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My Dear Friend

Your late poor cause
to have died and I was very glad
to hear from you once again
and to know of your welfare

Although I hear from you
but seldom yet you are
far from being forgotten

The Omaha of today is
far different from the Omaha
of your days. The growth
of Omaha for the past three
years has been remarkable
and the look forward to
the coming summer

As an other progressive Successor
Hall I am glad to hear
that you have been prospered

You certainly have good
reasons to be thankful

As for myself - when I
look around and see so
much destitution - Trouble &
Anxiety I think that I have
great reasons to be thankful

I am about the only one
left of my Family living here
at the present time - Father Mother
& Lydia have been dead for some
years - Aunt and Emory are
in the Berk Hills near Woodstock
James is living in New York

Two of Sydias daughters are coming
with me they are young ^{to see}

My own children (4 in
number) are growing up
around me. My oldest a
daughter is now 19, if
it were not for my children
growing up I should hardly
realize that I am getting
so old. My health is ex-
cellent there is no gray in
my hair - so I think I am
holding my own as far
as health is concerned
very well - Nancy Nancy
of the old Pass has passed
away - To come here

Now you would feel as if
you were in a strange land
but few of the men whom
you knew remain some of
them are dead and many have
passed over the River of death
of the men who went to Montana
with us I know of but few
Pannier - went to Deadwood
some 10 years ago - I saw him
a few weeks ago he was just
the same - in search of gold - I
fear the poor man will die
before he reaches it - Hendon
& Danielson are in the City I
think - the rest I know not
of - Geo Ratchford I have

Never heard from Col Ritchie
is living - Ratio has been a
Grandma for some years
None of the Family live here ^{Too}

I should think you
would like to take a trip
up here and look over the
Country of long ago there
is not much to be gained
I do not think in a business
point of view by coming
here - Business seems to me
is overdone - I have been
engaged for the past 10 years
in the Cattle business in the
Blk Hills near Deadwood
where I have a Cattle Ranch

Saul and Emory attend to the
Care of their principally - I
am up here part of the time
in Summer - We have a home
in Deadwood - and a delightful
Summer Ranch just at the base
of the Black Hills - The Country
looks similar to the Country
which you have noticed ^{around}
the Madison River - plenty of
Timber Pine & oak & beautiful
water - I will send you
from time to time the Omaha
papers - I am here part
of the time looking over
the taking care of General
Estlin's wheat

As to Church News I do not know
that I have any news which would
interest you - But few of the old members
remain - Samuel Isaacs McCoy and
all the old list dead - Burns left the
Church and joined the Congregationalists

I do not know what became of Jas
Isaacs - Charley became insane - Betty
Lizzie are living here - Bro Leman
looks quite right but is connected
with the work - Slaughter & old Man
Florkie are dead - Haugh of Va
City is in Los Angeles California
has become wealthy from the advance
of Real Estate - Well I presume
there has been many items of interest
transpired - Since you were

but I will not try to grieve you
any more - We have been our best
days and before long we will
be forgotten - I have been a pretty
Active life - Sometimes - I have
been on the profit side & sometimes
on the loss - but I am very thankful
that the Good Lord has always
given me enough - I have been
blessed with a good wife - My
Children have been (or consider)
an Arrage - and we will try to
to be thankful - with kind regards
to your Family and hoping
to hear from you from time to
time - I remain

Yours Truly
G. W. Foster