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Mrs. Tourgee

Dear Madam. I drop you a few lines, to let you know what I am doing. I have the grape wire all off + down where it is to be used, the posts all out + piled up, I only found 60 that will do to use + they are some rotted at the bottom, will speak of them later. I have the grape brush all cut + burned + will pull the roots out in the spring when I plow the ground. The Dr. paid me $10.00, + I don't want the bal. until I get the roots out. I haven't drawn any manure yet. I went yesterday to look at it, +

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found that I could not get at it yet, on acct of the remains of the barns, as soon as Joe gets picked up around I will try & get out some. I have cut & burned all the brush along railroad street & up the alley, sorted out the good rails to use on fence between you & Whallon, & burned up rubbish, the time spent doing this was 40 hours at 15c per hour, & if you would please send me this amt. $6.00 I would be much obliged to you. It will probably take 3 or 4 days to put in what posts are needed around that lot below the original pasture & stretch the old grape wire & then the pasture will be ready to turn stock in when the time comes & I intend to do this work right along. Now what I was

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going to say about the posts, was this. I would advise you to use those, what are needed to fix pasture fence with this spring & keep the bal. to keep pasture fence in repair with. as they are not fit to put into a new fence, I wouldnt use them for myself & wouldnt advise you to. the part of the post that was in the ground is 1/3 to 1/2 rotted, on a good many of them, & some I found rotted clear off. Perhaps when you come to think it over you will give up fencing any thing but the pasture, as it will be quite expensive to buy new material all the way throug for

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all of it, & it isint needed as there isint much stock running at large now days. you can think it over, but if it was mine I shouldnt care to have it fenced. If people are inclined to get in they will any way. We have been having quite severe weather lately but is better now. icing is over here. Will say good bye for this time.

Very truly yours.
J. E. Pratt.
Mayville.
N.Y.

P.S. Will say I called at the Dr's to see you, the afternoon of the morning you returned.

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