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W. C. Gregory March 26 1867

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From Henry Isaac Pierce in McGregor Iowa
to his brother Farl Pierce in Ottawa, Illinois
dated March 26, 1867
written on "Merchants Union Express Co."
stationery

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