

May 26<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday

My dear Nannie -

Now is the center of my  
discontent - I feel blue to-day and  
I may not like it. I wrote  
to you Sunday night while I was  
away from my home several conferences  
but it was such a miserable disappointed  
affair that while I went to the Dept  
yesterday to read at - my heart failed  
me and I still have it. Saturday  
afternoon I was pretty lonesome and  
aimless - went to the Orphan - Albert  
Leahstrom wife and friend came out  
on the train and here over Sunday

Tommy and I were out at Big Lake, working  
hard - that I may - it, I have  
blistered hands, a - and my  
poisoning - Since - only  
existed in the "Linn" - of everyday  
affairs - I have been disappointed  
twice a day regularly for a "long time"  
have expected to hear from you - I  
received your invitation and I am  
very grateful to you for your thoughtfulness

I have a small "poussin de Affaire" which I  
had thought to send you by Mrs Soderlund who  
has been here for several days - since I  
may not come myself, but I thought  
I could send it to you Saturday when I  
expect to be in the City. I suppose you will  
soon be listening - to cacophonous sermons  
- superior advice from all sorts of individuals  
- to make you feel - and uncomfortable  
- had some small - myself in that -  
I want to tell you something of the kind -  
you as anyone - without meaning any  
offence, you are too apt to take yourself too  
seriously - you are subject to despondency,  
doubts, and wavering, and they are worse  
because you consider them peculiar to  
yourself - it is a common fault to each  
of us - a sense of desolation and  
realized worthlessness, that is the truest  
kind of hell, as I told you, for your  
own comfort, there is no need to be  
compared with your own conscience  
and the only remedy is to forget it  
in your work or another joy and  
sorrows. The despair may not mean  
anything for there is nothing  
irremediable in anything you may  
think or say or do. This doesn't sound  
like the "me" that you have known, but  
some days one can see and reason clearer  
than others and this dark rainy day I  
have chosen for long conversations  
which mostly correspond with the weather

you know something of my troubles  
which are gradually sorting themselves  
out the way I would have them -  
I know - been an annoyance and  
danger to you, but - shall never give  
you - until you make me -  
promises to make - hard to do -

This morning I had a long of -  
letter from my sister - I want you to  
read it sometime - it will tell you  
more than I could about myself and  
everything - you two women make up -  
world and I don't want to do anything  
to disappoint you. She expects to be here -

me when I attend that -  
one pretty well acquainted - my fr  
some social attention, - know you  
well - her. Absolutely nothing new  
in - Mabel can tell you every  
- so all that remained to tell -  
self, and if that you make the - part -  
not seeing you until Saturday. I wish  
you all the success in the world -  
With all my love - Ever yours

J. D. Cotton



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SHELBY, MONTANA

You were wondering about Shelby - It is about 2500 population, on the main line of the Gt Northern - all the trains stop (except the famous fast mail train) so that it is possible to go to the depot every afternoon and see some samples of Eastern culture - It is not very much <sup>like</sup> Lewistown, - in that it has no paved streets or trees, - the oil field is worth about 20 miles and is a very large one - There will be a great deal of development work this summer and the field will produce about 30000 barrels of crude a day; - one fine thing here, we have a world of natural gas; - if I had, had to stoke a stove this last winter, - then would have been much more to the story - We are about 30 miles from the Canadian line and an hour drive from Glacier Park; - and three hours from Great Falls or St. Marys - the scenery is Montana; climate ditto, and the roads; at present; unimprovable - There is no farming in this neighborhood, but between here and Great Falls it is a Paradise; - good irrigated farms, good hunting & fishing - and expecting to make up to catch me one this summer - one fish - There are several small oil refineries, and the

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place is dependent on the oil industry - there are no stores, worth very much, - one movie theatre - with a Glenn Norton pianist, - the Green Lantern dance hall that is almost an open air affair, - the usual number of restaurants, - that deal in roast beef almost exclusively - when I am busy, I like it, but if there isn't much to do, I wish I was very elsewhere - maybe it will not be so bad when I can get out and train my dog - he is improving, - but the dog is conversation best reserved for Becky -

