

Roundup, Mont.

Box 874

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Dear Erlene,

Will have another few words down in Utah from Montana so stand by for a short time.

I have made up my mind every day for the last 2 weeks to dig down in the trunk & bring out the red flannels then put them to use but also I have changed my mind about bringing them out every day but one but by the time I got them out my mind was changed again so there is still a war going on over the order -

This is surely fine country up here. The nights are cold & nice, in the mornings the mercury is so low that one likes to dress in a hurry then get going on our study of Church History for an hour every

morning - say you know those early fellows were really tried a great deal, especially the fellows who went to England on their first missionary trip who were members of "the Quorum of 12 Apostles" - Their families were all ill & many of the men were so ill they could not walk alone. Nevertheless they left without purse or script.

In 3 years there were 4,000 members in the British Isles so you can see that the trials & hardships they went through were well repaid but they realized much joy & satisfaction in their labors.

In the early days men had cast iron constitutions and the rails were made of wood, but now days it seems that all the cast iron is in the rails.

Notwithstanding there is still much work left to do because of this city of 2500 there is ^{only} 1 1/2 dozen members, lots of room to expand & grow - We have many friends but lots of the time they are hard

to find at home - that is the case tonight. We had a meeting scheduled since last time for this night but for some reason there were no one home when we called - I well we called on another fellow & left him a "Book of Mormon". We have an idea that he will read it because he is a Bachelor & has two children 8-11 - He is interested in being with his wife some other time even if he has laid her in the earth. Our Religion answers his question more logical & reasonable than any other that he has investigated -

It certainly does our old soul good to study & present this Gospel to the folks we contact in our labors. Another thing that does our old soul good is to meet someone who is living the T. D. Religion - just for example, most of the ladies & girls we meet in our trading are loaded down with this filthy old cigarette habit and many of them drunk a little no doubt when they have a

Chance. Well yesterday one of the members
sister came to visit him from Wyoming; say,
you know it did my old soul good to see a girl
who was nice & clean for the first time in 6 weeks,
since I have been in Roundup -

At any rate one really learns to
appreciate this good old Religion of ours when
he comes in contact with so many Gentiles,
& smell so much tobacco smoke even in
the open that he gets a headache - yes, a
missionary gets lots of good valuable experience
in meeting with all size, shape & style of
folks - Male & Female, sober & Ricked -
But the most valuable thing of all to my
notion is a testimony that this is the only
true work; A lie can go around the world
while the truth is getting out of bed but sooner
or later the truth will catch up to ~~the~~ it &
step on it.

Good night Sweetheart, May Gods Blessings
be with you in your labors. I love you as I did
when I left; yet even more Sweetheart. Ted Brand.