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BANK OF MELBOURNE,  
MELBOURNE, MO.

*Put letter  
away*



Miss Estelle M Grimes

Arrow Rock Mo..

# Bank of Melbourne

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS  
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Melbourne, Fla. Jan. 28 1916

Dear Sweetheart::

Your excellent letter reached me today and I was mighty glad as I have almost had the blues & MY girl knows these letters all help wonderful.

I felt that I should write Miss Wyckoff & tell her the good news & I did and am inclosing you her reply. Estelle don't you know I just can't think at all when I am trying to write. It takes all my time trying to handle the type writer, but I am going to learn and it all takes practice.

Dear I don't know whether to tell you very much about Melbourne or not, for it certainly is a rough little place, just 222 people here, and I have the rottenest place to stay I have ever found so you know it is pretty bad, but even at that I am sure we will both like it, and my girl you cannot imagine long the next few months will be without you/.

I have hardly had time for my meals all week and I will be glad when Sunday comes, altho I will have no place to go.

Alex & Roy are coming up tomorrow night for a couple of hours so I will have a little visit with them.

Sincerely  
Albert

Cincinnati, Iowa

Jan 29 - 1916

Dear Spilly:-

I am just a little puzzled to know just what to write but feel that I owe an answer to your letter. Spilly you can not realize how much I appreciate your frankness in telling me what you did.

I have always thought  
that that would be the  
kind of a letter that  
would get some day, yet  
it nearly knocked me off  
the Christmas tree.

Remember the dream  
I told you about the  
night we came from  
John & Blanche's. I had  
the same dream the  
night before I got your  
letter. I'm afraid I'm  
going to get superstitious  
k. h. a.

Spilly our friendship  
has surely been a  
pleasure to me and  
the nice times we have  
had, will always be  
pleasant memories.

I know nothing about  
the girl but I do know  
that you would choose  
a mighty sweet girl and  
knowing you as I do  
I know that you will  
always be good to her.

and I hope that some  
time it may be my  
pleasure to meet her.

Spilly there is one  
thing I must not  
forget. Mrs Baker has  
asked me several times  
ofant that picture she  
wanted to know where  
to send the money I  
told her 10 maines but  
she said you never  
sent any bill so I told  
her I would tell you  
but always forgot it.  
So I that I better

think of it this time  
before she asked me again  
Haha

Do you remember a  
year ago tonight you  
missed your train

I presume I better  
bring this letter to a close.

Silly I must thank  
you for telling me  
and that secret is  
sure safe with me  
it would sure tickle  
some people here to  
know it. I wish  
you the greatest of  
success and Happiness  
always a sincere friend

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Bess

Best Birthday wishes.  
Jan 31 - 1916.