I was very pleased with the shirt, - and I could have used it very well, - but I've grown some - old Becky forgot about my "boy window" - but anyhow I've got a trade out, for another one of my dimensions - I hope you liked your "wallet vanity" - It seemed, to my mind, suitable for your sedate self, - not so flapperish - and I didn't see any cigarette space - the "wallet" part is rather ludicrous, but will try to put some in it once in a while, - when some of these folks get money, we won't be so poor either -

Dear Mr. Ledge -

I found your letter here waiting me when I got back at the beginning of the week. ~~Don't have time to have~~  
~~apologize to you for my letter has been arranged by~~  
~~the same person.~~ Am sorry that I could not have received it when I was still at home, so I could have talked it over with my mother, as you said, but am sending it home and will try to discuss it anyway. I appreciate your writing me, and I'm sure you know I have always appreciated very much everything you have done for my father - I know it has been a great deal.

As to my opinion about things, it hasn't changed since I was out there the summer, and I guess the situation hasn't changed very much either, has it? I'm sure I try hard to be broadminded, and I know that I can see both sides of this. I have never found it very hard to understand how anyone could be disgusted enough with things in general at times to look it over, and have really been very critical of my father on just that point, though it hasn't been very pleasant for any of us, but I think it's pretty small of anyone who does it to blame anyone else in the world but himself for it. I know that you will say that you ~~don't want~~ don't want to make an argument out of this as to who is right or wrong, and I know for myself that that won't go in any far. I guess the question of right and wrong doesn't play much part in the world, ~~at least~~ anyway, - but I think you will have to admit that you brought it up yourself. I can't help but think that your statements about my mother shouldn't have been in any way, particularly with attorneys and threatening letters, shows better than the rest of your letter what your attitude is. So to say plain, Mr. Ledge, I think it was rather small to put something that could very well be said in another way in this way, after all my mother has put up with just for the sake of giving him a fair chance, and with the way he has been given every opportunity to send in a fair

I think these threatening letters must have been mixed to your  
income and seems to prefer to spend what money  
he does get on the people he does. ~~I don't know whether~~  
~~you have the impression that we get a great deal of money~~  
~~from him or not, but the fact is that he can't~~ ~~do~~  
~~very much of you to admit that he has no illegitimate and~~  
~~supporting family. I certainly don't think a man ought~~  
to feel abused because he's expected to give his family a  
decent living, and I'm sure we have never expected any  
more than that. I know that he is perfectly able to do so  
if he wanted to very badly. ~~The stuff about his earning~~  
~~money being taken away from him is not true and you~~  
~~know it as well as I do, and when he doesn't it is not~~  
because his earning money is taken away from him. You  
know that as well as I do. ~~I see no reason why he should~~  
~~live in the city, and that is certainly the case if such~~  
~~and such a thing as the hotel is to be taken for~~  
~~me to live at home without money or coal to burn in the~~  
~~stove and he is to be staying in the hotel and~~  
~~displaying his temperance, as I will admit to be one~~  
~~of the business of temperance, and having to be~~  
~~handled just a certain way is getting to be an old story~~  
~~and is pretty much uncalled for. ~~My mother~~ of my~~  
mother had to display her temperance everywhere she got  
discouraged Peckey? I would have been raised in the  
ophan's home, I guess, and yet she dares have someone  
standing behind her with a check-book. As far as I can  
see she dares get any thanks for it other than having  
her character run down by my father's ~~and his~~ <sup>Decided to</sup>  
so-called "friends," - and him too, for that matter. <sup>let this</sup>  
<sup>stand</sup>  
I think that the only thing that has brought my father to  
this place is having his own way all his life ~~and~~, too many  
friends and too much sympathy. It's hard to get a good look  
at yourself when everyone around you is always sticking  
up for you and letting you think you're ~~an~~ abused,  
a "good-fellow," etc, as his friends have always done.  
I guess it's too late to talk about that now, but I'm sure  
I don't know what ought to be done.



~~I don't know if you should be~~  
~~could argue to come out there when school is over~~  
~~I don't know, but I don't think I should write~~  
that would do all right with it. I have stopped  
trying to persuade myself that I can change him very  
much.

I expect to come over there in some about a week  
for a while this year I thought of leaving school and going  
us at the end of the second semester to go out. Was really much  
worse over Christmas time.

