Dear [Name],

As I have received two letters from you lately, I guess you are beginning to expect an answer to both of them. Even if you are a small potato, I guess you don't want your correspondent to treat you with indifference. You used to write to me last winter you've often and I don't recollect of writing to you as very often then but here often. I will try and not to ask you letters with such cold reception.

It is now 9:00 minutes past 3 o'clock at night and I have been tolerably busy all night but I believe I am about through until near daylight or 6 o'clock. Now you know how we used to run to see every train go by, well that practice has about all left me now. I have seen so much of it here nights that I wouldn't care much if I was there I couldn't...
would like I have seen E. & M. very much
But you can tell me all about them when I get home—Which if something happens will be about the middle of next month.
Well I guess you all are making good preparations for your sister Estie's departure to Old Baylov again, to Beulah &c, and
Allie & Ben Allen (going when Estie goes?)
I see by the Journal that you have had
the Sheridan Club at your house I guess
you all had a fine time, and Estie (wrote that) she is having beaus now—You tell
her she is mighty young to be having company.
How is Jeny making it since Of his went back on him does he look sick & feel pale like
he was taking it very hard. I saw in the Dale Daily News today that Nettie had the appointment
at the Normal school, the news came to the
office here promptly so I see nearly all the news.
There was an old man burned up in a gin
close to this place a few days ago, And
another old man fell dead in his mill
hoppers one morning. As if I go to bed about the time you all eat breakfast & sleep all day.
Dear [Name],

I heard from them for a few days at least. There have been no trains here tonight and even one of them stopped for a while and I had to do some stenography for each one. The office would be full of freight conductors and brakemen crossing back and forth in general. The conductors and engineers casting up about which one shall take the ride-track in passing each other. I thought the other night I thought there was going to be a forced and easy flight here - there was a your flight of powdering going on anyway - they on a hard job and way you take them.

Will you write me much such times you are having visiting at home now. It makes me sorry that I left when I did. Genie don't seem to be enjoying Nettie's visit but seems to be an friendly woman with Ed. While I know if I had been there I would have had a nice time all around. Will you tell Genie to keep cool and let her hair grow. All else will soon be sent back to Dependence where she can see Mande Blackburn instead of Nettie,

[Signature]
Don't eat dinner at all, just eat breakfast and lunch at 1 o'clock at night. Don't drink any coffee for breakfast, just a cup of tea. I can sleep good, but drink 2 cups of coffee. I get up about 7 AM and work around town until I go on duty at 7 PM. I am getting so I can set up all right now without any trouble. I see the brush is very messy now when it ain't too cleared. There have been good rains down here since I came, the land down here is like it is in Bellevue, sandy and lots of pine trees, there is a pine sawmill here.

The dough is awful bad here, I haven't seen any one that I know since I came down. I am doing my duty now, I see lots of convicts dressed in stripes, some young men, a number of Afro-10 and pictures of Choctaw.

As we go, ask Father if he recollects a Dr. Glover in Anston, he is here, says he knows our family well. He has lived in Texas, too. I don't know of anything clear to write, if you want to know anything else you must write. Can write as often as you can. Good Bye.
The Missouri Pacific Railway Co.

[Handwritten address]

R. R. B.