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Headquarters Bepartment of the Columbia, 173 Portland, Oregon March 1 1878 Origadui General O. O. Howard Washington D.C. My dear General, In connection with the "horse papers" Grover vs. Eddy, now on file, in reading over and Digning the books of record, I notice in the letter to Colonel Grover, dated January 17. 1878, written by your dictation, you use this language, - " He " (the Department Commander) will have further Examination instituted and forward your (Grover's) report, with his opinion thereon." I call your attention to this, as this language may have escaped your recollection, when you ordered the papers filed, as it had mine. Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Read twice, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fenn, by unanimous consent, introduced the following bill:

To provide for ascertaining and reporting the expenses incurred by the Territory of Idaho, and the people thereof, in defending themselves from attacks and hostilities of the Nez Perce Indians in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and for other purposes.

- Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and required
- to appoint three commissioners, one of whom shall be a
- civilian, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the actual and
- necessary expenses incurred by the Territory of Idaho in
- defending the people of said Territory from the hostilities of
- the Nez Perce Indians in the year eighteen hundred and
- seventy-seven, including three companies of volunteers organ-
- 10 ized in the Territory of Washington, in the month of June,

- 11 eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, who served in the Ter-
- 12 ritory of Idaho during said hostilities, and report the same to
- 13 the Secretary of War, under such rules and regulations as
- 14 may be prepared by him to govern the same.
- 1 Sec. 2. It shall also be the duty of said commissioners,
- 2 under rules and regulations as prescribed in the preceding
- 3 section, to ascertain and report all damages by troops in the
- 4 regular service and volunteer service (each to be taken and
- 5 returned separately) to property of the people of the Terri-
- 6 tory of Idaho during the time of such hostilities.
- 1 Sec. 3. It shall also be the duty of said commissioners,
- 2 under the rules and regulations as provided in section one of
- 3 this act, to take evidence of depredations upon and destruc-
- 4 tion of property of the people of Idaho Territory within the
- 5 limits of the same by the Nez Perce Indians during their
- 6 hostilities in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven,
- 7 and report the same to the Secretary of War.
- 1 Sec. 4. The commissioners appointed under the provis-
- 2 ions of this act are hereby fully empowered to execute all the
- 3 rules and regulations that may be prescribed by the Secretary
- 4 of War under and by virtue of the provisions of this act.
- 1 SEC. 5. That the Secretary of War be authorized and
- 2 directed to pay to the commissioners who may be appointed
- 3 under the provisions of this act such sums of money for their

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- 4 services and expenses as he may deem reasonable and just:
- 5 Provided, The sum does not exceed in the aggregate
- 6 dollars: Provided, That such of the commissioners as shall be
- 7 officers in the Army shall not be paid in both capacities.

H. R. 885.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NOVEMBER 1, 1877.

Read twice, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fenn, by unanimous consent, introduced the following bill:

A BILL

Making an appropriation for a military road from Fort Boise to Fort Lapwai, Idaho Territory.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any money
- 4 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of eighty
- 5 thousand dollars, to be expended, under the direction of the
- 6 Secretary of War, for the construction of a military road from
- 7 Fort Boise to Fort Lapwai, in the Territory of Idaho.

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

FROM

RAILROAD MANAGERS AND OFFICERS

CONCERNING THE WORK OF

RAILROAD YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

Receiver J. H. Devereux, of Cleveland, attended, as deputy from Ohio, the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held in Boston, October, 1877. Alluding to the railroad strikes of last summer, and the call suggested by them for greater effort by the churches among certain classes in the community, Mr. Devereux said:

"I propose to give you, at the instance of sundry members of the Convention, some personal experience and some personal knowledge on the subject covered by the resolution introduced by the Lay Deputy from Pennsylvania.

"West of Pittsburg, and a little north of it, upon the lake shore, is a city of 150,000 inhabitants, with a suburban population perhaps five thousand. The main trunk lines of railroads running through the country traverse it. It is well known as a prosperous commercial and manufacturing centre.

"Now, right here, gentlemen of the Convention, understand that the class I am speaking of at this time is not the pauper or the vicious element. It is a vast assembly of men, scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Lakes to the Gulf, numbering one half a million or more. The politicians will tell you they are voters. They are a class of men who, less than any others, have no opinion that is forced upon them by prescription. Particularly is this true in regard to their religious opinions. You must give a reason, and a very good one, for whatever belief you are desirous to impress upon them. I am speaking of a class of men who are mighty in their passion when they are aroused, and gentle when their hearts are touched. On Monday morning, in this city that I am speaking of, a railway officer, responsible for two roads and for about six thousand men upon them, went to his office. Of coarse he knew much that had happened before he went there. He heard on that Monday morning, that on the public square of that city, the Saturday night before, there had been a meeting of so-called laboring men, though they were not so, in the higher sense. There had been some twenty-five hundred men assembled there, and it had been deliberately proposed to go from there to Euclid Avenue, and sack the city. The next morning (Sunday) came the news from the City of Pittsburg.

