

I am well & hearty have been  
hauling hay this week & last  
I have a lot of poles to haul  
from Montpelier. I will be in  
L. as soon as I can come  
through the canyon - until  
then I hope to hear from you  
every week. (You need not think  
about your letters & you wont get  
dissatisfied when you have finished  
send them - with out looking  
over them - so they please me  
what need you care

I will not write you a  
long letter this Frank says  
sends his best regards say to tell  
you old & ugly cross snow blind  
& sleepy & indifferent to every thing  
Truly Yours  
W. O. Ream  
write soon

W. O. R. Idaho

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W. O. R. & Crockett,

Dear friend  
yours of the 11 as handed recd, some  
time since, but by neglect I  
have failed to answer as prompt  
as usually. I hope you will excuse  
this time. I commenced a letter  
on the 15 & just finished it to night  
so you see I have not been writing  
to others & neglecting you. I got  
yours on Friday last. (not so very  
long to wait) I have others I  
have had for three weeks but not  
answered yet. A letter from you  
gives me fully as much pleas-  
ure as you say mine gives you &  
I would like one every time you  
can write regardless of time or place.

In speaking of the change in  
your photo I only <sup>now</sup> the expression  
How much it had changed since  
I first met you, then it showed  
nothing but frivolity & mirth, now  
you look like you anticipated  
something that you scarce could  
gain, somewhat disappointed.

The small photo I had referenc-  
to. I shall send it home & keep  
the large one for my self. I think  
both very nice. I will enclose the  
one you gave me first the  
other also if you I will send if  
you choose, also I can afford to  
give up all, but not the original.

I would like very much to visit  
your school but I think it would  
not be wise considering the feeling  
of the Directors. I have been thinking  
some of going to conference. We can  
get a return ticket good for 10 days  
for \$8. good on any train both ways

Now I guess you are right about  
keeping company with outsiders  
I have no better I deal at present  
than your own. I shall come  
~~on~~ see you when I come to D  
Then it may be that we can see  
some other way out of your dif-  
ficulty, but at present I believe  
things are arranged as good as  
we can wish. You need not be  
afraid, but keep in good cheer  
& good time all will well be  
true & candid both with yourself  
& me. You standing in the way  
of my fortune! I was not aware  
of it, since I left home I have  
depended wholly on my own a-  
bility for what I have & expect to  
get. I'm too independant to  
be swayed or bought. I am looking  
for bad luck in an other quarter  
Hesperit will pass over (which  
I think it will)