

Rome Pa

Dec 8th 1867

Dear Brother Lewis

Your kind letter was rec^d
about the time Albert came here & he has written
You all the news probably since he came therefore
You will excuse me for not writing before —
I suppose You are having good sleighing by this
time in it and are all well & able to enjoy it.
We are all able to eat our allowance & are getting
along very well considering the cares of married &
single life. Today it is snowing quite steady, has
been frozen up about two weeks & have had some
snow. I think we shall have good sleighing now
& let it come as we have got a good pair of Bobs^{es}
which will go a great deal better than a wagon
on these rough roads. We are not driving business
very hard just now on account of the cold weather
are sleighing only 1 car load p week & the rest
of the time toasting our shins by the fire. (Some fun
in cold weather) especially for Lazy folks —
most all of the Refineries have shut down until
Spring but Whitford & Northrup are going to run as
long as they can & make anything by it —
Perhaps Frank may come home between now &
Spring & stay a day or two & see how everything

gets along although there is nothing certain
about it. Lucy & my woman would like to come
& make a visit & take a few photographs &c
& see how you all are but can't afford it now
hops we shall be able to another winter

The Oil business is rather dull just now
Crude Oil is worth only from 1.50 to 1.60 p Bbl when
it gets down to \$1.00 p Bbl then we will buy 500 or 1000
Bbls & store it until Oil comes up again. &
then when Oil is worth \$4.00 or \$5.00 p Bbl we can refine
it & not have to buy at that price which will pay
pretty well. We have shipped a car load this last
week to Port Edward N.B. at 40 cts p Gall^{ons}. Our crude
cost us \$2.00 p Bbl or 18 1/2 cts p Gall. We have to ^{pay} Uncle Sam
20 cts p Gall out of that for tax, which leaves 15 1/2 cts p Gall
for refining, & that will pay very well " between \$2.00 & \$2.50
 p Bbl clear of all expense."

Well enough of Business

How is morning soon to be and its members
+ business I have not attended a Lodge meeting since
I left it. There is a lodge in Littonville about 5 miles
from here. Bush has been there once, before I came here
I am going up some night + see how they do business.
It is somewhat different from V's + P's, both although
the same meaning.

Albert says till he is here
 & I wish he was. Bush says remember the
 Old man to him & you ^{should} think he was older than Nagro
 and Spelling

Well I am getting to hungry to write & I can
smell Cypatins. (Going to have some for supper I guess)
wish You was here to help eat them

Tell Indian & Elected I would like to hear from them when they get time to write -.

Write soon & let me know how everything is getting along in Boston Town &c & how does the Penny get along Albert says he is gay, give it to the kids this winter, make him pay for his Cat. Sarah says tell her she is an Oldman yet & joins me in kind regards to you & all Our Friends.

Write us soon All the news & C

Your Friend

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