

Colorado City, K.T.  
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My Dear Anna

To day I have  
just received a letter from  
you and I now improve the  
very first opportunity to return  
you an answer. I was very  
glad to hear from you and  
to hear that you was all  
well. I am well though  
when I last wrote you I  
was then complaining of  
the Stenralga I am well  
now. And as you told me Willey's  
weight I must tell you mine  
I now weigh 165 lbs. This is  
much heavier than my <sup>in</sup> common  
weight so by this you can  
understand that I have  
no right to complain of ill health.

I hope this lines may find  
you well and happy. My  
general health is good here  
The weather is very pleasant  
here on the valley, though  
I was told that the weather  
is very cold - James Carlin  
is now on French Gulch  
Jim writes me that there is  
even now about fifty or  
one hundred persons on the  
Gulch and I see a State-  
ment in a Denver paper  
that there were on the last  
Gulch about one hundred  
and fifty miners. Some of  
my claims are prospected  
but I rather guess they  
will have a good time if  
they work them. We purpose  
uniting ourselves in Company  
strong enough to protect our  
property and ourselves.

Because those claims are valuable  
Men seek to take them away  
from us and of course we  
will not very willingly give  
them up for the most of  
us have passed through  
a little too many hard-  
ships to suffer ourselves to  
be swindled out of our  
just dues and rights. However  
yet I hope we will get  
those difficulties settled  
without any serious con-  
sequences. Well I must  
close for I have nothing  
of importance to write you  
Excepting I am honored  
By an invitation to address  
the Sabbath School of  
Colorado City I have accept-  
ed the invitation and  
will speak next Sunday  
at eleven o'clock

please write soon and do  
not be so afraid of writing  
a long letter. for they are  
the kind I like you must  
think that I have forgotten  
Old Charley that you never  
write to me any thing about  
him I send my best respects  
to Father, Dine and Andy  
the Boys and all other every  
-ing friends Ed Adams

A. B.

I expect to start and pack  
through to French Green I  
think of starting about the  
20 of this month. I am  
told the snow is five or six  
feet deep on the range. We will  
go over on snow shoes  
Ed