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Dear Children:

I was very sorry to have missed you yesterday. You perhaps will be surprised at your letter coming from me at Lawrence. Dorothea, Jon Dolph, and I started for Wymore yesterday in the Pontiac which has those soft, large-sized tires. I found that the tires were rather unsuited for traveling on slippery roads and when we were a few miles north of Netawaka and had climbed to nearly the top of a fairly large hill, the car took a notion to go into the ditch, but fortunately the brakes on one side or the other held so that the car turned completely around and was headed south instead of north. The front wheels were within about three feet of the ditch, but by having Dorothea take the wheel and me pushing, we got out.

We still thought that we might turn around and try it again, but we found that there was no place where we could turn around with any surety that we would make it, so when we got back to Holton, I had her call Harry and he said that the roads from there on were worse than any we had been over and that we had better return to Lawrence, which we did.

The Johnson children have all been greatly pleased with the TV set because it is something new to them.

I think probably Dorothea will make use of the bus to return when she does because I do not believe that the condition of the roads will be greatly improved for a few days.

I got a kind of a kick out of the fact that I drove all the way yesterday without either becoming too tired or unnerved. Dorothea offered to take the wheel but I was rather glad to find that I could keep on driving more or less as I used to do without difficulty.

Much love to you both,