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Dear Folks at Home

Here I am out on the frontier about 80 miles beyond Cheyenne, I wrote you from Carmichaels Friday, but am not at all certain of you getting the letter, as I had to send it to Chevenne by a baker-man to be mailed and had not much faith in his remembering it. Of all rides I ever heard of, this ride from the end of the track was the worst, sitting on top of a wagon board(?) of baggage on a mule wagon with no springs with six mules to each wagon, we came about sixty miles; the scenery was splendid most of the way, the Black Hills and Rocky Mountains were in sight. We are now staying home in the middle of the Laramie plains this is a garrison of six hundred men here, and all the buildings belong to the government on the U.P.R.R. nobody is allowed here, except by permission of the Colonel and must do as he says while they stay, there is no snow here but the wind blows a small hurricane all the time, and all these buildings are such miserable affairs that the wind goes right through them, The houses are good quarters as there are in the town but they are nothing to boast of, we have pretty good board but no variety we have <u>butter</u> but it is quite a rarity <u>milk</u> is never served, I don't know how long we shall remain here we may some weeks and may go any day, I am in a party that goes on from here about 300 miles and works on to Salt Lake City, I am draughtsman and officer clerk, which is better than I expected, not so much hand work, I may be changed before the party leaves here but probably not, it will be a tough job to ride over the mountains in the mule wagons, but I shall see the country, we have an escort of a company of infantry from here and it shall only go about 20 or 80 miles in a day and then camp out for the night, I am not at all sick of enlisting yet and think I should have a good chance to learn the business, it is a rough and dirty life but no worse than I expected, we are considered as gentlemen and treated so, I shall get my mail regularly but it will be a good while on the way I presume, I shall probably have a chance to see Brigham and his tribe(?) before I come back,

I hope you will write <u>often</u> and <u>long</u>, I watch the mails close I assume you, don't read this in the pulpit if you even want to get any more

Love to all
Sam
Direct engineers' officer
U.P.R.R, Omaha as I wrote you before