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to his brother, 1871 January 28**

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Dear Brother

Your welcome letter came in due season but I have waited a little longer than I ought before replying my health is very good & am enjoying myself very well the past week has not been very pleasant we had a rainy night & the next morn every thing out doors was covered with ice but yesterday the ice thawed & today the streets are covered with a thin mud There is also a fog hanging over the valley. I made a bureau this week for Mr Warbough it was a small one with 3 drawers I got \$2.50 for making it so that is the amount of this weeks time we do not get up until 9 o'clock as there is nothing to do I am tired of doing nothing but I will be in good trim for spring as my weight is 188 lbs. Night before last they had a dance here I did not attend but looked