

Christmas night, and
for the last month up to
the wagon hubs.

We are getting pretty well
satisfied. Give our highest
regards to your lady and
children and accept the
same for yourself. We have
fruit all the year.

We are now boarding in a
family named Lees and
brothers. They are nursery
farmers, have about 60,000
trees to put out this year.
I pay \$150 each a year
for board, let me hear
from you,

I send my picture

Truly yours,
F. W. Moore

Marchfield

July 23rd 69

My Friend Dear,

I have not heard
from you in a very long time
and although wrote you last
I thought I would write
again as I would be pleased
to hear from you and my
old friends and acquaintance.
I saw in the Southerner the
awful burning of Mrs James
W. Dupree. How is E. L. Moore
and all the other Spartan
guits, I did not make
any clear money last year
but hope to this year. I have
bought out all my partners

and am sole owner of
The Tanning business, I have a
good stock in the Dats,

The Rail Road is fast approaching
completion, to this place, we
have the Iron Horse here, by
Jan^y next. Our town is im-
proving fast, good brick
Churches Stores Colleges and
residences Ed Court House going
up, John is reading Law
and has been some time.
I expect to start either a
shoe leather & hide house or
a Grocery store next fall
Trade is getting good here
and either of the above will
pay, a Pork packing
house would pay this
season but I was not prepared

for it, Pork is \$7.⁰⁰ per hundred
and Bacon will be 25^{cts} per lb next
summer, Our Dakota city-lots
are looking up, Two Rail Roads
in contemplation to the city
What luck farming last year
did you hear, how is J. C.
Clements, This is a great country
for consumptives, We have ones
coming here from New York
for health and other states,
good many new comers
from Western North Carolina
& Tennessee, We enjoy fine
health, John weighs 140^{lbs}
it is quite warm weather
now, We did have about
ten days very cold
thermometer 12 degrees
below zero, Ed one good steam