"On Monday morning, the air was quivering with excitement, the whole city seemed to be paralyzed, and well it might be, for there were, in that city, only two hundred policemen, and no military force worth speaking of. Two lines of road were in the hands of those who were called 'strikers.' Not a single wheel was moved, business was paralyzed, and apprehension sat upon the face of every man.

"When this railroad officer found out how things were, and how the men upon the other road were taking things into their own hands, he also learned that his own two roads, upon which his men yet stood firm, were being threatened by a mob, or a crowd, if you please, from the striking roads; and he learned that they were coming down there to force his men to quit work, and to enforce what they called 'their rights.' That was a supreme moment; it was a moment for action. It took but a short time to determine that, God helping him, that President would prevent the mass meeting which it was determined by these men that they should hold on the square. Ten thousand men, at least, would have been there, more or less excited, more or less drunk, more or less angry. What could two hundred policemen do against such a force as that? It was not a crowd of men who could be driven by clubs. Many of them had been soldiers, and were used to arms. Moreover, they were ignorant, and they believed they were right; and if a man believes he is right, he will sometimes sacrifice his life. I firmly believe that if force had been used at that time, a great amount of blood would have been shed, and Cleveland would have been in ashes. I draw no fancy picture.

"What did this railway officer do? He went down substantially alone, only one officer of the road going with him. As he approached the shops, he saw the procession, and his own men being forced out two by two. It looked bad enough. Men from the other roads had determined that the men employed upon his roads should not work. They were gathered in the machineshop. There were some three thousand. The railroad officer stood upon a planer. And what did he urge? Simply the gospel of Jesus Christ. He held up Christ to these men, and appealed to them as Christian men, urging the principles of the gospel as his argument against their proceedings.

"The passions of the men were very strong, but he had not spoken long before sour faces grew brighter, and the evidence of passion died out. All went down, for Jesus had been appealed to. Jesus spoke to these men. They became silent, and when the matter was put to vote by the leader of the crowd, 'Will you stand by the proposition of the President?' there was a loud shout

of 'Aye!' When the question came whether any were opposed to the proposition of the President, there was the silence of the grave. Then this railroad officer said to these men, 'Now that you know you are in the right way, I want you to swear to me an oath this day. Those men who will regard the law, who will not commit any acts of violence, who will protect every life and every piece of property in this city, as if it were his own, hold up your right hand.' And every man's hand went up.

"That was the wall that was drawn around that city, and I tell you, no set of men could prevail against it.

"I shall not go into detail, although I want it to be understood generally that there was no miracle about this. This work was not the outgrowth of a moment, but of years. These men were ready to hear this word, for they had been prepared to hear it. One man's conversion had been the cause of leading twenty thousand railroad men to Christ, and thus it was easier to address them. I have been reproached since I have been here, because I have given encouragement to the Young Men's Christian Association. It was through their influence that this change had been brought about. I am here neither to praise nor to apologize for any institution. I am here because I am of the Church of Christ-of this Church; and I am speaking of the progress of the work of the Church, and of the need of missionary effort existing in the West."

Mr. W. K. Mura, General Manager of Canada Southern Railway, in response to an invitation to attend a meeting of Christian railroad men in Cleveland, O., writes :

"I am sorry I cannot come. I did want to tell our friends on your side of the lake how much we are indebted to Messrs. Sheaff & Cobb, of Cleveland, for the initiation of our railroad work at St. Thomas and Detroit; and of how much real benefit the Railroad Christian Association Reading Rooms at these points are to the boys and to the travelling public.

"Such rooms ought to be provided just as much as any other necessary part of railroad equipment. A railroad company can

have no better paying appendage to its terminal establishments."

Addressing the railroad meeting in Cleveland, in December, 1876, Mr. R. F. SMITH, Assistant General Manager of Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad, said

"We had occasion to purchase a lot of new engines lately, and I said to the President: 'We want a new roundhouse. It won't do to let these engines stay out-doors every night.' He agreed with me that it would not be economy, and the new roundhouse was built,

"What sort of economy is it to house locomotives and leave the men who run them out in the cold—the cold world—to go to

places of vice such as curse our city?

