

Single Dec. 26. 1921

We are having a snow here today according to the Governor's stock orders. But we had our xmas dinner happy today just what members that are at home. The family were at (Linn) They came home on Friday on 12th & 13th snow in town and a 18 (was 3 hr. late we waited & brought them out. I have been having the tooth aches & being a cold night - and Mamma & Kiddie had some papers so we gave them all we had which was 2 Horse Blankets & they were not frozen but we got them home OK They stopped at their place as we had no fire in the furnace & all rooms were cold. A is in Mary's room & I am sleeping on a cot in the kitchen. J. K. in the S. room up stairs & M. & M. G. in Ida's Room - & it was a cold night. Well you see with my teeth I got cold and when I got home & got warm I had a time but had a good night sleep. But Sat. morning it commenced in earnest and all day I had to keep cold water in my mouth it would last 2 or 3 minutes and I had to change it I kept this up all day till 10 oc at night and it got worse all the time, all had gone to bed but Kenneth and it looked like I had to keep up the cold water stunt - all night - sitting with my back to the stove and a glass of water on a chair near a faint book - and so I would take a month full of water and refuse

The 13th of Jan 1212 and more money raised for the boys
and the banks have absolutely refused to lend any money
the boys have not collected near all of their thrashing bills

Gray absolutely refused to lend me any more so I
told him to go to hell it was the last - I should ask him
he said he would rather lose my business than lend me money
so that is the way things stand I'm getting some
federal money ^{on stock} & will pay him some time next mo.
Have some more debts & still more. Will M.A. & I have
just come from the P.O. & bought a pk from B -
and in it are the gifts a handkerchie just like the
colored one you gave & a small pair of pins. A book
sent by Louis & Balak R.M. D + R have a pk when K +
K. come in will tell you what they got.

Now to tell you about the weather say it
has snowed some here the last wk, Xmas eve at
St Charles the musmment hall fell in & kill a man -
it looked dangerous so they would not let the crowd in -
he went up to clear the snow off & it fell, John
minso - went to put a globe on for light - & the
snow broke a live wire & it fell on the one running to
his house & killed him. 3 men in Soda Springs got killed
the same way same night I has been shoveling
snow of the machine shed & sheds & house the camp
to take one bar some parts of the ~~shed~~ ^{house} fell in & the
Q - shed shed went down some snow came
quiet & deep, it is dark can't see so will finish later

(Sec. sheep)

Just-happen to think of a bottle the boys gave me on my birth day so I dug it-up and filled my mouth full and talk about hunting it was worse than a sing dance. You see I had used peppermint drops Iodine Chloridine Menthol 'nd burned my mouth something fierce well I commenced making myself and in the mean time I filled my mouth 2 times + it kept getting better so I got in + took a little in my mouth + went to sleep + slept all night - got up had breakfast - it commenced again when I got thru took a teaspoon full + it stopped + when I had dinner the same so that bottle was worth over 20⁰⁰ bucks to me Am expecting a good night sleep and to morrow will go to M. and get them filled or pulled. Other wise every body is well + feeling fine Doug has a ring worm on his chin which is giving him some trouble. Hers 'nd Emaline Swin are debating against I + Aunt Cook on the I - Resolved that women should have the right to propose to men - on the marriage Question - This comes off tomorrow night.

Well the presents you and Ida sent got here the day before Xmas 'nd all were glad to get them. No body here got any present - for any body M + M. gave Mathe baby 1⁰⁰ silver dollar + she got some stuff from home dont know just what not much M + M. gave me a nice box of homad candies 'nd R + M. sent me a nice gold plated pencil (am writing with now)

I am sorry I could not buy presents but the fact is I am needing every dollar I can raise to pay taxes and other bills my tax bill in Iowa was \$344⁰⁰ and here in B I \$403⁰⁰ on the same land + his tax will be 25⁰⁰ + the 200⁰⁰ to be paid

Well O. + K. a small book and a Handkerchief
I suppose R. + M. are about the same.

M.A. just came in with 5 green ducks so
will stop and clean them W. K. O. + M.A. +
I had a game or so of Rummy first one
I let L.B. Berlak sent Helen + Louis a
doll Helen's got broken some. I saw W.J.
he is looking fine weighs 170^{lb} all are looking well
Had a letter from Rodney to night - they
are going to have Xmas Dinner at H.C. +
You seem to be working too hard and I can't
see any money in it You will not last always
so you had better take care of yourself. You will
live long and get more out of it. You are in the
place you could make well + enjoy life, with
out shortening your years or M. Well I had a letter
from Berlak + she was quitting the Hospital
for four mo. going to the South side of Chicago
for special work in a Maternity Hospital then
she will near her time to quit she said she did not have
a single regret at leaving, was glad to get away
Today is Mable's Birth day after tomorrow is gone
and I would like to have sent you something but with-
ing that I could get - have not spent one cent or sent
any body a present of any kind
I think it will be better times next yr and I may be

able to get some presents. Ma & Wife are
going to go to Busby for N.Y. and when
they come back are going to move in
I Quayle's place, unless Mable comes to Calif.
If I can get off she will come with me
so we may blow in some time in Jan,
if the wheel of fortune turns right.

If you are going to work yourself
to death and I freeze up here in B.L.,
There is not much left to get out of
life. Well it is getting late and I want

A write Rodney so will close
Love as ever to you
and Thanks for James presents
same to Ida.
Will.

am in backstairs
office, just finished
signing Mortgage
for cattle to get
some Federal
money it will
come in some
mail as this

Hold it - till you
get a letter from
me, Will write you
to morrow
as ever
Will

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Beulah leaving
hospital.



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