

Letter from C.W. Neff to his wife, Nellie, who was in Colorado at the time.

Monday night
Dear Wife - I am sitting here
alone with a candle for light
and still raining out side and
thinking of you, and wondering
what you are doing and if you
are thinking of me and I know
you are and just that I talk
to you - it has been a bad day
and I am tired and that is
when home and you are best
but I am not foolish and want
you to enjoy yourself and not
worry about me or anyone else
for we are all O.K. and are
happy in the thought that you
could go but my dear would
you know absence makes the
eye - old fool aint it?
Myron is out to Dorothy's - they
went out to see the creek and
also down to river - I shoveled
up four or five tubs of water in
the cellar and kept a pail to
flush the toilet with. In my letter
this P.M. I told you about the
falls getting marooned at Pitkin
just heard that they were in
all right. Every body on north
side down by Gilliland's and
around that locality have
cellars full and sewers backed up
so I guess we are well off.
I will go down to Grandpa's in
morning and see how it is
there - The kids are just as
fine as hills and pretty near
have a scrap to see where I go
next for a meal. Went to father's
yesterday - pencil is sun and mighty
dark so perhaps you cant read
this or I may not mail it
any way - every night I pray
that you may be well and
never

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happy and things I will be better
to you and if I don't show it
dear you mean more to me
than I can ever tell you
Quick was here the other day
and said he was coming home
coming to the wedding and would
tell us when it was. It just
proved and said that Jake
Lilly and one of Ed Barrett's boys
were drowned at Bertram caught
on bridge in high water
It has been worst storm I
ever saw. I have a good fire
in the furnace and I can
hear you spatter about it being
to hot but I was wet and
kinda chilly and also wanted
to dry the cellar and going to
take a hot bath and I hit the
day pretty soon so good night
your own

P.S. Alta and John were just
here and the lights are on
and water is hot and I am
going to bath and turn in
so will say nighty night
again

Love Dad

J. has them

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Dear wife--I am sitting here alone with a candle for light and still raining out side and thinking of you, and wondering what you are doing and if you are thinking of me and I know you are and just that I'd talk to you--it has been a bad day and I am tired and that is when home and you are best but I am not foolish and want you to enjoy yourself and not worry about me or any one else for we are all O.K. and are happy in the thought that you could go buy my dear ... you know ...asked the ...--old fool aint I?

Myron is out to Dorothy's--they went out to see the creeks and also down to river--I shoveled up four or five tubs of water in the cellar and kept a pail to flush the stool with. In my letter this P.W. I told you about the fallas getting marooned at Pitliks just heard that they were in all night. Every body on north side down by gillilands and around that locality have cellars full and sewers backed up so I guess we are well off.

Will go down to grampa's in morning and see how it is there--the kids are just as fine as sills and pretty near have a scrap to see where I go next for a meal. Went to fathers yesterday--pencil is bum and mighty dark so perhaps you cant read any way--every night I pray that you may be well and happy and think I will be better to you and if I don't show it dear you mean more to me than I can ever tell you--Quick was here the other day and said he was counting ones coming to the wedding and would tell us where it was. ... just plowed and said that Jake Seldy and one of Ed Barrets boys were drow[n]ed at Bertram caught one bridge in high water. It has been worst storm ever saw. I have a good fire in the furnace and I can hear you spatter about it being to hot but I was wet and kinda chilly and also wanted to dry the cellar am going to take a hot bath and hit the hay pretty soon so good night

Yours C.W.N.

P.S. Alta and John were just here and the lights are on and water is too and I am going to bathe and turn in so will say nighty night again.