

had some Pork chops it has been very cold today and snowed a little but has been a very dull day as everything has been closed down but I am going to the P.O. right now to see if there is any mail so I will finish writing when I come back. Well I just come back from the P.O. but no mail. So this ends my first Thanksgiving day in the missionary field

Nov. 25, 1898.

To day has been a very cold day we went out to tract and only visited 5 families at one place we called the lady came to the door and asked me what our names were I told her that is enough them are the same names. I don't want nothing to say to you nor I don't want any

of your Books to read and so she banged the door in our face well that is the way some people receive us while others will sit and listen to us all one day and after we are through they will say well ^{we} will all be saved if we truly think so, while others will listen to all we say and when we get up and go they never say yes or no. There is so many different kinds of people to meet in the world but such are the labors of a missionary

Nov 26 1898.

well to day we have been in the house all day at noon I went down town and bought me a Kodak and I am going to learn to take Kodak pictures this afternoon I took two snapshots but I could not develop them

Very good but hope to have better success next time. while it is so cold here we cant get out to do any work and a man gets tired of sitting in the house reading all the time so I thought I would get me a Kodak and pass away a little time thus passes away a little time.

Nov 27. 1898.

To day is Sunday again they always seem to be the most lonesome days we have. well it has been a very cold week we went down to the river to day and we found the steam boat frozen in the ice so it could not move and the wagons and teams were passing over the river on the ice so you can tell it has been pretty cold. or the ice

would not freeze like that in just 2 or 3 nights. But the people here dont seem to think it has been very cold but us Elders think it is cold enough for us with out getting any worse. we took a snipe shot at the old boat from out on the ice. so we will see if it can be developed all right. this afternoon it has been snowing again. and it looks like it should storm very hard before it quits.

Nov. 28. 1898.

To day we done nothing as it is always a poor day to go traacting at noon I went to the P.O. got a letter from my Foreman with 500 in them are the kind of letters that please an Elder no mens to day.

Nov. 29, 1898.

We were out visiting today had a very good time we called on six houses and just three of them asked us in and the last one was an old soldier he had been out to Utah with Johnsons Army to wipe the mormons out once, but they did not get a chance so he said. He said the mormons burned 400 of our wagons and drove off all of our cattle and left us nothing and he says they just left us nothing to go on and are very near stained to death he went to Camp Floyd he asked if those Rocks were still in echo Canyon I told him they were he also related of having been present when P. P. Pratt was arrested and says he was there and stood guard over him

and knew the man the called P. P. Pratt also related several incidents that happened out in Mormondom finally we tackled him on the Gospel but we could not get anything out of him he said there was only one Gospel and that was the Catholic Church he said his name was Pat Lynch ^{the name} so when we heard his name we quit and went home

Nov 30, 1898

Well today is about one of the nicest days I have seen in South Dakota we have been out tracting but met with the usual success. at night I developed 2 Negatives of my self and they are very good for new beginners later on I will paste one of them in my book

Dec 1, 1898

I am glad to see December roll around as that makes my twelve months since I left home now after one year has passed it will not take long to pass the other one away. Especially if a man is interested in his work the time goes faster than he thinks it does. And even faster than he advances in knowledge and wisdom but I do love to preach or teach the gospel to people that will listen to me. but in our tracting here in this city we do not meet with many who care to listen to us. to day we visited 14 families and just one of them asked us in to teach them but no difference we go out each day just the same

Dec. 2, 1898.

We were out to day visiting and made 2 requests. It is very cold and cloudy and looks as though it may storm at any time. I went to the P.O. but no mail. at bed time it is snowing quite hard nothing unusual has happened ~~at~~ day so there is not very much to write to day I fixed up and mounted 12 of my new pictures of my self that I have developed and printed myself I sent them home to my wife I dont know what she will say but will see later on

Dec. 3, 1898.