I was very much worried over Christmas time and  
was thinking of going out there as soon as the semester  
closed and not finishing the school year. Would if I thought  
it would do any good. I don't see now, though, it  
is necessary. I still intend to come out here in  
the Spring, as I planned last fall. I don't know if  
you know I would not think of staying out there if the  
Walker woman were around. It seems to me that if my  
father really cared very much about my being out there  
he would have left me stay and run him when I was  
all this while. I don't know. I was very tired over  
week ~~the~~ - and I don't know how he had his dog to  
signify. I wanted to stay there this fall, but he said  
it was impossible.

9 However, I don't see that I should be expected to stay over there if  
that Walker woman were around. I don't know. It  
seems to me that if he really <sup>loved</sup> me, as he would  
have let me stay, stay where I was, or there. It is not  
wasn't there over a week - and would not have her  
leave right away, after all the promises. I don't know whether  
the worry about the life insurance is entirely identical  
for our sake, and not partly so my mother wants to do any  
thing that might upset ~~the~~ just the way he prefers to do  
things.

I suppose the last sound very hard, but it  
is not pleasant to have it always taken so for granted  
that the only thing you care for your people is how much  
money you can get out of them. I did anything for him  
it would just be because I wanted him to stop. I don't  
and I don't see that the life insurance will be ~~the~~ always

and realize what it means to have that to your name  
as equivalents nothing at all.

mentioned as though that weren't the case, - nor  
that I don't appreciate his keeping it up for me.  
I also appreciate being sent to school, but I'm not  
too fond of taking the money with other things, as they  
are, and would like very much to be in a position  
where I could earn my own living and feel independent.

~~But~~ I see that the letter is getting rather long,  
and I give my opinion of the op. I believe to change things  
much anyway. I expect to ~~be~~ go on tomorrow in

and sometimes I wonder whether he really wants to see me  
there or not.

Although I do not think he has treated my mother very  
well to say the least I know she hasn't been very well  
and has a good deal to contend with there, and I would  
do all I can to help him. In some cases I would be willing  
to put up with most anything else if he would only stop  
drinking.

# **EMPIRE BUILDER**

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**Train Directory**





WAITING FOR THE  
CONDUCTOR'S HIGHBALL

*The* EMPIRE  
BUILDER

*Two*

**The Sun Parlor Observation Car**  
Located at rear of the train.

**This Car Offers:**

A glassed in sun parlor with comfortable wicker chairs seating 8 people.

An observation room, equipped with settees, chairs, console and corner tables with lamps, and with extra high windows for uninterrupted observation.

A ladies' dressing room with shower in an adjoining annex; with maid in attendance who is also a manicure, expert hairdresser and masseuse.

A well stocked buffet in charge of porter where mineral waters, a complete fountain service and broiler service may be obtained. Cigars, cigarettes, and playing cards are also carried in stock.

Another lounge where patrons may gather to smoke or play cards.

A snug writing compartment with desk stocked with note paper, envelopes, post cards,

*Three*



THE COZY SUN PARLOR OF THE  
SOLARIUM OBSERVATION CAR

*The* EMPIRE  
BUILDER

*Four*

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correspondence cards, telegraph blanks and a locked mail box. Stamps may be obtained from porter in charge of car.

A well selected list of current magazines.

Literature descriptive of country through which train is passing.

The service of 4 o'clock tea daily to standard sleeping car passengers without charge.

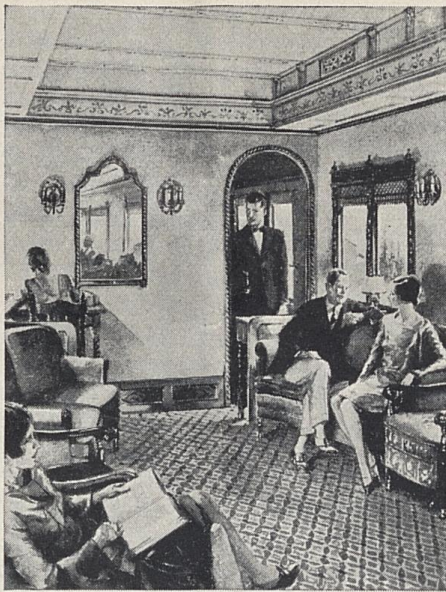
Telephone connection direct from the car while in terminals at Chicago, St. Paul, Seattle and Tacoma. No charge for local calls. Telephone directories of these four cities are on car.

