

Roundup Montana  
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Dear Ernie,

Saturday once more, But this one is somewhat different from the Saturdays that I have spent so far in the mission field because we tracted 3 hours besides washing, ironing, cleaning house & a few other odd jobs around.

So I want to make sure that you know how much I appreciate the shirts that you sent for my birthday. That colored one surely draws circles around ~~the~~ the other colored ones I have.

It is now 8:55 M. S. T., most of the ~~rest~~ music men are tuning their horns about now & making ready for a few good old whirls around the dance floor, also many folks in the country are getting all primed up to shake the dust off their

shoes. Many in this town are nearly as high as a kite by now, for the last half hour or so cars have been speeding to & fro, & many are passing by under the window of this room & making lots of rackets over the bottles & all that goes with it.

I have seen more intoxicated women in this town than I have seen the rest of my life. There is not much lower level to my notion to sink to than to be under the influence of the stuff. Well some folks can have their joy that way I know that there are better ways ~~to have joy~~. Yes, I, as you know, am acquainted with nearly all of that but now I have found something that draws circles around the business.

Erlene you know that the joy one has when he does a little work for the Lord is wonderful. "Come follow me & I will make you fishermen of Men" That just goes to show that it pays to set an example.

If the greatest teacher that ever walked upon the earth in the mortal form used the example surely a fellow like me & all the men of today can put it into effect.

We have just had Primary 2 times now but nearly every one of the 13 enrolled will speak to us on the street. Oh, I can see your point of view when you are called teacher by one of your Pupils in S.S.

For the last few days we have had what the old timers call "Indian Summer." Nearly every night we have a frost but during the day the temperature goes up to 50° or 60° F.

This week each of us loaned a book of Mormon so you can see we are getting out of that old rut a little.

Some how for some reason I have that old feeling & my feet are itching to get on a dance floor, & well that is all in a life time I guess. If I go without for

Another few months I will learn to appreciate  
a little hopping around now & then.

Tell Grandma that I am O.K. in my  
old age & the busier I am the happier I  
seem to be.

Pres. O. Richards has been surprising a  
few of the Elders around, None is hoping he  
will drop out here for a short spell, because  
when he talks to us it makes a lot of  
difference.

Well, if you have a chance to go to  
a dance hop around a couple or so for  
me. When you get a spare minute or  
so drop a line to let me know how the  
weather & everything is down there.

May the Lord Bless you Sweetheart  
with all the choice blessings that he sees  
is for your Good.

Good night with a car load of love  
for you.

Lovingly & Respectfully yours,  
Elder T. Grand.