

Roundup, Mont.

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Dearest Ernie,

'Tis the night before Christmas
and old mother nature has been laboring
all day long to get a white blanket
for Xmas day - ~~At~~ about noon a
few small scattered flakes were seen
and continued till now at 7:30 P.M. we
have nearly an inch of really & truly
snow. For the last two or three days
all the big transport trucks has been
laden with snow ~~as~~ as they passed
through from both ways but today is
the first we have had ~~from~~ right here
since quite a while.

This day we had primary at 2:30

We went to one of the members home early this morning & made 20 bags of candied popcorn - We showed them a slide film on the life of Christ then played a few games - What do you ~~know~~ know but there were 21 children present, so we needed another Bag & filled it out of the others.

Say you know it is sure good to be around children. They are so full of it - that that a fellow has to be on his toes all the time to keep order in the lot. One can tell in no time which ones had what kind of training at home - "Whatever is in the heart shows on ~~your~~ ^{the} face"

One of the members invited us to dinner about 2 weeks ago & another invited us to stay with them overnight & help them do a few odd jobs for

Santa. It sure will be good to see the kids open their gifts. We put all our packages under their tree except the cookies & cake you sent so there will be a big surprise awaiting for me also to see what old saint nick left for this fellow.

I spent about \$10⁰⁰ for Christmas presents so far but it seems they have come back 3 fold. Lots of the cards I received had 1-2 or 5 cabbage leaves in them.

Just about this time of the night in 1946 old Santa Clause drove up in "Henry" to 79 west 4th South. Say them were the good old days, but a Primary like we had today does my old soul Plenty good. I think nearly all the kids had a good time but I'd ^{would} drive a man

bald headed at times even if they
don't cause trouble intentionally -

May the spirit of Christmas
be with you throughout the year and
may we be permitted to spend a
few together some time.

Lovingly & Faithfully
 Yours forever,
 Elder Leonard Whipple