Mr Bleck's letter was received yesterday & is a pretty little creature. I wish I could have seen the Shoulder of Mutton

Mr Bleck,

Denver 13th May 1907

Respectfully yours
Jos Sweeney

My dear Mr. Bleck,

I have put off writing hoping to send you something satisfactory about the roof. I wrote to Rowe some time ago, and only on Friday, when he saw the rain came on did he turn up. He repaired one place that was leaking, and put on 24 new slates. Told me the main roof is very bad, you can't get large slates to buy so he suggests taking the slates from the roof nearest Rutherfords to repair the main roof and re slating that part with small slates, will put a new trim on the wood house (which leaks very much), also take down, and rebuild the Kitchen Chimney which has very much cracked, by the shock of the earthquake we had, I asked him to mend and plaster up

but he says it is not safe, and if it fell would injure the roof very much so must be taken down. For this work he wants £30. I have not given him an answer, as I want to ask the opinion of Mr Adamson, who has a lot to do with building houses. It seems a lot to me. We had a most fearful storm last night the worst I remember since I have been in Charleston. I slept very little, felt sure something would happen, but everything was all right this morning. One of the Transports was driven ashore on Blowing beach, we have not yet heard if the crew is safe. Only last week the Tartar was wrecked at Nelson Island, we seem to have our disasters upon another.

The war still drags on, so we can settle down upcountry with any feeling of security. The last three days there have been fewer cases of plague, we able to pass through

have been slip cases in Bombay, but not far from St Peters - I have a Dr staying here, he inoculates for the Pest. The Plague doctor, would like to come here but I think have been, it would not be fair to my other boarders -

By this time I hope Mary and baby are no longer invalids. Coming home to Mothers house would do them both good. Doras (Mrs. G. Bright) baby arrived on the 3rd of May Ethels birthday, the poor girl had a very bad time, at last the Dr gave her Chloroform and took the child with instruments, it came the wrong way, the Dr told me if it had been a first child it would not have been long alive -

The Dawsons and Ethel are still at Swanzey - berg, they come up on the 1st of June but Dawson expects to be down by the 8th and most likely they will return with him - Ethel will not go up for some months.

Harry has been made chief of

the Revenue Office, at the Barlow Board, he likes the Office - George is again acting at Somerset Lock. Ora writes they would appreciate him there. Iris is so pleased with her Sister, and calls it May.

By last mail I had a letter from Dick with Snap shots of himself of himself enclosed, one on horse back the other with two lovely dogs, he has grown much taller, he tells me he is leaving Northam Place, but does not know where he is going to school - he writes from Woodhall, where Mr Scotts sisters live. It has been so cold today and the Stillwater Mountains are capped with snow. last night there has frost.

Please give my love to Iris & Helen and tell them I am going to answer their letters tomorrow.

With much love to Yourself and the girls Ever loving Jim

W. B. Wright.

I am enclosing a statement of how he stands

~~Letter~~ the 25th Jan I was owing from £25 . 0 . 0 from then to the 25th May £

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| 33 . 6 . 8 | |
| 58 . 6 . 8 | Deduct from that £20 |
| 23 . 11 . 0 | for Principal Rates and |
| £34 . 15 . 8 | £3 . 11 . for Guardian Assurance |

In all £23 . 11 . 0

On the 25th May I will be owing from £34 . 15 . 8 —