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Tuesday

Dear Annie & Frank
Well we were glad
to get your letter
yesterday. The weather
is so hot here that
I haven't hardly dared
out of the house.
Had a big hail storm
on the farm last week
broke 16 window
panes out of the
house on the farm
and 18 out of the
barn - also knocked
several holes in
the roof. The hail
stones were really
big as base balls.
Hundreds of roasts

in Concho Joplin
and Webb City were
hazarded into shreds.
The small branches
were cut from the
trees till the ground
was thickly covered.
Cotton Creek became
so full of the branches
that it crested an
acid in the water
and killed thousands
of fish.

Well the ~~war~~ war
scare is all a temper
in a tea pot. The
big noise now
is a fast song
procedure.

The ~~shot~~ people
next door moved
today to an apt, and

The Winchester
(Gore) family are
moving in. With
you could see the
pear tree in the
back yard here - the
pears are as big as
Common Bales.
I have gone down
town yet to talk
to the city engineer.
I will wait here
to get a coal. Well
I finished Notes of
Drach, It is a
powerful des-
cription of the
migrant shore cropper
from the south,
and certainly would
do California every
good. It is free

with profanity and
fuegarity. Most of it
is entirely pointless,
and an entire picture
of the Chonachu & the
people from the
mountain shacks.

Regions, but I
suppose except for
this sordid ~~very~~ rough
stuff. The book
would have been
small sale. More
readers will buy
it for this reason,
and will necessarily
the lesson conveyed
by the misery of
these people. I don't
remember where the
Jungle 35 years
ago, which portrayed

the misery of
the packing house
workers, and the
injustice done to
the foreign immigrant
but as he saw
he aimed the book
at the heart of the
American people,
but it hit them
in the stomach instead.
The filthy manner
in which meat products
were handled, aroused
the people, and Teddy
Roosevelt requested
Dr. Wainman to have a
conference with him
to confirm what he
had stated in the
book, and forthwith
ordered an investigation

Jim just told
me that he went
to the City Clerk's
office to see Leonard
Boyd, and found
that he died last
June. Sure does
beat the band how
many people die
when you are
away a short
time.