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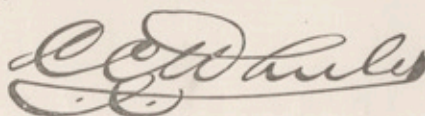
GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, 188.....

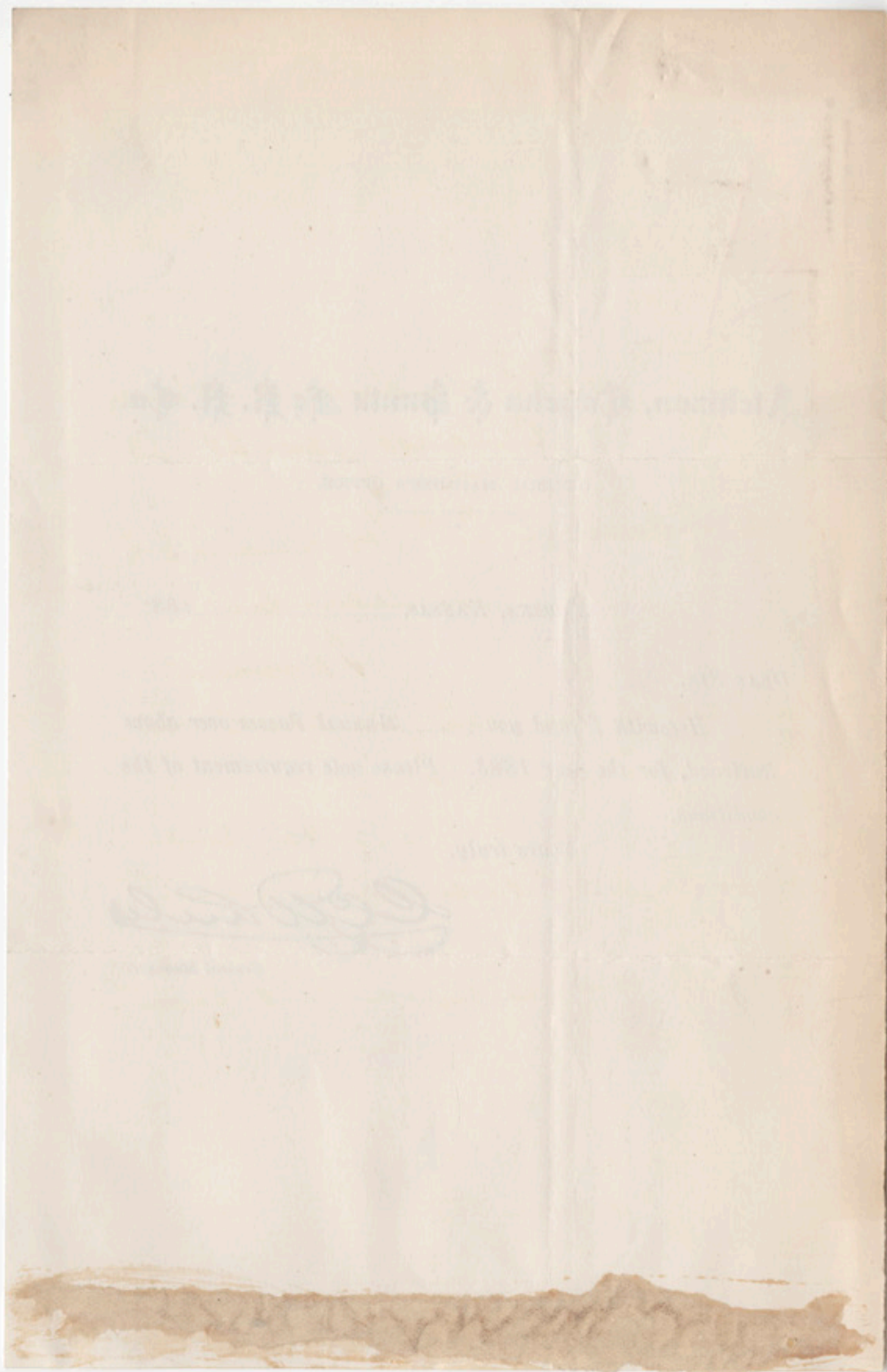
DEAR SIR:

Herewith I hand you Annual Passes over above
Railroad, for the year 1883. Please note requirement of the
conditions.

