

when we come away he said he was very much pleased to have us call and to have a talk with us. & in the evening when we had supper and cleaned up the house, we had about 8 or 10 young men come in to see us, from the age of 15 to 20. they thought they were smart but before they got a way from asking us fool questions they were fighting among them selves as the devil always gets paid in his own coin they come only to try to make fun of us but the Lord turned their wrath upon them selves. And they went away sader but wiser, well now it is bed time so we will close for to night. Tomorrow we are going to find a new room if we can where we are not molested so much by the boys.

Dec. 15. 1898.

To day we have been out visiting and had very good success. It is a lovely day when we come back we found a crowd of young men at our lodgings and they went at us and snowballed us and talked just as mean as they could and finally we had to talk to them and we told them if they thought they were acting anything like gentlemen they were greatly mistaken and I came very near going after them and whipping them but tried to stand all I could one time before when we were coming home from the P. One night two of them stood not far from our door and each had a double barreled shot gun and just as we came to the door they let all of

4 barrells go off at-ance, to  
scare us, but that did not  
scare us but it only goes  
to show what they think of  
mormons Elders!

Dec. "16" 1898.

Well to day is Saturday we  
do not go out on Saturday  
but we went and made a  
revisit. we went to the house  
and found one man there  
he told us he was intoxicated  
but to come in and talk to  
him any way finally the  
Lady of the house came and  
told us we had better get  
out as quick as we could  
but the man had got to  
talking with us and he wanted  
us to stop. we thought it was  
the wrong place for us but we  
also thought the drunk man

had more sence than the  
sober women.

Dec. 17 1898

To day is Sunday we went  
out for a walk in the country  
and went out about 4 miles  
along the river on either side  
there is high bluffs which  
look like our hills at home  
it look just like the Bear  
River from along Battle creek  
and River dafe with those  
steep hills on each side  
and it put us very much  
in mind of home, we come  
back tired had supper and  
went to bed.

Dec "18" 1898.

we are going out to find a  
new lodging house the other  
night we were again visited  
by a crowd of young men  
about 8 o'clock we were sitting

quietly in our room reading the bible, when all at once we had our door kicked open and about 7 or 8 young men each with a tin Pan and they all yelled and beat the tin Pans until we could not hear ourselves think I got up and went and closed the door and locked it and they stood outside and continued to yell and beat their tin pans until they were tired and again one or two of them tried to kick the door open but could not these are only a few of the trials that a Mormon Elder has to go through.

I felt if only I was released from my calling for about 10 minutes I would have went out and Pounded the stuffing

out of some of them, thus Passed one more Evening

Dec. 19. 1898.

To day we have been out looking for a room and did not find one it seems like we have to stay here lodgings are very high here everybody seems to be looking for somebody to take in I well to night there was a Gentleman called to see us and told us he had been sent by a lady where we had called and she said we could have a room for 5.00 per month so in the morning we are going back to see her again and see if we can make arrangements so we can be comfortable and have just as good a room and not

no quite so much we told  
the gentleman who we were  
and just how we traveled  
and so on. and explained  
to him some of our Doctrine

Dec. 20. 1898

well to day we went and  
saw the landlady and made  
arrangements to have a room  
So we went back and packed  
up our things and went and  
got a man to come and  
move us. so now here we  
are at a new home and  
it look like a nice place  
and I believe we will like it  
we went to the restaurant and  
had supper and bought us  
some meal tickets for a change  
so we are going to board all  
for a while we have cooked  
our own food for 5 months

and now we will try and  
see how it goes with out  
cooking. so far we like our  
new home splendid. I got  
a letter to night from Home  
and was so glad to hear the  
folks were all well again

Dec 21. 1898.

To day we have been out tracking  
and we could not get in to  
any of the houses. and one crew  
told us they did not wish to  
read our tracts - but as it  
is getting closed to holidays  
of course the people are very  
busy To day the block where  
we were tracking was all  
fine houses and as a rule  
those kind of people never  
have any time to let us go  
tomorrow but the time will  
come. when they will be glad

to hear the gospel but in this city the people as a rule don't care about religion of any kind. I don't think and of course some of the ministers always tries to help us out all they can I mean they try to help us out of town.

