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Dr. Old Man dear
kindly allows me to take
this method of sending my
love & affectionately in-
quiring "Why the Dale don't
you write me?" Last night
took a horse back road down
here to Winnipeg & spent
the night with "Maximilian"
It looks natural & pleasant
heat & winds - old friends as
numerous & general as ever
need tell you the news, no
doubt Pott's head has at
last fallen, may start
for N.E. this week

Mrs Mrs Pott's eldest son
is yet unborn - Do write
once more, my dear old man,
to yr affectionate friend
Mee H. C.

Minneapolis Nov. 24. 1867.

My Dr. "Old Man" I often recd.

a kindly word of remembrance from you
thru. our mutual friend, "Suey," Chas H.
I even old Brad, allowed me the pleasure
of reading one of yr pleasant letters.

And now to prou to you that none of us
have quite forgotten that you were once
our fellow sufferer, a sharer of our joys
and equal partner in our woes, and that
I may be the speedy recipient of a note
from you, is the object of my writing
to night. If the stage did deposit you
at our door, this P.M. you would scarcely
recognize the Minneapolis of to day. "Woms
& Steph's don't exactly greet the eye, but
our smoky stack is a very flourishing vil-
lage do. I won't go into a minute descrip-
tion of the place, suffice to say, we bid fair
to rival Omaha soon in splendor. Trade & man-
ufacture have taken a strong hold at the out-

set our saw-mill is about ready to re-commence operations - the flour mill is going up immediately - Porter has built him quite a commodious store of logs - Mr. is just moved into his new house & will have a store soon - We are all glad to have Mr. move - His house is near the corner of the fence around the small field down near the barn - The distinguishing characteristics of these two men remain unchanged - Mr. is the same jovial whole-souled man, you know of old, always ready to accommodate a fellow mortal, even to inconveniencing himself, generous & kindly as ever - Porter more than realizes our expectations - Think of the Payson Governors, Dr. Haywards & Frau. Ascribels of Boston & just C. F. Porter in the same category - Our Major don't take stock in him "any more" Col & Mrs. M. don't hesitate to speak their opinion of him & it is anything but complimentary to the gentleman - Mr. Grosvenor is "running a hotel" as you have doubtless

Learn The present Candace seems to be
very popular, not only with her guests, but
even some of the Amherst's employes find
their way there for a social hour occasionally.
I think the success of the institution is owing
quite as much to her as to the peculiar
fact of our friend Bengui - Cadie Sharp &
Baker occupying the other new house. Cadie
seems happy & well he may - He has the
very best wife he could have. They have a fine
boy & no doubt looks ^{the} most pleasant to them at
the starting point. But I fear you'll
think I'm a poor task to be rambling all
about "town", talking about strangers & un-
acquainted ones, while you are waiting to hear
of old friends & old scenes. If you did come
to night you would be struck with the small-
ness of our family, that used to be so many
Chas H. Uncle & myself are the only ones
that do with love now. Miss Norton continues
to provide food for us & lodging for Chas H.
To night her chair is drawn up under his pro-
ecting wing, her face brightens when he

speaks - Smiles wreath her long (l) mouth
at his brilliant sallies & low beams
from her eye blinks Chas. is present
Also for Chas H. I fear he is gone up
her sticks by her like ~~to~~ a bo. - Sud &
I a few nights since undertook to
faze them out A midnight vigil
was the consequence - Some few flew
& Sud & I came out vanquished -
Uncle is still boy as of old - tiring
sometimes, but pretty good "old ones"

We miss you & Dr. Minor these long
evenings, even so much Chas H won't
play cards but devotes his evenings
to reading - So Poor "Sud" & I have to be
"lookers on mi Israel" The rooms are
all finished off, but are not half so
cozy as last winter, when a half doz
of us bunked in one corner - We
did have some gay times a year
ago - Our new Dr. boards with Baker
I must stop right yir" Do let
me hear from you & remember
me as very cordially yr friend

"Rev Phil H. Clark

Wimberlys Nov 24th 1807.

My Dear "Old Man"

Your welcome letter
came in due course of time and was read
with great interest, so you must try and
write often, and I will try and keep you
well informed in matters connected with
the Wimberly machine. But now we are
quite busy putting up the Mill, which will
be ready to start tomorrow. Father has gone
to Omaha, Mother went with him, they went
a week ago last Thursday, so that they will
make quite a stay. The Capt. has not got
back from Washington, but the Capt. "got-to
see" the Comm. on his return from the plains,
who promised to make things all right as soon
as he gets to Washington which will be this
week, so that we shall expect to get our pay
before long. We had a letter from Mother
to day, in which she says that Father will

be ordered to Washington, so that we shall
expect to have every thing fixed up all right.
The weather has been splendid all the Fall not
a cold day up to this morning, but now I
think that we are in for it, it has been
cloudy and blowing all day, and I guess
that it will snow before morning. Perhaps
you would like to know how this day has
been spent so I will tell you. In the first
place we did not have breakfast until nine,
which did not suit Uncle who went off
in a huff because he could not get his breakfast
but is all right now. After breakfast Bill &
Lulu took a wash in the kitchen, then Chas. H.
and last of all Miss A. baked her candy
orbs, by this time it was most supper time,
which occupied the time until dark. Just now
Miss A. is washing her dishes Chas. H. & Bill
are reading, Uncle is going about like the
D - l seeking what he may dinner, so you
have the way that we spend the day up to
the present writing. You will see by this that
the day has been spent in Christian manner

