

Baker W. Dak. 9/19 1913

Dear Palmer.

I received pictures and letter a few days ago, but have not got around to write. You asked if John Baker was coming to Baker to start a business, he was up here this summer and thought it would be all right to have a machine business here. If he had a house to live in, there are no empty houses here now, and hardware is hard to get. So I think it will be some time before he comes, and besides John is getting quite old. You were talking about buying Andrews farm, but I think he has given up selling now. But there is lots of farms for sale here. John's farm is selling tonight of his place for \$1000 an acre.

The wheat at home went around 20 bu. to the acre. So the crop was good, and prices are good too, but help is high around \$1.00 on farm for man and team. Bigne is here now and Aggy. She is getting to be quite a girl, she is trying to talk, but can't say much. She is a strong, good girl, with every thing around her is just about the same, and most of the thinking is done in the store now we are getting less and less to sell so I suppose we will not make so much

money, but we are getting along all right. John is going to work in the store this year. Instead of teaching, we have him out down to where I get a gallon of gasoline a week. So we can not go very much. They say it will be hard to get coal this week so we packed home some in July. So we have time to start on. But he had home about all he needs. They are talking about dropping fathers this fall. If Congress don't pass a law against it. The weather is getting quite cold already so we have had the furnace going for quite a few days, and so windy they could not stand many days, but we have not had very much rain this fall. So we may have a dry season next year. We are all well and hope you are the same.

Your Dad.