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Dear Brother I received your letter at St Joseph and was glad to hear from you we are in good quarters now but how long we shall remain here I cant tell most of our regiment is on a scout there is good many sick with the measles and colds there is over a hundred unfit for duty you surmise a good many things in your letter if I interpret aright but I cant believe what you intend



to convey, let what  
will happen I cant  
help, it now I want  
farther, to stay over to  
my house when he  
comes down to Dixon  
St Joseph is quite a  
large place but over  
half of the inhabitants  
run away to save  
thare Bacon but we  
have got quite a  
number of prisoners  
here they have to work  
in the entrenchments  
daytime put in to  
jail come night if  
they get disorderly the  
gard fire in amonks  
them is the only way  
to quell them

Company I to Ho are  
quartered in adfellow  
hall as large again  
as union hall Dixon  
I cant stop to write  
any more Charley  
wants to go to the  
post office. now  
I will send you  
the St Louis Sem  
icrat tomorrow I  
want you to send  
me the tribune  
so I can hear  
more about the  
war good night  
when you write  
let me all that  
will interest me  
C. H. Hatch