ington, so that we shall
be there fixed up all right.
I expected all the Fall out
this morning, but now I
am in for it, it has been
raining all day, and I guess
it will be before morning. Perhaps
to know how this day has
been will tell you. In the first
place I have breakfast until nine,
but while who went off
he could not get his breakfast
in. After breakfast Bill &
I in the kitchen, then Chas. H.
Miss A. baked her monkey
cure it was most supper time,
the time until dark. Just now
of her dishes Chas. H. & Bill
are going about like the
old-time many dinner, so you
& we spend the day up to
you nice see by this that
spent in Christian manner

and and I will take the liberty to ask you
a few questions. have you spent this day
as you will wish you have in the great day
of the Lord? Has everything been done in
your power to advance his Kingdom? Have you
neglected no opportunity of grace? I hope that
you can answer all of them questions as you
will wish you could. when we shall all stand
around the judgment bar of Christ. The Lord
trusts that you will take with kindness
this manifested interest in your eternal welfare.
The Lord permitted me to go out on a hunt
this Fall. we were over in Iowa when I went
out Fall. Capt. Brown went with me which
with three Indians made up the party, had
quite good luck, was out eight days & brought
home six Deer and an Elk. Of the deer the
lads shot two of the Elk now but wounded
one so that we tracked it four miles by the
blood. the one that we got was very large &
fat we have had a big time eating it, one of the
deer would have dressed two hundred it had
a nice set of antlers. We have been up in

the Franklin timber one or twice with
quite good luck. Father & I did think of
going up tomorrow to get turkey for
Thanksgiving, but do not know. But I
writing to you so that you will get all
the news from him. Chas D. is gone off; is
the opinion of most - on the breaking. He
moved down last week, he has his horses
driven by the barn, his store is not up yet.

You must excuse mistakes for I am
interested in a book so nice and stop to
read if over. Hoping to hear from
you soon. I remain yours ever

Lucky Mattson

P.S. This D. sends his love. I think
it was love but perhaps I am not right
any way it was ~~country~~ of the kind. She
says that she is going to see you
soon. so I suppose that you are going to
leave him;

and I will be more prompt with the future. tell me all about
your business how you are prospering etc., and believe me as ever yours,
old friend
W. H. Coffey

Winnebago Nebraska
December 2nd. 1877.

My dear "old Man"

It has been nearly an age since
I received your last letter and which has been allowed to
lay unanswered to this date. I suppose you will have
obtained all the news pertaining to Winnebago from Mr.
Benjamin" as he said he should call on you
before he returned to us. "By jacious" old man
things are in as unsettled a state as when you left,
no. No money for Employees yet! and no immedi-
ate prospects of any. The Department has ordered the
discharge of all the Hsts. at Winnebago which
will throw Billy and Sharp out. There has been
quite a considerable done on the Reservation by way
of building this summer. In fall. the two employes
houses have been built. the fourteen chiefs houses,
and the agency house finished up. the old
law mill has been moved up and set up down
by the creek below the house. (you know where)
and we have a gang of carpenters putting up the
grist mill attachment. The Department has

employed a School master to teach the Indians
without the knowledge or consent of Mrs. M. much to
the latter named persons annoyance & disappointment,
she is an elderly maiden from Ill. report hath it,
the lumber to build the school house is here and is to
be built immediately, or as soon thereafter as practicable.
Bob. has selected the site down to Big Bear's camp, just
a pleasant ride for a lady on horseback! what say you?
The 300 acres. and 200 horses have been furnished this
fall. the horses were all wild California ones -
The Bob. said out a pair which I have made a
rap with him for. I havent tamed them yet, but
shall go for them when the snow is little deeper -
I have built me a stable for them in the ravine
below the house. where we have also dug a well.
Potter has built him a nice log stove, just above the
barn. Mc. has built him a house near the barn
and put up his stove so that we have quite
a village now. I dont believe they trade enough
to make it pay - They still hold all those due
bills given on last winters and springs labor.
Mc has between \$2000 and \$3000 in them - We made
off bill for what was due him on the last
annuity payment. and forwarded it to the

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Department. it came back disallowed. he has made stronger certificates and forwarded it again. I hope he will make it this time. Col. Taylor is in Washington and agrees to see it through. I have run the issue all summer. Smiley has furnished a miserable article of beef. Denman reduced the issue so that extras are only made by extra exertion ~~cant.~~ over more than ~~30~~ lbs. a week. Col. has promised to decide with me - he hasn't had a settlement with Smiley yet. so I can't tell how much I shall get. But Maj. has no speculations on foot. at present. they did not make that wheat arrangement on the field over by Jacks. it went in as department. and was the best wheat on the Reservation. Bairds and Davis' have their mill running and are grinding our wheat. I have not made any arrangement with them for my benefit but shall if continue to grind. I must have about \$10 on a hundred bushels for my trouble - Sard has been on two hunts. was successful each time. he with his Indians killed one elk, and five deer. the first and seven deer the last time - out of which seven Sard killed three. he is growing to be a second Tom soap. Clark has not received the balance due him on those often yet. consequently has made no arrangement

