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My dear Mrs Durgie :-

You must blame the weather for my delay in replying to your last favor.

Yesterday morning was the first time the ground had been free of snow and slush for weeks, and Judge Van Dresen and I went all over your property.

Some one has been taking trees out of the orchard, I suppose it is by your direction.

I noticed a few of the young walnut trees had been taken up, and was informed up town that some Mr Gallup had removed them.

The Judge says he will



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draw an agreement to submit to you, but he is busy and it may be some days ere I get the paper, meanwhile if we do get spring weather I should begin work at once on the ground and I write for your consent so to do.

I took my farmer over the property, his suggestion for this year is to break up and sow to oats and grass the two lower fields this spring. This will make a hay crop for next year, then this fall his idea is to break up the present meadow, and plow the orchard, and



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we seed both of them for  
next year.

The soil is about worn out  
and requires reseedling.  
He says it will be better to  
plow the orchard after the  
sap is down, the buds are now  
swollen and he says it would  
injure the trees to disturb  
the roots, as the plow will,  
now that the sap is running  
up.

I will forward agreement  
as soon as I receive it, meanwhile  
on receipt of your reply we  
will begin work.

Make my kind regards  
to Lode and to Mrs. Warner.



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*and believe me as ever*

*Most Truly Yours*

*L. De F. Jennings*

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