Yours truly,



General Manager.



Gen. Howard

[Jan., 1883?]

West Point

Sir.

I take the liberty to ask you
whether smoking is prohibited
at the Military Academy at
West Point.

Seeking some practical
points on the question of tobacco
in the preparation of a Thesis
to the Faculty of Jefferson Med.
College this information is
desired. May I Enquire further
if you find Cadets addicted
to smoking inferior physically
to those who do not? Trusting
this may not be considered
an impertinence - I Am Respectfully
Yours Attd. Servt.

C. S. Fulton

Student, Jeff. Med. Coll.

*620 Washington Square
Phila

Fulton, C. D.

Philadelphia
Jan - 1883.

Answered by Capt.
Bladen Jan - 1883.

Fortat, A. E.

Gettysburg
Jan'y 2. 1883.

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Gettysburg Jan'y 2. 1882
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Maj Genl O.O. Howard

Omaha.

Dear Sir

Your very kind favor
of 18th Ult.^o came duly to hand.
Please accept my sincere thanks
for the expression of your sympathy
in the matter. We have every
promise of success. This is however
a very large undertaking, and
we need assistance from all quarters.
Could you not get up a purse
among the officers of your Dept.,
to place some suitable Memorial
of the late Maj. Genl G. R. Warren,
shall we not have ^{from you} say \$20, as a
thank offering for preservation of life,
amidst so many dangers; for which
we would place you a stone as a memorial
of some Comrade, or inscribed any way

Would not your Chaplain
take an active interest
in this Memorial.

I forward some Circulars.

You may suggest, as suitable
to this structure. The stone
which is to bear your name is
ready for the inscription, and
will be finished by to-morrow,
and will be placed in a group
in the tower with stones bearing
the names of other Generals &
officers. Officers may thus
remember each other, by placing
Memorials bearing a Comrade's
name, living or dead. —

The chief burden of this undertaking
is left upon my shoulder, and any
assistance whatever you can render us, shall
be fully appreciated, and gratefully
acknowledged.

Yours Very Truly

P. S.

A. E. Portal.

A place where they have lately hurried for Jeff Davis,
and being a one-legged Soldier (Genl Davis) in office,
certainly needs such a Monument as we contemplate
to remind them of the duty of loyalty, patriotism and gratitude.

Headquarters Department of the Platte

ENGINEER OFFICE.

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Omaha, Nebraska, January 2nd 1882

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The Commanding General,
Department of the Platte.
General:

I have the honor to submit the following military reasons for constructing and maintaining at this place a permanent military department headquarters.

That the City of Omaha is the best point from which to command the Department of the Platte as it is now constituted is I think evident and beyond question.

* Omaha is the center of the extensive system of railroads, telegraph lines and other means of travel and communication, which like the nerves of the human body diverge and extend to its furthest limits. (The city is favorably situated on the Missouri River and under a wise and

liberal system of internal improvement, this magnificent river is likely to become in the future a much more important means of communication than it has ever been in the past.)

It is situated in the midst of a fine agricultural region, a region that produces of the staple food products far more than is, or probably even will be required for home consumption. It therefore affords the best market for all those commissary supplies that must be bought at or near the place where they are to be used.

Omaha is too, a fast growing city, and is even now of such considerable size that any sudden demand that might arise for clothing, food, forage, animals, wagon transportation, tools, building materials, or other things necessary to the military service could readily be satisfied out of the reserve supplies to be found only in the business centers.

Omaha is too a natural re-shipping point for all places on the line of the Union Pacific Railway,

or for places that are reached by travel over this road.

It is ^{so} situated also that officers or soldiers entering or leaving the department are afforded an easy opportunity of visiting Department Headquarters.

The officers are able to pay their respects to the Department Commander, and to meet and become acquainted with the officers of the Headquarters staff to their mutual advantage and the good of the service.

As long then as the Department of the Platte remains as it is the considerations of easy and quick communication, of economy in obtaining ordinary supplies, of facility in securing such as might be required in a sudden and unforeseen emergency, and indeed the best interests of the service require it to be commanded as heretofore from this point.

