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Oil Creek April the 18th, 1865

Dear brother I seat my self this evening to answer your kind and welcome letter of March the 29th and was glad to hear from you and to hear that you was well. This leaves us well. Pap is well. He is so he can go about. Well Clark we have heard same bad knews. We heard that Abraham Lincoln was shot. There is right smart of excitement about it. Clark there has been a draft since you left and 42 men drafted out of Oil Tp. I will send you a list of them in this letter about half of them run off the same kind that run before went this time. Well Clark you had a long march of it. We began to think that you had all gone up. We never got no letter from <sup>Jan</sup> you until April. Well I am sleepy tonight for I have been on a raid out in Clark Tp. after the ~~Hobbs~~ They got in to a fight out at Bridge ~~port~~ the day of the Celebration. They shot Adam Shoemaker through the leg and broke it off below his knee and they shot John D. Taylor and broke his right arm. John D. Taylor struck Nathan ~~Hobbs~~ with a dirk and he would have killed him but it struck his arm his right arm is near about off and they 4 of them was drafted and we went out there to take them. None of them reported at Jeffersonville and when we went to take them they was none of them there but Nathan. And he could not get away. We made him give bond to report when he got able. His bond was \$2000 and if he dont report we will make Old ~~up~~ Clark Uncle ~~Horton~~ Martin Saarey was drafted. Well I have written all of the knews that I can think of now. Well, Clark, I am going to see the Pretist Girl in Oil Creek. Her name is Miss M. A. Ewing. I have been going to see her ever since you left. Clark I am afraid that I will not be a single man when you get home without you get home

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very soon. That is enough about that. Clark I reckon you know that girls name. If you dont you can gess at it like Ad

Yes I like to forgot to tell you about Our singing school. Isaac Sandman commences a singing school in Oil Creek on the 5 Saturday in Apr. I got the School up for him. I got 22 scholars at \$1.00 per scholar. Clark, you can tell J. H. Deen that there was a big excitement in the Creek the other day up at Hiram Esarey or the other night rather. Grayson Frakes went up there to see Mary An Esary and Uncle Fly would not let him come in the house. So it went on about a week and this night a week ago in Grayson fixed upon his best and went up there above the school house and Mary An met him so they went down to the Exqr. Reilly and they got married. Uncle Fly is about to take fits about it.

Uncle Fly?