

A Splendid nice room and we went and bought some wood and we have a stove and keep a fire and keep our room warm and nice but it will cost us some for the wood.

Nov 8. 1898

To day is Election and we have been to home all day toward Evening we took a walk out around the town and look in some of the Old fashioned Sights which is odd enough but as far as there being anything pretty about the place I have failed to find it yet they have one or two School buildings that looks pretty nice, but to take the town as a whole it is a well built place but not a very pretty to Ensurvance.

also is located here about 2 miles north of the City we have not been out there yet. we came home from our walk and sat down and wrote some letters and read a while and then went to bed

Nov. 9. 1898.

Well after breakfast we went out for a walk and we walk out about 4 miles to the Dakota river and looked around there a while and then came back and had dinner and I went to the P.O. and I got a letter from my dear wife at home and I feel worried has been us, and I ask him its till here us. that we may all meet again. Is do not been so cold as I expected, not very much near limits to long

Nov "10" 1898.

This forenoon we walked out about 4 miles to see what the country looked like, and we enjoyed the walk very much. After we come back we took some tracts and some D of W. and started out to see the Mayor of the City - but we found he was also one of the County Commissioners and the Chairman of the board and they were in session so we just put and done some tracting the first in this City - we visited seven families found them mostly Quakers but they told us there was some Dutch folks in here too. So now here we are back here to our room trying to cook some potatoes with the skins on we are trying to cook them on a heating stove.

Nov "11." 1898.

To day we went out tracting and visited a few families we also visited the Mayor of Jackson. his name is English. He talked very nice to us and he would need we were in the City - also we visited one of the leading newshapers and the Manager said they come in once in a while and let us know how you get along and as far as our paper is concerned we will do the right thing by now. They talk the most like gentlemen of any Officials we have had the pleasure of visiting.

Nov 12. 1898

To day is Saturday and on those days we never go out because the people are always busy,

I have been walking around town some I saw the large flock of wild geese to day flying South they are the first ones I have saw in the Dakotas and it looked like they were trying to get out of the State as quick as they could, they were flying very high and as soon as they crossed the Missouri River they began to look for a place to light I do not think they would dare to light on the north side of the river for the sand and if it would blow in to their feathers until they could not fly away

Nov 13. 1898

well to day is Sunday again and we are sitting in the house as it is very cold and looks very much like it would snow

also it seems like the wind is blowing all the time here and it is an awful place for sand storms which comes up from the river bottom where the high waters deposits lots of quick sand. Thus ends one more day

Nov 14. 1898

We have been out for a walk to day down to the river where the steam boat crosses the river some times they would take six maddons and teams on at one load and cross them over. It seems as though they have all they can do all the time taking leaps across. After one crosses the River here he is in Neb. and it is some distance south to the rail road and all the trade comes in here for a good many miles and it keep the best

busy very near all the time
 And the poor farmer has to pay
 50c ever day he comes in to town
 the Missouri river just here is
 quit wide and deep and they
 cant ford it, besides there is
 lots of quick sand and the
 water is very muddy and it
 would be very dangerous to try
 to ford it

Nov "15" 1898.

To day we went out and visited
 a few houses. but did not meet
 with very good success. but however
 we talked to a few who seemed to
 want to hear what we believed
 in. nothing very interesting to
 write to day. it is a rather day
 for wind and sand and the
 sandstorms comes up of from the
 river they are just awful one can
 hardly be out on the street especially
 when they come from the south

Nov. 16, 1898.

This is a very beautiful day I
 think it is the nicest day I
 have seen in South Dakota
 it is Pleasant and warm and
 no wind for a change.
 this afternoon we were out
 tracking and we visited one
 family where they seemed to be
 very much interested in what
 we told them and they invited
 us to call on them again. the labor
 here is very dull but if only we
 can find one honest soul here
 I would be willing to spend a whole
 year here trying to teach them
 now to night there is 2 suns
 on each side of the sun and
 even now it is beginning to
 be cloudy when a storm comes
 here it comes in a hurry almost
 before one is aware of it I got a
 letter to day from a friend in Minnesota

Nov 17 1898.