But is the Department of the Platte likely to be retained as it now is, or will the whole territory of the United States be re-divided into departments in such a way as to deprive Omaha of many of the advantages

it now possesses as a military department headquarters. Of course it is within the bounds of possibility that those having the power so to do may take the map of the United States in one hand and a colored crayon in the other and trace out the boundaries of a number of departments that would be at the same time very symmetrical and very senseless. But this is not within the bounds of reason or probability.

The military departments will be established and maintained in the future as they have been in the past, in accordance with the dictates of sound judgment, and in the best interests of the people and the army.

(The great trans-continental railways with their feeders extending to the north and south must necessarily form the skeletons of the military departments and this would point to the retention of the Department of the Platte as it now is.)

There is another point, and in our extensive country a very important one, and that is the question of climate.

This department as it now is covers 24° of longitude

but only extends over 9° of latitude. If it were revolved 90° about Omaha as a center it would extend from St. Paul on the north to near the mouth of the Rio Grande on the south.

The troops stationed at the former place would require very different food, clothing, &c. from those in the latter; and any quick concentration of troops in the department would almost certainly subject a portion of them to great hardship and suffering due to sudden change of climate.

The General of the Army in his recent report to the Hon. Secretary of War has recognized the importance of Omaha as a military station by recommending to it the largest garrison with but one exception (the School at Ft. Leavenworth) within a radius of 500 miles.

For all these reasons it is submitted that the City of Omaha will always be the headquarters of a military department, and I would respectfully recommend that suitable steps be taken to secure an appropriation of money to purchase a site and to erect thereon buildings of a substantial and durable character.

Very respectfully, your obedt. servant.

Dan A. Kingman,
1st Lieut. of Engineers,
Chief Engr. of Dept.

Wm. H. C. C.
W. H. C. C.

Wm. H. C. C.
Jan 27. 1883.

Cos. Genl J. D.

Cincinnati
Jan 2. 1883

Answered by the Genl
Jan 16 - 1883

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Cincinnati 2 Jan. 1883

My dear General:

Our "Society of Ex-Army & Navy officers will have its annual Dinner at the Bennett House in this city on the evening of the last Thursday of this month, and as their chairman I am deputed to invite you to be present.

I beg to assure you that it will be a sincere gratification to the Society if you shall be able to be with them, and we shall

to be with them, and we shall
 to the Society if you shall be able
 it will be a fine participation
 I try to assure you that
 will open to be present.
 chairman and I am expected to be
 day of the month, and as their
 city on the camp of the last theme:
 was at the Mount Vernon in this
 my officers will have its annual business
 on "Brief of Ex-Grand & Hon.
 my own business:

hope that other duties may per-
 mit you to come.

Very sincerely Yours
 J. W. C. Co.
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Mrs. O. O. Howard.

Received
 Jan 2. 1883

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the West in a day as it were. —

No doubt by this time as I cannot write much more on $\frac{1}{2}$ of my eye you will be glad to hear a word about our present condition as to health. — I begin with the most important and valuable member of our family, Mrs. Buck, you will remember when you were at Bucksport she could not walk without great distress in her chest & arms. She is better but not entirely free from it, cannot walk $\frac{1}{2}$ way to our church, I hope it will wear off in time. She is now trying some electric Baths in New York from which we hope she will derive benefit. Miss Spofford has had an ill turn with her digestion &c since our return home, but is now better. Emma is generally well and is our main stay don't know what we should do without her. The old gentleman is about the same, perhaps a little better. The left side of my face & head

Brooklyn Jan. 2nd 1883

My dear friend

^{Edm} ~~Edm~~ "Better late than never" you will say, but I do feel a little ashamed that I have not written you earlier, after my my return home, especially as you were so kind as to write me so soon after reaching Omaha. I also received your West Point report for which I thank you, and recently an Omaha paper containing your address on Forefathers day: it is very good, could not have been better, in style or sentiment & remarkably appropriate on such an occasion & in such a region, it must have been well received by all right thinking sensible people in that region, I do

x 20 to Oct.

