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one on the left ^{inside} side, hung on as those
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take ~~xxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ he will bring you a
bundle mostly of relics from Jackson
and take out the shirts. I may think
of something else in my next he will
probably stop 30 days he will bring the
bundle to our house. Does my old watch
go now? I may want to have it
sent to me this fall I hope you don't
pay tax on it. I work hard enough for
Uncle Sam without paying taxes.
I expect to hear about the draft ^m to-morrow
mail. Tell Father I shall send him \$12 if
nothing happens when paid off next
time. I hope you will not go to B till
the bundle comes as there are some
things I want you to take to James
shall write particulars. Be sure & stop
at Newmarket and going to write to J. soon
has not got answer to my letter sent to
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Did you see the resolutions we passed in regard to our Col printed in the Boston Journal of July 30 or 31st Col Harrinan is coming back Oh! How we will cheer when he comes

Tell Frank Rumrill to be sure & write to me soon W.J. Templeton

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