The conveniences of the Sun Parlor Observation Car are free to Standard Sleeping Car patrons.

### **The Ladies' Maid**

Women traveling with children, and without nurses or maids, will find the services of the Ladies' Maid on the Empire Builder invaluable and a pleasant convenience during their trip. They are invited to make free use of her services.

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THE OBSERVATION LOUNGE OF THE  
SOLARIUM OBSERVATION CAR

*The* EMPIRE  
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### Manicure-Massage

The Ladies' Maid on the Empire Builder is also a competent manicure, hairdresser and masseuse.

Manicure.....75c    Facial Massage..75c  
Shampoo.....75c

The porter of your car will arrange for the services of the maid at your request.

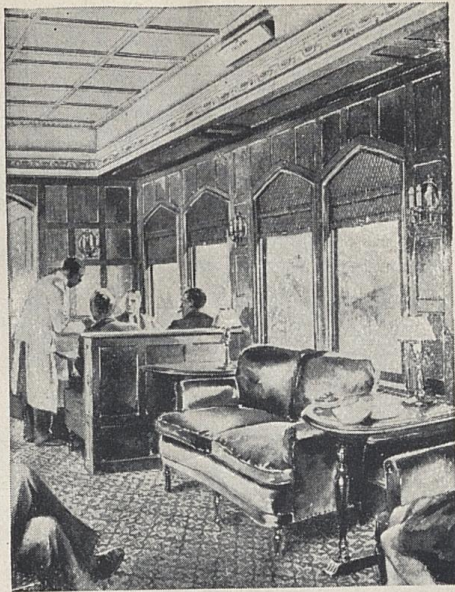
### Women's Shower Bath

The women's shower bath is located in the Sun Parlor Observation Car just off the women's dressing room and is in charge of the Maid. Reservations should be made through her. The charge for use of bath is 50 cents.

### Barber and Valet

The barber shop, valet and men's shower bath are located in the forward end of the Sun Parlor Observation Car.

A skilled barber, who is also a specialist in the art of trimming and bobbing women's hair, is in attendance.



THE CLUB LOUNGE OF THE  
SOLARIUM OBSERVATION CAR

The EMPIRE  
BUILDER

**Charges for Barber Service for Women**

Shingle Bob...\$1.00	Trimming Hair..75c
Straight Bob....75c	Shampoo.....75c
	Facial Massage..75c

**Charges for Barber Service for Men**

Haircut.....50c	Hair Singe.....25c
Shampoo.....50c	Beard Trimmed.35c
Facial Massage.50c	Tonic.....25c
Shave.....25c	Shower Bath....50c

**Charges for Pressing Clothing**

Suit (3 piece)..\$1.25	Suit (2 piece). <del>\$1.50</del>
Coat.....75c	Overcoat.....\$1.00
Vest.....25c	Trousers.....50c
Lady's Coat...\$1.00	Lady's Skirt....75c

The porter in your car will arrange with the valet for any pressing you may wish done during the night.

The Empire Builder is vacuum cleaned daily.



THE SPECIALLY DESIGNED ROOMY  
DINING CARS

*The* EMPIRE  
BUILDER

### The Dining Car

The dining cars on the Empire Builder were designed specially for the transcontinental service between Chicago, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, and are decorated to harmonize with the other cars on the train. They are extremely wide and roomy and seat 36 people comfortably.

Kitchen and pantry are of extra size. The latest developments in ice boxes and lockers assure fresh and clean food. The problem of ventilation and the elimination of cooking odors has been solved through the liberal use of exhaust fans and automatic ventilators.

The car, Pullman-built, is devoid of vibration, a point appreciated by those who eat on fast trains. The crew, instead of sleeping in the dining car, as is generally the case, have specially designed quarters in the forward part of the train.

Passengers have their choice of either a la carte or table d'hote meals at reasonable prices. The menus feature seasonable delicacies, fruits and berries, appetizing sea foods, fresh vegetables from the evergreen Pacific Northwest, prize winning Minnesota butter, North Dakota beef, Montana and Idaho potatoes, Washington fruit and other products of the rich agricultural territory served by the Great Northern Railway.



**Equipment of Train****Westbound**

Sun Parlor Observation Car, Chicago to Seattle-Tacoma.

Pullman Sleeping Car (8 sections, 2 Compartments, Drawing Room), Chicago to Portland via S. P. & S., Spokane to Portland.