feel a little proud of our native
State, though so rocky & rough,
and say of it what Dan. Webster
once said to a stranger wedding
with him in the mail stage thro
N. Hampshire, who, looking out on
the sterile rocky little farms
asked Webster, "what can they
raise here" W. replied, "they raise
men sir" ~ your allusion to the
"Church of the Pilgrims", is very
pleasant to me, do you know
that it was my privilege to
suggest its name, and also
the motto on the
the cover of a copy of the Bible
which it has been our custom
several years to present on the
1st Sabbath of the year (which is
our Communion Sabbath) to every
child who has reached 7 years
of age, ^{& was baptized in our church} a fine Eng. copy, stamped
on the cover in gilt letters.

"The Church of the Pilgrims"
To a child of the Covenant

It is a very interesting & impressive
ceremony, the children, as called by
Dr. Storrs, who stands by the table
in front of the pulpit, on which
lay the Bibles come up & receive
the gift, with their name written
by Dr. S. on the fly leaf, after
all get the books, he prays with
for them and their parents,
then from a basket filled with
little bouquets of flowers he gives
each child one with a kiss &
the child long remembers it,
a large Congregation witness it,
22 Come next Sabbath.

Well on the whole from your
letter I judge you & your good
wife & children are pleasantly
located at Omaha, I am glad
you have good Schools there &
no doubt you have good Sab-
bath privileges also, I had no
idea it was so large a City,
how these towns spring up at

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Still give me pain constantly when awake, but the spasms in my face when I eat are not so frequent or severe, I have a good appetite, digest my food well & sleep fairly well, just now have a bad cold & am keeping house for a few days. -

We all write in warmest love to Mr. Howard and yourself & family & wish you all a happy and prosperous year in 1883 - as well as all the years God may detain you here, and then an abundant entrance into the rest that remaineth to the people of God. -

Good bye, Write me as often as you can, consistently with your other arduous duties, you have but one arm I remember, but I have but one eye and only $\frac{1}{2}$ a brain which is worse, your affectionate friend R. R. Wick

Buck. P. P.

Brooklyn
Jan 2. 1883.

Jan 3^d 1882 ^{rec- 138323}
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Dear General I send
you a Copy on Pension I
was out to Scranton Pa on
New years day and found
this to be a very Deserving
Case and always Ready
help & do good if I can
and. thought I would get
you to help Push it along
he is very Poor & Welly
& Married a Cousin of mine
she as well as him always
sick, and he is temperate
in all his habits and his
Commanding officer & the
Doctor both there & have put
in his Case as seeing the
Injury on the Battle field
and had all the facts
laid before the pension
Board as My Ella made
this Copy which I send for

you to see it and if you
will Rush it along it
be a Charitable act to
this family & a favour
to me — now my dear
General I hope you can give
a helping hand to our
much neglected friend
Harrow — the Copy of Sir
Col's last letter looks as
if there was hopes on the
Next vacancy & you
write him as you must
know him well with
a very happy New Year
to you Mr Howard and
family

Ever sincerely
Benjamin Richardson

Glencoe, Jan. 9th 1883.

My dear son Otho,

I am fast recovering my strengthth
after a short illness. I am greatly
obliged to you for your short but
cheerful letter while in bed. I
trust you and all of you that are
together these Holly days are
truly happy, and in the right way.
I trust Chancy and Jenny are with
you, but have not heard if it
so, we here, are thinking today
they will leave you to come to us
for our portion of the visit. I have
^{not} known anything^{of} your Christmas
but have feared, Lizzie's was not
well, one of my Christmas Gifts
was a nice letter from Frank G. Leonard
accompanying it, a good picture of

himself I was very glad to get it,
I have not had one of him for
many years, and another Gift
Laura B. Otho's^{Picture} sister and cousin
precisely like her, I was alone
when I opened the envelope her
picture came in, and I laughed
about it looked perfectly like
her just self, she spent Christmas
with Rowland, David, and Otho
were at home but Frank did not
come home or to his father's for
Christmas R. B. H. sent^{me} some of
his Christmas Greetings from two
brothers containing \$20. thanking
him^{heartily} for kindness to their
mother through her sickness and
attending funeral, and another of ten dollars
from Mrs Brooks which she thought
belonged to her.

another from a lady, with Christmas
greetings of \$5. five dollars, and
still another from a splendid school
Class at Hesperon, ^{come} of \$5. he thought
right by when he thought it a
pleasure to know that he is in any
^{way} appreciated, I think R.B. is a good
huster, I am too ill to do anything for
Christmas, I had prepared a picture
for Charles before, had that attack
of fever &c, but I was remembered
all around from Denver, Omaha
Rockport ^{Mass} and Portland, Maine.