Dec. 22, 1898.

To day we have been out visiting the Salvation Army we had a long talk with them and set forth the Principles of our Gospel and tried to show them the error of their ways. They told us that we were wrong and that they had a true plan of salvation also they showed us a piece that some body had put in the Daily Paper here to injure our labors here in Yorkton.

We are going to see the Editor of the paper and see if he will grant us a Privilege of addressing the people through the paper. Well it is a short mail time so we are going down and see if there is any mail.

Dec. 23, 1898.

To day we went and seen the Editor of the Daily Gazette and have seen several pieces in the papers of late that have been hard on us, and very Antagonistic to our labors here. The pieces we have seen have come from some of the Clergy men here in this city. It looks as though they came from the Presbyterian ministers. But we called on the

Editor and he treated us very civil and said when we asked him about our those series, yes, he said I will print all you want you write it up yourselves and we will publish it - at night I got a letter from home stating the folk had sent me a Box and a Parcel by Express. Perhaps I will get it tomorrow

Dec. 24 1898

Well to day ~~is Saturday~~ <sup>this is</sup> ~~is Christmas~~ and this will be my second Xmas out in the world as one of the day before Christmas the Ambassadors of the Lord for the cause of truth, we were not forgotten by kind friends at home. Elder Nielsen had a nice box of Cakes and candies and nuts sent him

as well as other Presents such as gloves, Hobbys, Money E.C., my box came one day later containing cake, candy, nuts, apples and sweet meats, also I was remembered by my kind boys at home with a very fine suit of clothes and shoes, also my wife and children sent me some Holly and Stationery

Dec. 25 1898

Today is Christmas and Sunday also, one year ago to day I was in Minnetonka and it was a very lonesome day, but to day we are just two lone elders here among strangers, but we have the countenance of the Lord and we feel thankful that we are here in the missionary field

Although we have not seen any other Elders for about four months we feel well in our labors so to day we went to the restaurant and had our Christmas dinner after word we went out for a walk and walked out about 2 miles and come back.

Dec. 26, 1898.

To day looks like storme and we have not been out only to eat dinner and get mail and all the rest of the day has been spent in reading. Elder Nielsen is writing a piece to put in the paper so we have been made the object of several columns of slander in front of the paper. It comes from some of our Presbyterian friends out in Utah at Monticello but the editor

told us to write out an answer to them, and he would furnish us all the room we wanted in the paper to publish it.

Dec. 27, 1898.

Last night I had a dream & dreamt. I was going some where and in passing over some rocks I heard a rattle snake and I picked up 2 or 3 stones to throw at the snake but he kept his head out of sight but I could hear him rattle. Finally he stuck his head out for top of a rock and I mashed his head and my companion finished killing it. Well we went out in town to buy some wood we went to the office of the wood & coal agent and he was not there,

but there was a lawyer sat writing at one of the desks. he turned in his seat and asked us if we were from Salt Lake. we told him no but we were mormons if that was what he wanted to know well he asked quite a few questions and finally two or three more men came in. one of them said right straight you mormons is sending a California man to congress. I turned and looked at him and said yes sir. we are and we have a perfect right to send him. I saw he did not like my answer. and I thought of the snake. and we had not time for a while I gave it to the man for a little while and finally I said to him if

B. H. Roberts is the only one in Congress that you people of this country think is Immoral we will take him out ~~if~~ and then we want you to take out all of the others that are Immoral and I said, you will not have any Congress at all. the rest of the men just laughed and said you are right. and the last sided in with us. and I wound up by telling them that the mormons was the most Moral people in the world with out any exception and we dared the world to beat us. we left at that. but we also left the impressions that the mormons were not so very queer after all. the men all said they were pleased with what we had said.