

White Spring Ranch

John Lorang, Proprietor

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thoroughly cleaned out so there was nothing left in me, and if I am very careful now I might be better after this.

The last letter we have received from you is the one and wherein you tell about the way they harvest there and the way they hitch up their horses, yes that is the way for it all over Europe, it surely is interesting to see the different ways they have in doing things in the different Countries.

Your letters are surely very interesting to everybody that gets a chance to read them, and I think we receive all of your letters, and I have had many of the most interesting letters published in the Genesee News and you have received many compliments of having the most interesting, and the best worded letters in the news, written by the boys in England and France. I hope you get the News alright as I had it ordered for you to be sent to you every week, but you don't say anything about them papers, only the first three you have mentioned about. I am sorry to think that you don't receive all of our letters, as the folks have written many letters this summer, and you are complaining of not getting any news. I was surely glad to learn of your trip through some of England, as know how interesting it is to travel in that country and I was wishing that I could have been with you.

If the news we are getting are all true then the war can not last much longer the way we are going after Fritz as the English call them. But you should not come back right away after the war is over, and see some of the sights in France, and if it possible and saved to go and see the birth places of our Parents. All you would have to do, send as dispatched for names and addresses. We were in hopes you would send us your picture in uniform but we failed to receive it as yet.

Henry Lestoe has been back here since the 19th of September, but we see in the Spokesman that he is called to report on the 15th of this month, and I don't know yet where to get another man for they are hard to get, most of all the boys from 21 to 81 are gone and some of the younger ones are gone already since the last registration. I hear mention some that has gone from near by. Jos Borgen, Peter + Ben Johann had to go the same day right from the harvest field, with 3

days notice. And Leo + Ferdinand Brigerman + Walter Jackshaw. Barney Meyer, and he just got married last spring. Carl + Nick Ausmensan went last week. Steaven Kambitch, Ed. Lawen, Amy (?) Kern, Thomas H. Herman of Genesee, and had a Wife + Baby. Nicky Kohnen was married and have a boy and he has to go soon. Louie Schanhurst has a Wife and Baby and has to go soon. Edgar Gesellchen has inlisted so we are in the papper. Charley Gesellchen has to register tow, but that hurts John awful.

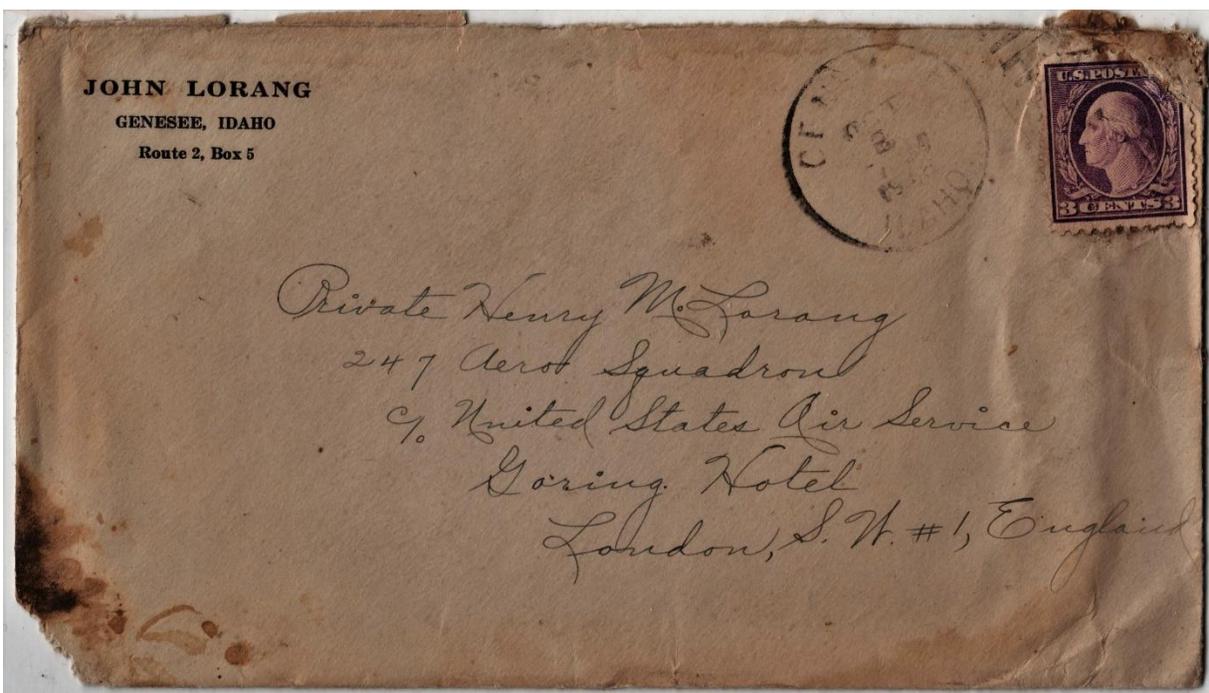
Now about crops, and we did not get much. Fallwheat 418 B., Spring wheat 504 B., Oats 410 B., and about 300 B. Barley. And we pot the oat-barley straw or chaff ontop of the hay and the Barn isen't near as full as it was last year after potting oat straw in.

We had the nicest weather during September and untill now that I ever saw at that time of the year, just warm enough to be real pleasent, and a little rain ones in a while just anough to ceap the dost down and no frost up to this time, and yesterday we had a fine little rain just right for seeding and so we'll go at it in a day or two, And if we get an other rain like that we can plow. Potatoes ar green but turning yellow now, and vines are completely covering the ground, and the ground is filled with long nice smooth potatoes. You could dig 100 sax a day if some would pick 'm up for you. I think the price will be alright tow for in many localities they are dried up, and in Canada everything is frose. Where Scharbach, Joe Moersch, and the Broemmlings are there is everything frose so it dident eaven make hay, for 2 to 3 hundred miles around everything is frose, but Joe Dahm and Keterhagen they got a little yet I heard. In Montana where Jonny Kohnen and them boys ar there everything was dyed up, in fact it never came up in the spring at all, and they didn't get any hay or anything els, so they came out here to harvest. Jonny Kohnen is married tow. Joe Broemmling came home last week from Canada and he told me to day that he did not get anything at all and that he went way in the hole. But just the same he is going to get married on the 29th of this month to Manda Krieser, and Katy Krieser is going to be married next week to Laurence Hartrop of Uniontown. I understand that Joe Broemmling is going to live at the old John Broemmling place, which was bought by Herman Broemmling last spring, and so Joe is going to farm that

east side of the road of H. Broemmling place. Jonny Broemmling bought the other side where he is living. Mr. Meshalsky on the Sullivan place, has sold out yesterday and is going back to Wisconsin an his farm 80 acres. Catle are cheap here on account of short age of hay. So I am killing any yung stock off as fast as I see fit, and I am doing fairly well. I have already butcherd 5 head during harvest + thrashing, and I am going to butcher 5 or six more, one every week.

Well I guess I have told you all I know, but a Birds nest, and I will not tell you for fear you'll rob it for me ha-ha-ha. Yes I am quite active now in exchanging B. eggs, and I was allways in hopes that you would sent me a few.

Whit love and best wishes to you
I close my letter Your Father J. Lorang



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