I think these nice little pictures for
Christmas Greetings are well, ^{indeed} all are
having another cold wave ^{thermometer}
at zero, for three days, entirely
sunny weather, I am hoping you
you having ^{such} such a sudden
experience of our cold time, you
will have filled up some of the
entences for winter, &c, I have
received my half year dividends
from Portland Maine at this time
I will enclose a check ^{to you} of \$200.
and can be drawn at Preston &c.

Heam, the other two hundred will
be ready probably in May, remember
me to Guy, Harry and Bessy, and
Lizzie, if I don't write to her, if I do
I can fill it up with loving
words, I have saved something
out of this to write her, I am
looking for news of uncle
Frank's death at any time, his
mind is in a wandering state
much of the time, he longs
to be relieved by death from
his sufferings, I dreamed of
seeing your father, ^{who is dead} a few
nights since, which is usually
to me, a fine sentiment of news
from a near relative living,
Charles has had no orders from
Government as yet we are
enjoying his stay at home very
much. from your very affectionate
Mother Eliza Gilmore
My son Gen C. O. Howard

The Advance,
Editorial Rooms,

157 DEARBORN STREET.

Chicago Jan 3rd 1883

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Bro:—

We continue your
paper of course. Whenever
you get a good thing you are
to write it for us, and we are to
pay you for it.

Cordially Yours
Robert West
(per J.)

West, Rev. R.
"The Advance"

Chicago
Jan 3. 1883

Frye, Hon. W. P.

Washington
Jan 2. 1883

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3, 1883.

My dear Genl.

Your suggestions commend themselves to me, but I am not on the Military Committee, nor am I a military man, and the best I can do, I have done. I have called Genl. Logan's attention to the contents of your letter. It seems to me that the best thing on earth to be done for our Army and Navy, is to respectably bury, with military honors, about two hundred officers who are loafing around the City

of Washington. Please accept
for yourself, and give to your estima-
ble wife, the compliments of the sea-
son, and believe me.

Very truly yours
Wm. P. Hyde

Genl. O. O. Howard.
Quaker St.

Gen. Howard,
Dear Sir - I have
taken the liberty to read
& answer your postal just
rec'd addressed to my
Father. as he is now in
Canton N.Y. I remember
his having mentioned just
before leaving home that
he had taken the article

you mention to the
Republican office to be
published at their earliest
convenience.

Respectfully
Ella J. Hilborn

Jan. 3rd / 1883.

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Office of
The Gazette Printing Company.

Creston, Iowa, Jan'y 4th 1883

Dear Sir - I send you to day by Mail
6 weekly Gazettes with reports of the 1st Annual
meeting and dinner of the New England
Society of Union County Iowa. I thought
perhaps you might be pleased to
send some of them elsewhere. We
also return to day the Manuscript
you so kindly favored us with.
And now I would please allow
the Gazette to extend to you in
behalf of the New Englanders and
the Citizens of Creston, Our sincere
thanks for your coming to Creston
on the 21st. of Dec

With the kindest regards for you
and yours, we are

Very Respectfully

Your Servant

Gazette Printing Co.
P. L. Hild.

To Brig. Genl O. O. Howard.
Omaha Neb

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Boston, Decr
Jan 24. 1883

P. O. Box 50.

BEVERLY, N. J.,

Jan 4 - 1883

Genl O. O. Howard,

U. S. A.

West Point, N. Y.