Pullman Sleeping Car (8 sections, 2 Compartments, Drawing Room), Chicago to Tacoma.

Two Pullman Sleeping Cars (8 sections, 2 Compartments, Drawing Room), Chicago to Seattle.

Dining Car, St. Paul to Seattle.

First Class Coach and Smoking Car, Chicago to Seattle-Tacoma.

During Glacier Park Season (June 15 to Sept. 15) Pullman Sleeping Car, Chicago to Glacier Park; Glacier Park to Seattle; and Glacier Park to Portland.

**Equipment of Train****Eastbound**

Sun Parlor Observation Car, Tacoma-Seattle to Chicago.

Pullman Sleeping Car (8 sections, 2 Compartments, Drawing Room), Portland to Chicago, via S. P. & S. to Spokane.

Pullman Sleeping Car (8 sections, 2 Compartments, Drawing Room), Spokane to Chicago.

Pullman Sleeping Car (8 sections, 2 Compartments, Drawing Room), Tacoma to Chicago.

Pullman Sleeping Car (8 sections, 2 Compartments, Drawing Room), Seattle to Chicago.

Dining Car, Seattle to St. Paul and Savanna to Chicago.

First Class Coach and Smoking Car, Tacoma-Seattle to Chicago.

During Glacier Park season (June 15 to Sept. 15) Pullman Sleeping Car, Seattle to Glacier Park; Portland to Glacier Park; and Glacier Park to Chicago.



NEW TYPE PULLMAN CARS WITH PERMANENT HEAD-BOARDS BETWEEN SECTIONS AND COIL SPRING MAT-TRESSES IN BERTHS.

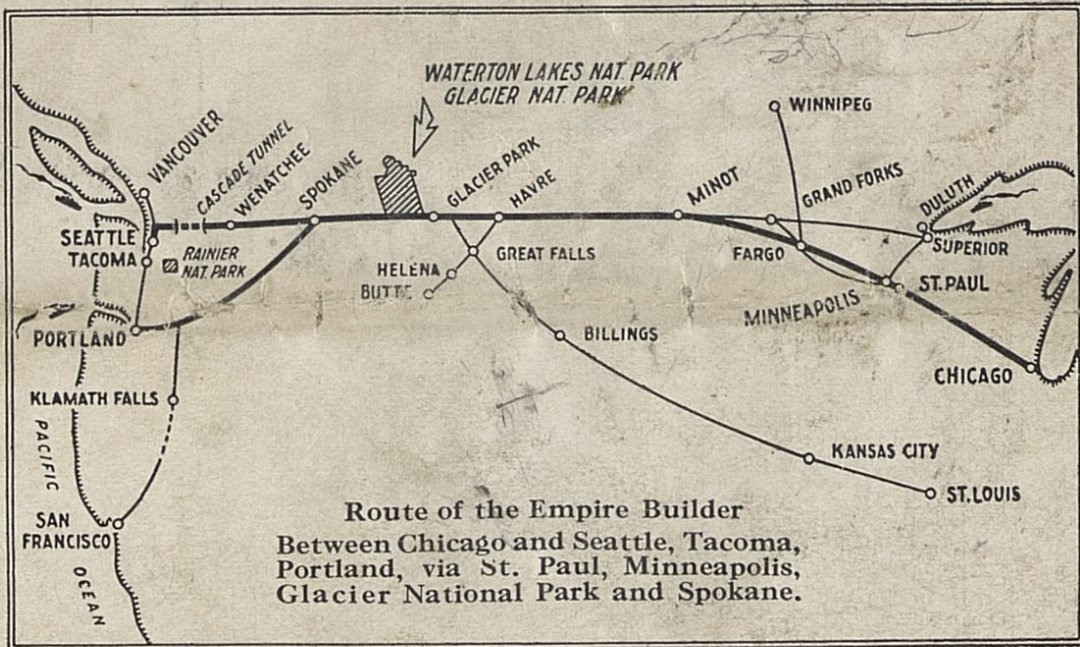
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<b>No. 1</b>	<b>Burlington Route</b>	<b>No. 2</b>
9 00	Lv Union Station, Chicago..Ar	9 15
8 00	Ar St. Paul.....Lv	10 45
	<b>Great Northern Ry.</b>	
8 30	Lv St. Paul.....Ar	10 30
9 05	Lv Minneapolis.....Ar	10 00
10 40	Lv St. Cloud.....Lv	8 20
2 50	Lv Fargo.....Lv	4 10
5 50	Lv New Rockford.....Lv	1 00
8 40	Lv Minot.....Lv	10 20
11 05	Lv Williston.....Lv	6 55
7 15	Lv Havre.....Lv	10 10
10 00	Lv Shelby.....Lv	7 00
11 35	Lv Blackfoot.....Lv	5 35
12 27	Lv Glacier Park.....Lv	4 45
3 40	Lv Whitefish.....Lv	1 35
6 33	Lv Troy.....Lv	9 33
10 45	Ar Spokane.....Lv	4 15
11 00	Lv Spokane.....Ar	4 00
8 58	Ar Everett.....Lv	7 02
10 00	Ar Seattle.....Lv	6 00
11 40	Ar Tacoma.....Lv	4 20
	<b>S. P. &amp; S. Ry.</b>	
11 15	Lv Spokane.....Ar	3 50
10 00	Ar Portland.....Lv	6 00
<b>No. 223</b>	<b>Great Northern Ry.</b>	<b>No. 224</b>
7 30	Lv Havre.....Ar	x 9 30
	(After arrival No. 1)	
11 30	Ar Great Falls.....Lv	5 30

