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Dear Jesse & All.

Just a line or two to go along with this greeting.

We had hopes of seeing you before this time, this winter, but now our hopes have ~~to~~ about vanished till cold weather, with its treacherous roads, has passed on. We are not having that kind of weather here but would be afraid of the midwest traveling conditions.

We did have a pre-thanksgiving storm which brought us some minus temperatures, with sixteen inches of snow. This only lasted a few days when it warmed up and took off the snow, and now, for several weeks, have been having the finest weather imaginable. Daytime highs in the lower fifties or thereabouts, with night time lows around freezing. There has been little frost in the ground at any time, and for the past three weeks have been doing some field ditching with my tractor blade.

The part of Montana that makes the winter news headlines is not in our part of the state. The mountains, on our West, most always shift the Canadian cold blasts to the North and East of us, and we seldom get the severe ones here. Our prevailing wind is from the Southwest and brings us the Pacific breezes, and coming across the "Great American Desert" they bring us usually the warm chinook winds. Our days are mostly clear and

...morning, and as far as weather and highways are concerned we can take off in comfort and safety most any time.

Minnie had a major operation in April but came thro it nicely and seemingly in good conditions now.

We have had the circle letter here now about two weeks but have had this outside field work which needed doing badly. The weather has been so cooperative that have been putting in such long days on the tractor, that it has seemed impossible to engineer a pen after coming in at night, however, I have my field job most finished now and will get the family missive on its round in the next few days.

Eileen, with her family - Husband and two girls live on their ranch 55 miles N.E. of us, and most of our family, living in this vicinity have an invitation to Turkey with them on Christmas day, so guess that will be our family get together this year.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and the best for the coming year we are

as always

Geo. & Minnie