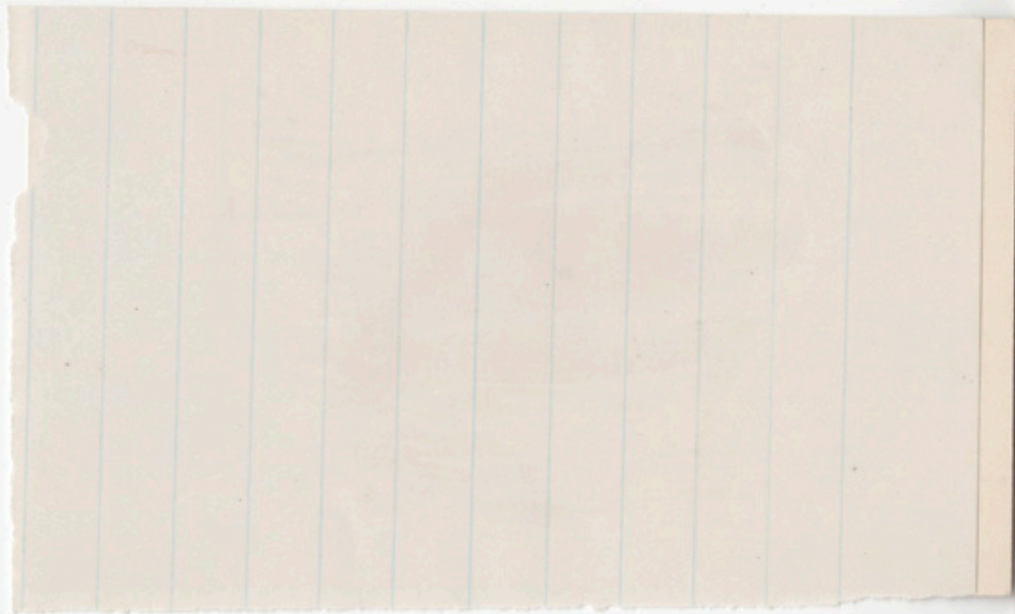
Dear Friend:—As an officer of the late Civil War, I did my duty to the best of my ability; which was never questioned by any of my superior officers. I was severely wounded in 1863, and it has seriously affected me ever since, so much so, that in 1872, I was obliged to resign a position worth \$1700 per annum. I am at present unable to hold any position, and was in 1868, by force of circumstances, kept from passing to the Regular Navy. Please sign this card, with friends, and forward to ^{me} Washington.

Respectfully, Your obedient Servant,

WILBUR F. COGSWELL,

ex Ass't Engineer, U. S. N.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

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Received at Om 5329m Jan 4 1889.

Date Lincoln Neb 4
To Genl O O Howard

Will arrive in Omaha by
first train tomorrow when I will
be pleased to see you

OK Valentine

Valentine & A.

Lincoln
Jan 4/83

~~Eastern Office of the Advance~~
~~No. 6 Congl. House Boston.~~
~~Rev. R. B. Howard.~~
~~Eastern Editor.~~

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Rockport Mass
Boston Jan 5 1883

Dear Oles

Your Utah letter
helped me a little in
my portraits class in
giving them an idea of
life at Salt Lake. Tell
Henry Mac. note me
a very good ^{account} of the
visit of 16 Indians to
his father on their
way to Va. to School.

I send picture of
Rontie for general view
him. we think it does
not flatter him.

I thank Lizzie for
my Kitty Xmas Card & you

the two sent Ellen &
Ronnie if I have now
already done so.

We hope to see some
fruit in the week of
May - May 1st
Love to all.

Jeff. brother
Ronald

Recd
Jan 5/1883

CHICAGO & NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY CO.

LINES CONTROLLED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY BY THIS COMPANY.

