

harder about than it is to cut  
they or shear sheep.

The market is better  
for all kind of produce now  
than it has been for quiet awhile  
wheat is about 250 to  
280 about is about 28 to 30  
corn 14 - 15 oats 12 1/2 since the  
taking of fort Donnadson  
grain has had an upward  
tendency, no doubt that you  
have heard of the fight, I saw  
a fellow that was there to cry  
he said that in the embankment  
men that they lay dead four or  
five dead; he was one of the guard  
that escorted the prisoners to  
Chicago, I wish that you  
were out here with your  
smart colts, you could find  
plenty of the pretty ones to  
ride with, I don't want that  
you should let all of them  
girls get tied up but save one  
of them loose, for me

as my sheet is full I will  
write you to close your eye  
love to all quite soon & all  
of the news  
E S B H S Johnson

Harrison J. L. Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 62

Cousin Lewis I received  
your kind & ever welcome letter  
yesterday I was glad to hear  
from you & learn that you  
were all well

I am as well  
as ever & hope that the few  
scraps will find you all well  
I was over to uncle Joseph's  
to day they are all well, the  
old man feels pretty poor, he  
has lost his horse, Amasa  
had a colt there the old man  
got him up & put the fitting  
harness on him the colt reared  
up fell over backward struck  
his head on the frozen ground  
& knocked his skull in, it  
did not live ten minutes