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March 29th 1864

700, Miss Carr,

My dear Sir

Your welcome letter was duly rec^d some time since and I delayed answering to get something of interest to write but still have none, so I conclude to give you the best I have. I notice in the southerner the death of Dr Sugg, also that Lizzie Sugg was married, also that he was represented at the Washington City Inaugural Ball from Warren County.

In answer to your inquiries about investments of money I can say that the Law legalizes 10% cent interest, more could be got for money, say 12 to 15% but it would be risky, but 10% cent can readily be got on Mortgage or the very best Real Estate, I could put out if I had it 10, 20, or \$30,000, on Real Estate worth four times the amt, money is very scarce and a great disposition to build fine brick storo, residences, colleges &c make a demand for money, The Rail Road is fast

approaching here, emigrants coming in daily, in groups
of 3 to 20 at a time land rising in value,

I have sold no land yet but have had several
applicants for land in this county, I can see
4 beautiful 80 acre farms in this county but
they generally want only 40 acres. And I will not
see less than 80 acres it will soon go at a good
price, I have enjoyed it all out and it is good
I guess you would like to know what I am
doing, I am carrying on the Tanning, buying
and selling fur, Buying and selling corn, Buying
and selling Bacon and I about pay expenses
by watching the corners closely, I have bought
the best piece of ground on the public square
40 feet front x 80 feet deep with the privilege of
two brick walls one on each side to tie or build
to. And I only have to pay half the cost of one wall
and one partition and the two end walls to
make two 19 x 80 feet stores, three stories high
all brick, I can build them less than at any
other location, by \$1000, I have paid the cash
for the ~~purchase~~ purchase, \$600 and if I can get
through with the building, complete the rooms

Above and above this winter nice carpet my family
or more in rent. I also am starting shoe shop
I sent you The German Red Springfield Leader
do you get them

I could get up a large company to go to A Co
if I was to return, but I do not expect to return
The color of my whickers is dark red, I would
be pleased to have your picture, Our highest
regards to you and family

Truly Yours
F. W. Moore