

Roundup, Mont.

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Dearest Erlene,

Monday morning once again  
and every promise in the world of this  
being another happy week. Christmas!  
Yes, and they have had a row of trees  
on each side of the street for some time  
now - ~~some~~ one for every house of  
business that's on Main St. and  
Ozero street that runs the other way. There  
is a few strings of lights & the street lamps  
are alternative ~~blue~~ blue & Red.

Seems that there is lots of what  
some folks call bottled Xmas spirit around  
especially the last two weeks. But for  
some reason that just isn't genuine.  
There is, however, lots of that good old  
genuine spirit; many of the folks who  
live here are plenty sincere and old-

fashioned to lots, in their joy on Xmas.

Yesterday we had the privilege of attending a preaching service of one of the congregational churches with one of our friends who is a member of that church - The minister delivered a good sermon and done all the praying & no doubt received a good little plate full of silver for his efforts. People walked in & sat till church was over then home and felt just as mean & hungry as an old bear - while an individual who attends an S. D. S. church feels, if he goes with an idea of worshipping the unseen God, & the one who sees & hears & eats & smells, and the one whose image man was made; well repaid for being present and sharing in the work that might be connected in some way with the services.

You asked me how Dad & Ruth & all  
those at home in Lovell are, well so far  
as I am able to tell they are all fine  
and I presume happy - A few days ago  
I received word that I had a <sup>new</sup> half brother.

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so far as I could tell from what Dad  
said he was chief cook & bottle washer  
while the kids were at Sunday school - and  
everyone was well -

I haven't heard from Dick in over 2 1/2  
months but Dad said he is still working in  
Salt Lake City. Alma said she talked her  
"feller" into waiting till after she graduated.  
Since the war broke out I don't know what  
the result will be -

Companion was ill with the flu last  
week so there was very little missionary  
work done - Maybe we will get into the  
roll ~~there~~ some time & get busy again I  
hope it is this day -

Ernie I want to take this opportunity  
to let you know that I love you.

May this fellow live so as to be

worthy to be your companion some time  
in the ~~future~~ days to come -

May the Lord bless you and your  
folks for the Christmas spirit that is  
in your heart.

Lovingly and faithfully to you  
and you alone forever -

Elder LeGrand -