other lands. At all the prairie drain itself. As for water, good water can be got anywhere in the country by digging from twenty to thirty feet. The water in all the running streams is healthy but would be rather warm for fourth of July.

And move for the glorious town of Sedalia. Half of it used ingloriously in ashes. But the other half is beautiful to webbed feet. To tell you the truth about these Missouri towns they are not pleasant places. Being almost always without shade trees and generally very dirty. Sedalia is about the size of Hydropia it was somewhat larger when we were there, but has been burned since. There is a good deal of business done there for it small a place. There is a good deal of fruit raisin Pettis county. And might be a good deal more for it is a good fruit country. Pettis is not much better settled than Johnson or Cass county's perhaps not any. I like Cass County well and as I come to know the country better begin to think that it will not long be unsafe for me to live there, the country is all prairie with only narrow strips of timber on the streams. If there is anything else that you wish to know all questions I will do my best to answer them.