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(about)

still -> Nora
his first gambling

bring them down

Enclosed you will
a present that you will
appreciate if you find it
good write me & I will

bring you some more
when I come down

I send My Love to you
and our boys kisses
enclosed From your
Will.

Dillon,

Dec 31.

Madison

N. E. Ream,

Dear Wife

I am feeling better this
morning & I shall now
be off for Ruby to day or
to morrow I have been
a bad boy just a little
hope you will forgive me
I will tell you what it
was Yesterday I was
up town & call on some
young fellows that are
running a book & notion
store it being Sunday we
were all done they wanted

a little fun and it was
mentioned to throw dice I can't
tell why I was inclined to
but something within me insisted
on me throwing so I told
I would throw for something
worth a dollar so they got
a nice dary each threw &
I was the last but before
throwing I said to myself
this throw is for you (you
see I did not forget you)
The result was I won
nothing but threw a gain
would do so I picked up a
Savings Bank worth \$200
was brought out & we
threw a gain this time I named
for Wesley and won

The Boys being a little
excited wanted to throw me
more so we threw again for
a nice pocket book & I won
again my throw was for
Mitchel. The first throw
was settled on & we threw
I did not get the prize now
had to pay for it I concluded
to quit & traded my book for
a safe for Mitchel so now
I have a present for you
all This is my first
gambling & I think it
will be my last I was
going to send them to you
for New years but the
banks are so heavy I
believe I shall wait &