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tempted to kiss  
the girls

Cogden Utah

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Miss S. E. Crockett

My dear friend  
here I am again tonight writing you I  
did not get to post your letter today  
& I thought I would write again I will  
describe our travels today. We left Mr  
Cooks, this morning came to Cogden  
on our way I stopped and called on a  
friend in River Dale we got here about  
noon. The first place we went to was the  
P.O. to get our mail & course we got some  
and mine upset me entirely it caused  
me to run all around all day and completed  
nothing & here I am tonight in my  
mind to have seem writing to you. Mr. T. is  
writing to Sam saying my trip very much  
enjoyable you were a long. I met Miss  
Minnie Young this evening I think we copy  
made

It has been my lot to meet many good  
people on this trip, every body seems to be  
agreeable and friendly. People are more sociable  
here than up there. There is a different tone  
through our society, to what it is up there.

Will Anna did you get the book?  
The other one will get there by Christmas if  
all is well. I sent four to day Mr. Parson's  
did not have any in hand.

Would you like to know more of so let me  
know. I will go to St. City the last of  
this week. I am expecting to see a  
Chicago fellow soon I can't tell where  
I will spend my Christmas yet there  
seems to be a dissatisfaction some  
where between us fellows and it must be  
settled before I come back. They claim  
that I owe them \$100. which I do not &  
I cannot afford to pay them I guess it  
will be all right. You may add here  
until Mr. after send to St. C.

Yours Truly

V. A. Rice

# Twelve O'clock

and just returned from a dance on  
finishings the other note I felt  
tired Ed & Fran<sup>rd</sup> I went for a  
walk first taking in the rink  
then the Catholic fair and last of  
all the dance. I did not dance  
but looked at others. Ed made masks  
I am still in the old channel - cant  
help it, but never mind I will  
return heart whole to say you it is not  
my fault I have not seen my  
friends for some time and they  
all seem glad to meet me, Frank  
is enjoying himself very much  
he had a good time to night.  
There are some good skaters &  
dancers here. The Ice got very mad  
to night because some could not dare



Therwards one that cannot dance as well  
as myself. but they are few compared  
with the rest.

Will you be of all going here to night  
I feel sad. Every since I left Pagan  
that evil foreboding seems to loom up  
and say with unauddible words you will  
never be united. It makes me feel very sad  
indeed. My path seems to wind among  
treacherous grounds and sin<sup>ful</sup> temptations,  
assail me on every hand. Oh! if I could  
once get settled I know I would be happy,  
but while I am ~~the~~ traveling round I  
see no chance but to drift in with the world  
and make the best of it. For I am and  
the my manhood is called to its  
greatest test. but I think I can stand  
them all and win in the end.

I will close. but I wear your pa-  
tient's Nora Write often it will do me  
good more than any thing else I will  
sign

Yours with Love

W. A. Kear