Chicago via Clinton to Missouri River, 491.00	Carroll to Kirkman, Ia., - - - 24.81	Wall Lake to Sac City, Ia., - - - 12.76
Chicago to Freeport, - - - 121.00	Manning to Audubon, Ia., - - - 17.00	Eagle Grove to Hawarden, Ia., - - - 145.00
Chicago to Milwaukee, - - - 85.00	Des Moines Division, - - - 89.28	Rochester, Minn., to Zumbrota, - - - 28.71
Chicago "Cut-off" and Branches, - 9.70	Elgin to Lake Geneva, Wis., - - - 45.04	Mankato Junction to Mankato, Minn., - 3.25
Chicago to Ishpeming, (with nine branches, - - - 475.05	St. Charles to Batavia, Ill., - - - 5.60	Kyoto, Minn., to Plainview, - - - 16.00
Powers to Crystal Falls and Stambaugh, Mich., - - - 71.50	Belvidere to Winona, via Madison and Elroy, - - - 227.00	Kyoto to Chatfield, - - - 12.20
Narrens to Metropolitan, - - - 25.00	Kenosha to Rockford, - - - 72.10	Sleepy Eye, Minn., to Redwood Falls, - 25.89
Shaboygan to Princeton, Wis., - - 78.40	Milwaukee to Fond du Lac, Wis., - 62.63	Tracy to Pierre, Dak., - - - 95.51
Stanwood to Tipton, Ia., - - - 8.50	Winona to Redfield, Dak., - - - 338.00	Huron to Columbia, Dak., - - - 96.80
Clinton to Anamosa, Ia., - - - 73.27	Galena to Lancaster and Woodman, - 92.88	Brookings to Cuthbertwood, - - - 34.60
Tama to Lake City Ia., - - - 126.57	Milwaukee to Montfort, - - - 144.40	Boone Branch, Ia., - - - 3.25
Jewell Junction to Elmore, Minn., - 98.45	Afton to Janesville, - - - 6.10	Appleton Branch, - - - 3.63
	Maple River Junction to Mapleton, Ia., 60.15	
		Total Miles, 3,535.75

Dec. 1st, 1882.

GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT'S OFFICE,

Chicago, *Jan 5* 1883

Wm. G. C. Howard
Passenger Agent
Chicago

DEAR SIR:

I beg to hand you herewith this Company's Annual Pass for 188*3*. Please acknowledge the receipt of the Pass at once.

Respectfully Yours,

W. A. Stennett

General Passenger Agent.

Stennett, W. H.
C. & N. W. R. C.

Chicago

Jan 5/83

Answered by the
Genl Jan 8/83.



New York,

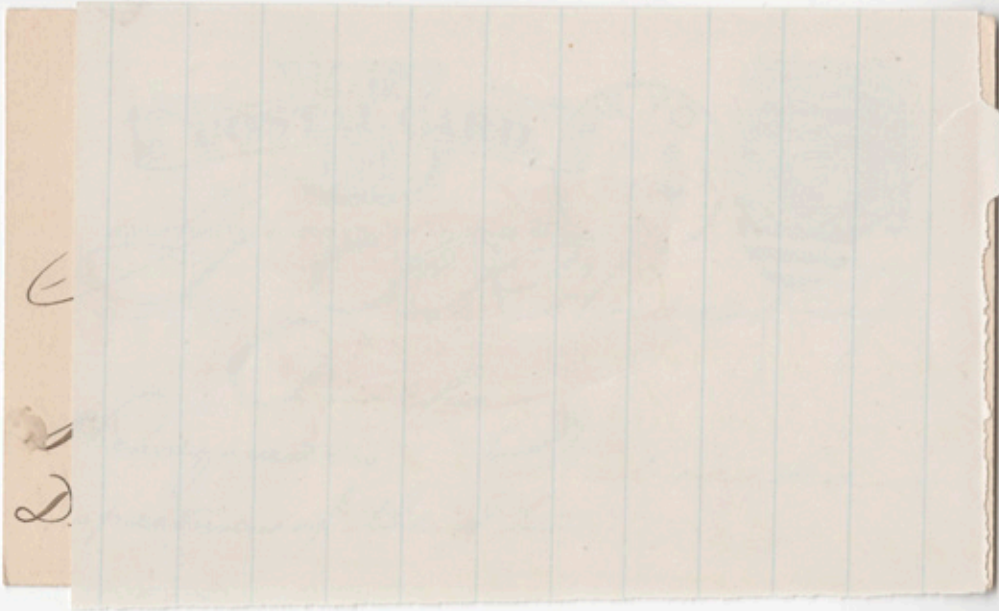
January 6th 1882.

Yours of the 2nd came duly
to hand and in reply send
you to-day a good copy of the
Journalists which we hope will
reach you in good condition.