I lay down this proposition, and challenge contradiction: That the railroad that encourages its men to seek godliness, and, if need be, helps to provide the means for doing so, will be uniformly the most successful. The rule, godliness is profitable for the life that now is, applies to corporations as well as to individuals."

On another occasion Mr. SMITH wrote:

"It was my pleasure, in May, 1872, to participate in the dedicatory services at the opening of the reading room in the Union Depot, at Cleveland. /It was committed to the conduct of the Railway Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association of the city, and so it was the first room of the kind in which the religious element was introduced. And herein was the hiding of its power; the salt preservative of all that is good in these reading rooms; without which the best organized and equipped of them would achieve but indifferent success, and the large majority would undoubtedly soon run out. Let these institutions be multiplied They give us better men in the service; they save them from the wide open doors of vice and ruin that are found on every hand; they lead them into paths of virtue. The road that is manned by such employés, all other things being equal, will prosper most."

Mr. WM. THAW, of Pittsburg, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Company, wrote:

"I wish to assure you of my deep interest in the work, and my desire to co-operate in establishing and maintaining, at every point where employés are thrown together in considerable numbers, just such a room as you have in the depot at Columbus, O. It is wholly good, both for the men and the roads they serve."

Mr. H. B. LEDYARD, General Manager of Michigan Central Railroad, writes:

"I am glad that the work of the Young Men's Christian Association among railroad men has been so successful. There is a great field for good work in that direction. Everything that railroad managers can do to make the lives of their men, whether on or off duty, pleasant, should be done. So far as my experience goes, there is nowhere a more faithful, hard-working set of men than those now employed upon railroads; and what little can be done to show that their services are appreciated, should, I think be done gladly by those who have any real interest in those under their charge."

Mr. T. P. HANDY, President of the Merchants' National Bank, of Cleveland, O., a director of the C., C., C. & I. R.R., and actively associated with its management from the beginning, said, at the recent Conference of Railroad Young Men's Christian Associations in Cleveland:

"I am here because my heart is enlisted in this work. I have been a railroad man for the last twenty-five or thirty years, but chiefly in the way of helping to raise money to build the roads. I was on hand here when the first shovelful was put in the wheelbarrow. I have been in the work ever since; but I have been more interested in this religious part of it than in any other. The money that we have spent on this Christian work has been well expended. It has been one of the best investments that any of us have ever made. I think I have never given with more cheerfulness than I gave to help Messrs. Sheaff and Stager to carry on this railroad work; and I think it is paying better to-day than anything else. Like a little leaven in meal, it is extending until it is going to fill our land with noble railroad men."

FURTHER TESTIMONY, CONCERNING THE LATE RAILROAD STRIKES.

From the report of the Pennsylvania State Young Men's Christian Association Convention (October, 1877), in Harper's Weekly, we extract the following:

"Mr. W. R. DAVENPORT, an old railroad man, gave the testimony that, during the Pennsylvania Railroad strike, the Christian men were those upon whom the railroad officers relied. The most influential men were the Christians, and their influence was greatly felt.

Another officer, holding a position of responsibility in railroad service at a place where the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association has long been active, writes:

"In regard to the part Christian men took in the strike, I can speak of what I know. These men were forced to quit work, but openly denounced the action of the strikers; and all went to their homes, except a few who stayed among the strikers to wield all the influence for good that lay in their power.

"Through the influence of these men the saloons were closed, and all riotousness was kept down.

"Men who are not Christians have come to me personally, and of their own free will said the Christian work among railroad employés has saved more than it will cost to prosecute this work for a hundred years. Religious services were held every day and evening during the strike; and I believe many of the men will date their conversion from those meetings. It was through the influence of Christian railroad men that strikers returned to work."

An officer of two railroads in Columbus, O., writes:

"The Christian railroad men in this place did not, to my knowledge, take any part in the strike."

A Christian gentleman, who had the best opportunity to see and know, writes from the same place :

"I do not know of a single railroad man who professes to be a Christian, that took any active part in the strike. One was arrested for participating in it, but, upon trial, fully exonerated."

A manager of an important railroad in one of our large cities, where there was a total suspension of trains, writes:

"All of our men known to be pronounced Christians had no sympathy with any lawlessness, and kept clear of it. They freely expressed their disapprobation of all such proceedings, and openly declined to take part in the same. There were those among them who took occasion respectfully to join in a request for an advance in wages; but it was in the more excellent way; and when a respectful answer was returned, showing good reasons why their request could not be granted at this time, they cheerfully accepted the situation, and continued to perform their duties. These carefully disclaimed any intention to strike, and though compelled, during the most threatening period, to quit work, they returned when notified, without waiting for a reply to their petition."