xConnect with No. 2.  
Same stops as at present.



**Route of the Empire Builder**  
 Between Chicago and Seattle, Tacoma,  
 Portland, via St. Paul, Minneapolis,  
 Glacier National Park and Spokane.

Sun 21 - 11:15

Mon 22 - 10

Tue 23 - 11:20

Wed 24 - 12 - Butte

Thur 25 - 12 - Hyster - dinner home -

Fri 26 - 10 - meals cottage -

Sat 27 - (cut all night) dance - cottage

Sun 28 - 12:30 - (d) dinner home -

Mon 29 - Office 6:30 - home 7 A.M. - for breakfast

Tue Sept 30 Home 8:30

Wed 1 - " 8

Thur 2 - " 9:30

Fri 3 - Ino men breakfast 10:30

Home 9:30

Sat 4 - Mount to Butte

7. Home 9 P.M.

Sun 5 - Home 12 -

Mon 6 - Breakfast cottage

dinner home -

Supper ready did not come

gone to Butte home 9

o'clock for supper - office until 12

Tue - Back supper - home -

Wed - Anaconda - See and home

Thur 7 o'clock for supper - office until 9:30

Thur 9 - Home 10 o'clock

Fri 10 - " 8:30

Sat 11 - " 10

Sun 12 Home 11 - picnic with

13 Home 8:30

14 Home 8 - out to

15 Home 8

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Fri- 22-12.
- 2 Sat- 23. 1
- 3 Sun. 24 11. 30
- 4 Mon 25- 10: 30
- 5 Tue 12: P. 26- 7 A.M. - Ausconda
- 6 Wed 11 27- 11: 30
- 7 Thurs 2. Ave. 28. 1 - Talk.
- 8 Fri 10. 29- 10: 30
- 9 Sat 12: 30 30- 11: 30
- 10 Sun. 1 31- 11. Ausconda
- 11 Mon 12 1- All at Cuthbert 10: 30
- 12 Tues 11: 30 2- 11
- 13 Wed Dance 3- White Sulphur
- 14 Thurs 9: 30 4- " "
- 15 Fri 10: 30 5- Home A.M. - Better
- 16 Sat- 1: 15 B+A. 6- 11: 30
- 17 Sun 10: 30 7- 11: 30
- 18 Mon 11: 45 8- 8: 30
- 19 Tues 11. 9- 11.
- 20 Wed 10 10- 11: 30-
- 21 Thurs 9 11- 11

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Tue 12 - 10 promise -

Sat 13 - 12:30

Sun 14 - 12:30

Mon 15 - 10

Tue 16 - 9 Calhoun's for supper -

Wed 17 - 9:30

Thu 18 - 10 - Search ants called

Fri 19 - 10

Sat 20 - 10

Thurs 25 - Home  
Fri 26 - Home  
Sat 27 - Royal cards -  
Sun 28 - Hollis + Mr. Supper  
Holmes went  
Mon 29 - Home 9:30  
Tue 30 - Home  
Wed 31 - Home  
Jan 1 -