To day look very much like storm. in the afternoon we went out tracking and we only called upon two houses one house they asked us in and we went in and talked with them over an hour and they seemed to enjoy it very much they said for us to be sure and come back again and see them and talk with them again. The man is a cripple and cant get of his chair and the woman is a cripple and goes on crutches they are a pitiful couple. I felt very sorry to see them. The man has not been able to stand up for 9 years. I never asked the lady how long she had been a cripple they are German people. I dont know how long they have been in this country.

Nov 18. 1898.

To day has been very sunny but we have been out doing some tracking but we did not meet with very good success however I went to the P.O. and Rec. a letter from home with a document in that I had to go before a Notary Public and have my signature Acknowledged that it Authorized my wife to do my Business also I receive a book from home called Mr Durrant of Salt Lake City or that Mormon by Ben. Kich I was glad to get it as it is a very good Book to loan to Peoples to read.

Nov 19. 1898.

To day is Saturday. will not do any tracking to day went before a Notary Public and signed my papers and sent

off for home also my wife
 I wrote to me that she had
 sent me some money the day
 before I received the Document
 but I never received it until
 and so I set down and
 wrote a cross letter to my
 wife about it this is all
 for to day. well to night
 at 8 o'clock I went to the U.C.
 and I found my registered
 letter had come that makes
 it 3 day behind the other mail
 I am sorry I wrote to my dear
 wife about it but now I will
 have to write and tell her I
 have received it all right

Nov 20 1898

This is Sunday we have just
 been out for a walk but the
 wind almost blew us away
 so we came back to our lodging

and now here we sit writing
 our journals in the after
 noon we set by the fire reading
 to words. Evening the wind ^{increases}
 until now it is blowing a gale
 and there is also a little snow
 with the wind well we have sit
 reading our bible until bed time
 the storm is still growing worse
 and from all indications we
 are going to have a Regular
 Dakota Blizard that newspapers
 mention so often

Nov. 21. 1898.

Well at daylight I got out of bed
 and looked out of the window and
 saw it was snowing and blowing
 very hard until we could hardly
 see across the streets about 8 o'clock
 we got up a gain and I went to
 buy some butter for breakfast
 and I found I could hardly face
 the wind it seemed like it would

Just take my breath, the wind and the snow together Yankton is located on the north bank of the Missouri River in the Extreme Southern Part of the State of So. Dak. the old river bed is about a mile wide and is nothing but a bed of fine quick sand and when the wind blows it causes a awful sand storm from the sand on the river and also from some sand hills back on the bluffs. The river here is the State line between So Dak. and Nebraska South Dak. takes in the noted black hills and it is not so very far from here to the rose bud Indian reservation also rose but creek where Custer fought with the Sioux Indians here the river runs east and west just after leaving Yankton the river takes a more Southern Direction

and winds its way down to Omaha. I think about 200 miles from here. This country immediately around Yankton is a curious place the farmers seem to raise lots of corn but they just cant raise fruit of no kind to amount to nothing once and a great while one can see an old scabby looking apple tree. but they dont seem to do well here. The people dont seem to be as comfortable fixed here as the people home do as for as the comforts of life are concerned. We have not had the pleasure of talking with very many but they drive such poor teams seldom one ever sees a very nice team in this country the horses are generally lame about something the matter with them well Yankton is one of the

oldest Cities in the State and was the Capital for many years it has a population of about 4000 but is well built up that is all the business Part is mostly built of brick while it has a few very nice Residences also they have a high School here and also the State Insane Asylum three railroads comes in to the place but they came here in better times for now they don't seem to do very much traffic also the Dakota river empties in to the Missouri river just below Yankton that also forms another Great Bed of Quicksand from which the wind helps its self and the wind is always a regular visitor here at Yankton it does not seem to miss very many day out of the whole year

Nov 22, 1898.

To day has been a cold day however we did not go out to do any thing I went to a Taylor and left my coat and vest for to have them cleaned he is going to charge me 2⁵⁰ but he promised to do me a good job in the evening I went to the P.O. and got two letters I went to my room and set down and wrote 4 or 5 letters before bed time well To morrow is Thanksgiving but we have no chancel of having dinner out any where.

Nov 24 1898.

well this is Thanksgiving morning we cooked our own Breakfast and our supper to but we did not have any dinner Bro Nielsen got a Package from home with two apples in so we had one each and for our supper we