

Jan. 19 1806 (1906!)

Here with I'm sending you 15 Thaler (dollars) and we also bought a shirt and a part of pants for you and a shirt for Peter, we will send it when we have an opportunity

Your Father

John Lorang

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Dear children Bernard & Peter

Because I have to send you money again ill add a few words in German, so that you don't forget it. Yes, Mama does feel well since 2 days, it seems she has the flu and a bad toothache, and I'm not feeling well either, I think I'm coming down with the flu also.

H. & Al (Henry and Albert Lorang) are at Scharbachs tonight for a surprise party.

Barney, here with I'm sending you 20 thaler (dollars), but you should see that you can find work again to earn your board, because it costs money everywhere and I'm the only one here who can care and work toward progress.. And I haven't payed off any debts this year, expect what I borrowed from B. Tahm and with that (amount) I payed off other debts. And the worst is, my experiences makes me think that I pay more school money while things are getting worse at home.

Because I have to load up transport all the wood by myself and the people on the road call to me if I am out of my head being alone on the road with the 4 horses and have 4 big boys, why they didn't do the work. Then I say: They are all going to school, and the people laugh at me. But this I could take if only I was convinced that all the things I did were appreciated but so far I only experienced the opposite. But Peter, how come that you had to borrow money already, it is impossible that you have spent the money you earned last summer when you did not have to pay for board. You earned close to hundred Thaler and in addition you got something for the knives. If you are really a spend thrift you will have bad times ahead. Since you left I spent only \$4.35c on myself and that was for a pair of paints and rubber shoes, and I still didn't make any progress, didn't get ahead, and how do you think you will fare, especially if you should get sick.

But I just cannot believe that you wasted all your money.

Greetings to you from your father

John Lorang