

9. Gust. S. Klaetsch to Mr. John E. Fritsche, November 30, 1898

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To J.E. Fritsche

Lomira, Wis.

Dear Friend John,

5 Your kind letter came
to hand yesterday and was
glad to hear from you again.

Well now I must tell you about
10 the big Wolf chase they had
out here last Saturday.
there was two big grey wolves
came along the Creek and so
one of our neighbors boys took
after them Horse back and
15 run after them for about 2
miles and then they took after
them with a Horse and Buggy
and they got within about 20
Rods of them when one of the
20 Boys shot at one and broke

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his leg and then they run
them about 6 miles more when
they got close enough to shoot
at them with the Shot-Gun
25 when they gave him two charges
more before they finished him off
but it was a bouncer it weighed
50 lbs and measured 5ft from
tip of nose to the end of tail.

30 Well I have changed places
again I am working for
Uncle Sam now. I am
carrying Mail now six days
out of a week, and I make a
35 round trip of 39 miles every day
and I have 6 Horses to drive
and I get into three different
Post Offices twice every day
I tell you what it is they are
40 pretty strict in that business
a fellow that hauls the mail

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Road for anything only Mail
matter, nor turn off from the
45 road. and there is nothing
excuses a fellow from going except
high water.

Well now don't you start into
fits if I tell you that I am go-
50 ing to get married next Friday
evening, but so it is I am go-
ing to marry a Poetess.

So_ you better come and see the
performance. I shall look for you
55 We reorganized our Litrary Society
and will have our first-regular
meeting Friday evening, we are go
to have a high old time. I can
promis you, we will carry out
60 a splendid Program, and then
wind up with a Basket Socill
so you an me are not going to
let our Stomach's suffer, I just
tell you what it is! folks, out

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65 here are a good deal more for
getting up a little excitement then
they are out in Wisconsin now
we will have Litrary every two
70 weeks and of course we have to
get together two or three times
in between time to practice
and then we have a high old
time, I only wish you could be
out here this winter and if
75 you would not enjoy yourself it
would not be my fault, now I just
promise you that.

Tonight there is a Raffle in
Canova, one of the boys from
80 here went but as I did not buy
a number I thought it would

be best for me to stay at home
it is a three year old colt
that is to be Raffled off.
85 I got two numbers on a Fiddle
that is to be Raffled off prelly

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soon of course I expect to get
it and then I will start to
play for dances Ha. Ha. Ha.
90 Well I wish I had your
Banjo out here for I know that
I could sell it for you for there
is a couple of Yankie out here
they are both Banjo players and
95 good dancers I tell you.
If I get a chance to see them
I will talk them up to buying
it. I am going to start to
take Music lessons pretty soon
100 for I am right in the house
with one of the best music teacher
in the state, and the best of
all is that it is a young lady
into the bargain. I tell you
105 we have lots of fun some days
I would get a good jacking
up if she knew that I was
writing about her but paper is

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silent.
110 Well as to that song I can
not sent it for I have not got
it here for my Trunk is at my
old place yet but you shall
have it some time or other.
115 Well you will have to excuse
my poor writing for I got it
right on my lap. Do as you
please about the Banjo if you
want to send it out here I
120 will agree to sell it for you
for \$6.50 for I know that I

can get that for it
Well now I must close for
this time. give my love to
125 all the folks and don't for-
get to write to your old chum

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Well I am going to let you
know how the Raffle last-night
the Horse went for 6 do. one
fellow had 17 numbers and then
135 did not get the Horse.

The violin was Raffled off
too that went for 8 do but I
did not get it so you see I
will not be able to play for
140 dances. Well now I must go
and get my team ready to go
with the Mail, I am on the
Road from 9 a. m. till 5.30 P. M.
so you see I'm not at home
145 very much. Well so long to
you for this time

your Friend
Gust.