An officer of the Pennsylvania Company, in the same city, writes:

"I have to report that the inquiries started to find out what part the Christian railroad men took in the strike have resulted in obtaining very satisfactory reports; and that is that not one of the men who attend the noon-day meetings at our shops took any part whatever in the strike or, either by word or action, encouraged the strikers, but, on the contrary, they kept up their prayer meetings throughout all the excitement."

A gentleman of Martinsburg says of the meeting of the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, on the Sabbath afternoon when the trouble was most serious: "The attendance was large, and the meeting one of the most impressive I ever attended. What touched me particularly was the many earnest prayers of the railroad men for the officers of the railroad company, that they might be given wisdom to guide them in their trying positions, to do just what was right, and that they, as employés, might be restrained from all excess and violence, and prove faithful to their duties."

A railroad man in Baltimore writes:

"I am satisfied that none who were looked up to as Christian men before the strike were at all engaged in it,"

A member of the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, of Altoona, Pa., writes:

"It is with great pleasure that I bear testimony to the calmness, discretion, and good conduct of our Christian railroad men during the excitement caused by the strike."

"Our religious meetings were held as usual, and were quite well attended. Although quite a number of railroad employés have been discharged for taking part in the strike, I am glad to say that no active member of our Association is among the number."

A superintendent in the extensive railroad shops of one of the trunk lines writes :

"I don't know of one Christian that took part in the strike. We found the Christian men ready to work; and those that were made watchmen during the week of the strike were chiefly the Christian men."

From the same point, one who has been in the employ of the company twenty-five years writes:

"There was not one of the Christian men here, who, during the strike, was not on duty. They went home peaceably, and stayed until sent for to come to work."

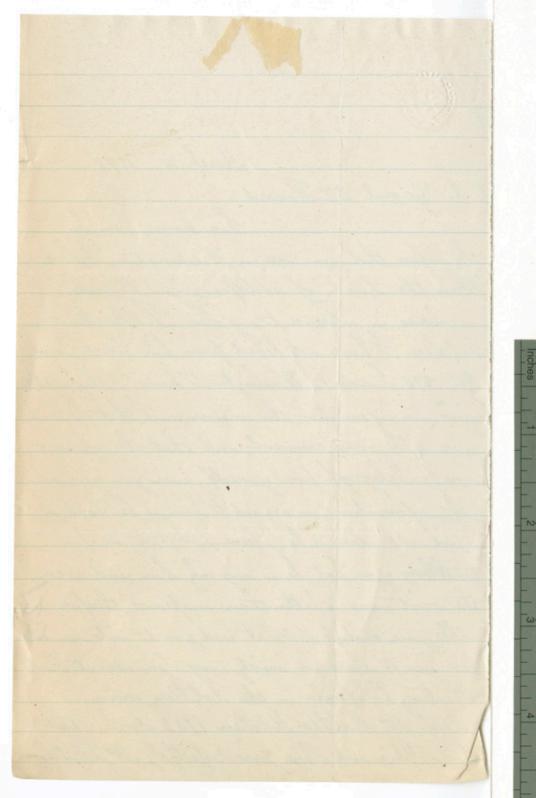
ccs-Max 4, 18787 Dear Brother As one practically interested in our work you will be pleased to see the accompanying words of encouragement relating to our Railroad work. Our visitor Mr Ingersoll is orgonously extending this work. I wenty seven associations non exist Composed of Railroad men who are seeking the best welfare of their companions. at tenother points where societies have not yet been formed Reading Rooms have been opened. Since the Louisville Convention Mr. Sugersoll has nsited over forty places. at West albany a sec--retary has been secured + a reading room opened. at four Conferences & State Conventions the mork has been presented. at Reyser & Grafton on the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Christian associations of Railroad men have been organized. at other points a good beginning has been made & the calls for the Continuance of his labors were never before so numerous and urgent. Dincerely Jours Richard & Morse Secretary of Committee.

March 4" 1878 To General . O.T. Howard Fir having seen by the popers that you were in Washington. I have token the Liberty of addressing you to make enqueries in reference to my In Charles Bailey Retchen. I have not heard from him aince fune 35. 1876. Iwrote to Washington to know if they could give any information the unswer came that he had your with your command, and that the uly news was by Telegraph from yourself, can you give me any information in regard to him is he Dead on alive and where is he please purden me for troubleing you but he is my only I'm und even the worst news is better than suspence, therefore N will your kinduly of Heart lead you to write me all few lines to releive our ampiety. my I'm was at. Fort Meating California in the bothley service. address Mrs Matilda Reteten 1903 torch Street Philadelphia and oblige your Respectfully Me Mitchen

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