Oct 15 - Home 8:30  
Thurs 16 - F. + See to Butler Home 8:30  
Fri 17 - Hollis - some supper  
Sat 18 - Home 10:30  
Sun 19 - Hollis + Mr. Supper  
at Colgate for supper  
Mon 20 - Home 11:30  
Tue 21 - Home 9  
Wed 22 - Mr. Hollis + Mr. Supper  
Jan 23 - Home 8:30  
Jan 24 - " 11:30  
Jan 25 - " 7:30  
Jan 26 - " 10:30  
Mon 27 - Mr. Hollis + Mr. Supper  
Jan 28 - Home 12:30  
Tue 29 - " 10:30  
Wed 30 - Hollis + Mr. Supper  
at Colgate  
Thurs 31 - Home 8:30  
Fri 1 - Home  
Sat 2 - Mr. Hollis + Mr. Supper  
at Colgate  
Sun 3 - Home 11:30  
Mon 4 - Home  
Tue 5 - Home 7:30  
Wed 6 - Butler to see  
+ Mr. Supper. Played cards in evening  
Thu 7 - Home 7:30 to 10:30  
Sat 8 - H + Mr. Supper at Colgate  
10:45 to 11:30  
Sun 9 - Home 11:30 to 11:30



Mon 10 - Home 11:30 - 13<sup>00</sup> yard  
 Tue 11 - School - Sunday afternoon  
 Wed 12 - Went to Canada with Calder  
 Home 12:45  
 Thurs 13 - Home 9:30  
 Fri 14 - Went hunting beyond  
 Butte  
 Mon 17 - Home on morning train  
 Home 8:30 evening  
 Tue 16 - Played cards - Catherine's den  
 Wed 17 - Home 10:30  
 Thurs 18 - " " " "  
 Fri 19 - Catherine + McEstran  
 for church supper Home  
 Sat 20 - Home 11:45  
 Sun 21 - 7 + Frances + Butte  
 men + Holly for supper cards  
 Mon 22 - Ranch of milk +  
 and cow - 10  
 Tue 23 - Home 8:45  
 Wed 24 - Program at hall  
 Thurs 25 - Catherine + me + Holly for  
 dinner called at 9:30  
 sat 11:30  
 Fri 26 - Home 11:45  
 Sat 27 - Home 9  
 Sun - Home 8:35 - Scandland called  
 at 11:45

Mon - Wed. Butte all night.  
 Tue " 2 - Home at 6 o'clock  
 Wed 13 - Party prepared - Mrs  
 Squire + bear only - Home 11  
 Thurs - Home + Butte Home 12:45  
 Fri 5 - Home 11  
 Sat 6 - Played cards  
 Sun 7 - " " "  
 Mon 8 - Home 10:30  
 Tue 9 - " 12 - Scandland  
 Wed 10 - " 7:30  
 Thurs 11 - " 10:30  
 Fri 12 - Went to Butte - stayed at  
 Deer Lodge - all night  
 Sat 13 - I went to Butte  
 Met Holly for supper - cards  
 Sun 14 - Me " " "  
 Mon 15 - Home 10:30  
 Tue 16 - Cards until 11:30 game till 12  
 Wed 17 - Game 9:30 - 10:30  
 Thurs 18 - Game at the hall  
 Fri 19 - 12:30  
 Sat 20 - 6:30  
 Sun 21 - Holmes came  
 Mon 22 - McE for supper + cards  
 Tue 23 - " " dinner  
 ante-luncheon at Hall  
 Wed 24 - 7 + 9 McE for dinner  
 Home all night

Dear McKenna.

Sept 10-23

Knowing you and doctor to be very good friends, I am writing to you for a little advice. You know his one great fault, and you know what <sup>the</sup> conditions were when I left there last fall.

Mr. Combs + I did everything we could to get him straightened out before election, but without success, so I came home thinking it would be best for him and in time he would see he was at fault.

We have written him at different times, but he ignores our letters and sends me nothing for our support.

He is a poor collector, so it may be he has no money. I am wondering if I can do anything about the collections. I know I can compel him to support his children, but I would rather not do it in that way. I feel sorry for him, and do not want to do anything to discourage him, but must have some money. Will appreciate your advice.