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that Alma Brown (do not know whether she is my cousin or not) is much
interested. Makes me think must send in my dues. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Wishing you the best of every thing for the new year, as ever

M.K. Retzlaff,

*Just hate to send this
as I know its' nice, but
where my time goes to
do not know - always short -*