

My dear Deane:

Your kind letter of sympathy was received yesterday. Just how the sad accident occurred we shall never know. My brother had been with us for about a week expecting to leave on Monday. He had taken dinner with us on Saturday evening, leaving the house about 7 o'clock to spend the evening and night with a boy of his home town. He expected him back for a one o'clock dinner on Sunday but felt no uneasiness when he did not arrive on time. You can imagine what a shock it was to us to receive a telegram from Liberty asking if it was true that my brother was dead. He had then been dead

5 or 6 hours and had been taken
to the undertaker. Just why the
gas was turned on we cannot tell
As both men were of course perfectly
familiar with it. They had come in
rather late but had deliberately gone to
bed after carefully hanging up their clothes.
Certain statements in the paper were not
quite true. Poor Mother was heart broken.
Her father too now 85 years old feels
the loss most keenly and he depended so
much on my brother. If there is any
comfort in such occasions the sympathy of
the home people furnished it. Hundreds of
people called and the most beautiful
flowers were sent from all parts
of our state. The funeral was
the largest held in the County
during the last 20 years.

As the paper stated my brother was
a farmer and owned a nice
farm adjoining the town of Liberty.
He lived with my grandfather and
mother and looked after the farmers farms
as well as his own. His taking
away seems like a dream.

My own family are well.

Your friend
J. H. Rose

Washington D.C.
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