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Dear Nora,

Yours of the 15 just received last night - it was with the first lot of mail I have gotten since I came up. I was very glad you came but as I was beginning to be uneasy about every thing. Well you wanted to know how I am getting along. Well Daisy I think I am doing well but it may turn out the same as it did in Boise but I hope not. I have up to this morning 54 orders for the chart + \$19 for the U.S. I think I will be able to think to clear \$1.50 on each all round may do better if expenses were not so high I could do very well. I wrote you to send me some money. Well you need not I will enclose an order which you may send on to St. Louis as I will have to pay in advance for all book at that house I would like if I could have 30 vol. shipped but I know you will not have that much money so will only send an order for \$25. If you cannot send for that many you can make out an order for as many as you have money + I will arrange about the rest if I have not quite enough I wish no delay as it will take me some time to deliver on account of the distance I will have to travel.

Well Davy I am getting along nicely regarding a good
time I could ask no better I was never treated better in any
country in my life I have had no trouble to get a
place to stay over night yet & I get the best in the
house but on the other hand I have to pay for it. You
wanted to know how I could get a long with so
little money Well there is quite a secret in fact more
than one you remember I only had 15 when I left
well I have 4 left & have had all I needed did not spend
anything but what I had to have & traveled nearly 500
miles on rail & only had to ride in the freight train
to Pocahontas If all is well I will be able to get back
forth's fortune seems to begin to smile I have great
faith of striking a good lead I have several good sections
I will put in action as soon as I get back I won't
be able to get stay long I think I will come back here
as soon as I can get the stock over I can get a school
for 60 + board which is $\frac{500}{100}$ per week making 80 per mo
but I will not make any bargain regarding as the field
is broad for canvass in & unless it gets to offle old
I will make better wages canvassing I have quite a
number of letters to ans. so will make yours short
to what I would under different circumstances I like
Wesley & Mitch I'm getting a long nicely I should much love to see
you and then I will see you soon I hope & be able to ans. to your
full expectations Resp. to all Good Morning With