

Pioneer Pa

Dec 8th 1867

Dear Brother Lewis

Your kind letter was rec^d
about the time Albert came here & he has written
you all the news probably since he came therefore
you will excuse me for not writing before —

I suppose you are having good sleighing by this
time in pt^l and are all well & able to enjoy it.

We are all able to eat our allowance & are getting
along very well considering the cares of married &
single life. Today it is snowing quite steady, has
been frozen up about two weeks & have had some
snow. I think we shall have good sleighing now
& let it come as we have got a good pair of Bobs^l
which will go a great deal better than a wagon
on these rough roads. We are not driving business
very hard just now on account of the cold weather
are shipping only 1 car load per week & the rest
of the time toasting our skins by the fire. (Some fun
in cold weather) especially for lazy folks —

Most all of the Refineries have shut down until
Spring but Whitford & Northrup are going to run as
long as they can & make anything by it —

Perhaps Bush may come home between now &
Spring & stay a day or two & see how everything