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Dear Parents + Sister

5 I received your  
letter Jan. 1-97 and saw that you were all  
well at that time. I am well.  
I just come home from the Washburn  
Observatory I went to look at the stars  
10 with the big telescope. It is open to visitors  
every first and every third Wednesday night in  
each month. There was a very big crowd  
I had to wait about an hour before my  
turn came. The 4 of Jan. I and Eddie Hartman  
15 were at the great inaugural ball. The  
Governor was inaugurated the 4. The ball was  
held on the big Gymnasium floor. I think  
the floor is about 5 times as big as Turner  
Hall floor. I never saw anything as beautiful  
20 as that. Everything was lighted with  
electric light many palms and arches  
The Governor sat in some arch and any-  
body could go and shake hands with him  
There were many thousands of people. After  
25 they got through hand shaking they had the  
Grand march. Scofield<sup>1</sup> took the lead and then  
all the rest of the high officials. I never saw  
ladies dressed so fine all in ball dresses  
and so were the men. The dance was free to every-  
30 body, but the common folks only went and  
looked on. I + Eddie were on the balcony. We  
stayed till 10 o'clock.  
I also have some other news to write  
my partner has left me. He went together  
35 with another Norwegian and they rented  
A room on Dayton St. the two of them pay  
\$4.00 a month but furnish their own fuel  
The reason he left is that he and that other  
boy are going to batch do their own house

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<sup>1</sup> Edward Scofield was the 19th governor of Wisconsin.

40 keeping. They are going to buy a little oil  
stove to cook and fry. The one he went  
together with claims he can live on 77¢  
for the whole week. That would make \$1.27  
for one man board and room without fuel.

45 Anders Thompsons Father wrote he should  
try and get cheaper room or board. It  
cost the old man too much. He wrote for  
money and the old man thought he spends it  
foolishly. I think if I go next winter

50 I will rent a room and do my own cooking  
or get a house keeper. One of our boys  
who came with his wife rented two rooms  
one bed room and a room to live in. I was to  
see him a number of times and we played

55 cards for a change. He claims that it does  
not cost him more than \$3.00 a week he pays  
\$6.00 for the rooms a month.  
I am getting more interested in school  
every day. Bookkeeping is very hard to

60 learn. We got a few pointers on grafting  
Prof. Goff says he can give us one lesson in  
grafting. It comes in the Second year  
course. I could go in with the second  
year boys for that lesson but then

65 I must drop Creamery, Blacksmithing or  
horse + cattle judging. I don't like to drop  
any of the three. We boys are pressing  
the Prof. to give us a little in grafting  
I don't know if I can stay in my rooms

70 or not. I tried to get a partner again  
but it is kind of hard. Those that I want  
I can't get and those I can get I don't want.  
Mr. Jones only gets \$1.00 a week instead of \$2.00  
I can get some other rooms but I don't like to

75 move I will stay till he tells me to go I use  
just as much fuel + light as two so he don't  
make much on \$1.00 a week. I am a little  
lonesome but I think I will get used to it  
if I stay. We got two new boys in our

80 class yesterday. But they have lost quite a little  
by coming so late. Last night Mr. Jones  
Nephew stayed overnight with me slept with  
me and also tonight. I sent you some  
papers on cow diseases I suppose you got

85 them I think they may come handy some

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time. I suppose you will have trouble  
to read my swriting I am in a hurry.  
Answer soon and tell me when  
aunt Hannah is or will be in Madison  
so that I can go to the depot and see her  
Answer soon. When I change I will let  
you know. From your son  
Alexander Krueger