Well this morning there is quite a lot of snow and it is very cold but as it is Saturday we

will not go out tracting. We have not been out of the house scarcely all day and have just sit reading all the hole day at night I received a letter from home. The day has passed very dull and slow. so there is nothing worth writing so I will close for today.

Dec. 4. 1898

Fast day has come again and ever time fast day comes that always make one more month gone. really the time is passing fast enough any how. for what good we are doing it seems like the people here in this city are not very anxious for any of our gospel but the times will come when they will hunt for us or for the servants of God but they will not find them but we will do our duty and

that is to warn the people of what is to come upon the earth and they can believe it or not.

Dec 5 1898.

To day we were in the house all day and never done any thing I wrote a letter home and also sent our weekly report to our President one of the PO twice for mail but received none. not any thing much to write today.

Dec 6. 1898.

went out tracting to day and visited one lady who had been out to Utah and lived in S. City after coming back here she told us she had made lectures against us as a people and she should certainly use her influence against

us. She took up the bible
 against us and we had a
 long talk with her she
 said she would like to convert
 us if she could and she
 tried pretty hard but we were
 equal to occasion here
 name is Mrs Warner her
 husband is President of the
 high school but it makes
 no difference to us when
 we call on the houses we go
 in and teach all rich or poor
 Educated or uneducated
 but Mrs Warner is very highly
 Educated and has lectured
 against the mormons since
 coming back here.

Dec 7 1898.

Today has been so cold
 we have not been out to
 do any thing but have sit
 to home reading all day

Dec. 8 1898

Well today is a fine clear
 day but so cold.
 Well today it is just 12
 months since I left home to
 come on my mission and
 just one year since I bid my
 wife and my dear little one
 good bye and kissed the
 little baby 2 months old
 asleep in the cradle and
 left my wife lying on the
 bed crying, and I took my
 grip and went to the train
 and came away but the
 time has passed shortly and
 if we depend on the Lord he
 is able to make the time
 seem short for us and this
 has been the happiest time
 of my life as I have enjoyed
 my labors very much since
 I left home.

Dec 9 1898.

To day we went out to tract but found it was so cold that we could not do very much. So we went and bought us some wood and had it delivered home. so we could have a good fire and keep warm. so there has nothing unusual to write to day.

Dec 10 1898.

To day is Saturday and I went down to the river in the forenoon and took a snap shot at the boat, and came back to our room and developed the negative I took two snaps but one of them was not good I am getting so I can take a pretty good snap shot with my ~~shot~~ Kadok. at noon I got a letter from home from my wife she is quite sick

Dec. 11. 1898.

This morning we started out for a walk went down and crossed the river on the ice and followed the road out on to the hills. along the river on either side is a stretch of hill something like one I have out home some places looking up the river one could see some hills that look like mountains in the distance with just a little snow on them. there is many homes among the hills here in north Nebraska. they do not seem to be very prosperous the hills are too steep for cultivation and down on the river bottom it is mostly hay of a coarse quality but from the top of one of the highest hills looking across the river bottoms it looked quite

pretty putting me in mind of home we had walked out about 4 or 5 miles, and we had a visit to make in the afternoon, so we returned again arriving home about 2:30 so this is all I can find to put in my book to day.

Dec. 12, 1898.

We never done any thing today it is cold and snowing a little. I went to the P.O. and got one letter, nothing worth writing to day it is about the same thing over again each day.

Dec 13, 1898

To day we went out visiting and only visited two family one was a Catholic and she not want to talk to us, and she would not take one of

Tracts the other one invited us in and we taught them the gospel for about two hours and they seemed very much pleased and invited us to call again. This fore noon I printed some photos and mounted them to send home to some of my friends they are some I have developed and printed and mounted myself it is a very dull time for us just now in the city as it is getting closed to Holiday and people dont care to spend very much time with us

Dec. "14:" 1898.

To day we have been out visiting we called at 14 houses and were only invited in to one place (a roman catholic) he talked with us very friendly and