upper flat where I and
Anders Thompson room, and we rented this
one room from him. Mr. Jones batches or does
his own cooking. The lady in the lower flat
told me that Jones is to be married before
110 Christmes so we can figuer on a {...}
I have not met Hattie Goetsch yet. I
don't know wether she is here or not
Mr. Moore told us that the Short Course
boys could enter the Gymnasium and take
115 exercises in any way and also take baths. All
those that enter must pay a fee of \$1.75 I am not
in it. I can use that money some other way
I take my exercises in walking up and down
street.
120 The first morning Prof Henry gave us
a lecture on how we should eat He said we
were like a lot of Hhogs. He gave told us we should
eat as little as passable, go away from the table
a little hungry, we take lots of exercises. He said
125 walking was is the cheapest exercise. That is
what he done as he went to colleage.
Now I have described to you as good as I
can about the school and all the rest.
My roommate is sleeping on the bed.
130 He is in a bad fix, his money is all gone. He
wrote home for some, but it has not come
His home address is Clark's Mills, Manitowoc Co.
Wis. He did not have enough to buy any suits

135 so he must go without them. His Father sent him
away ^{from} home with about \$18.00 I suppose they
had no idea what it would cost. We have one student
in the Dairy course from Winipeg, Manitoba, Canada
and one from the state of Washington. I wrote this
letter a little fast so you must not expect good penmanship
140 Answer soon Alexander Krueger
your son