Yours truly

ROOT & TINKER,

102 Nassau Street.

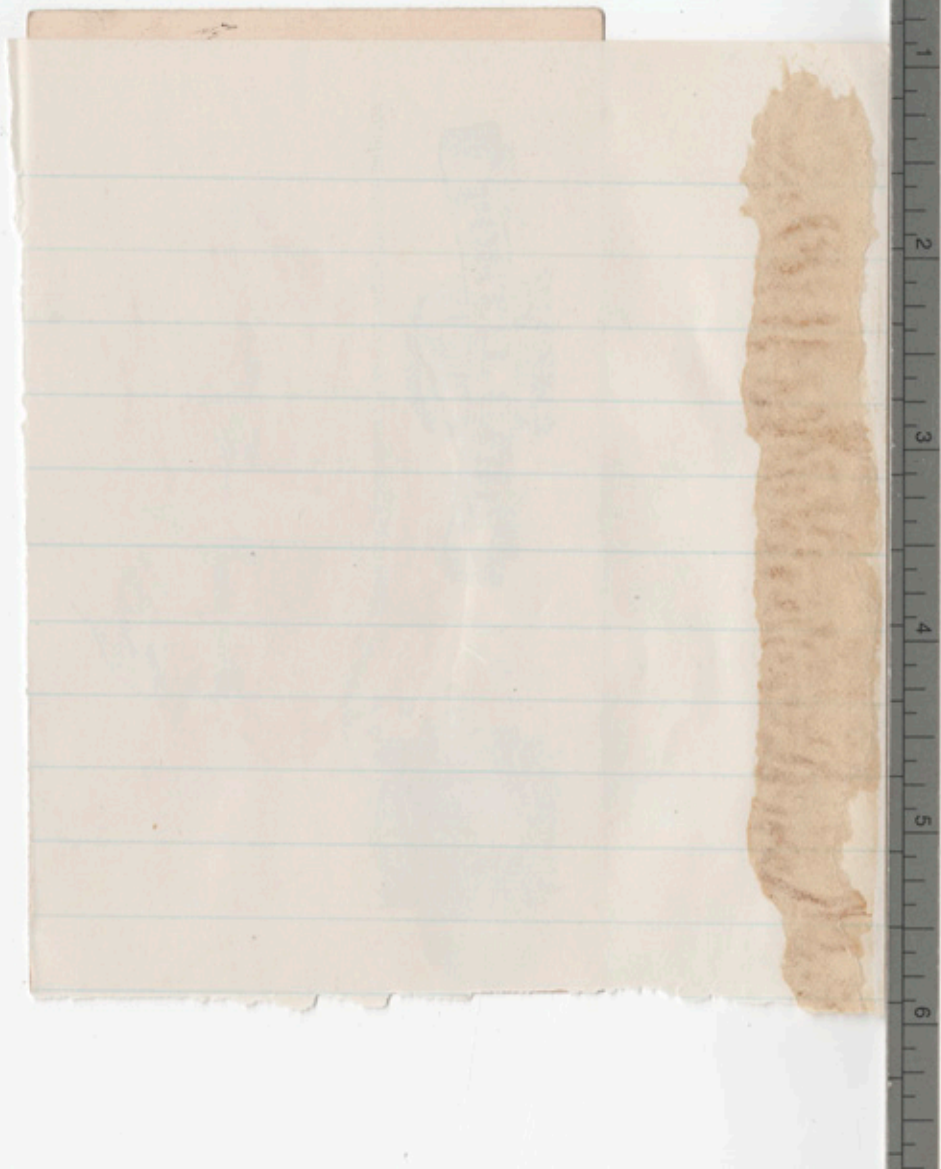


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The next meeting
of the W. L. C. will be
at the residence of
Mr. and Mrs. Britzler,
Sat'dy. Jan'y. 6th.

Mrs. Dr. A. Jarvis,
Lucy.



I have heard of it. She engaged herself to be married to Mr Dilge of New York, a very worthy gentleman but some fifteen or seventeen years her senior, It was done without reflection or giving me any intimation of it, nor any of her friends were aware that any more than friendship existed between them, it appears her heart was not within her gift, this became known, Edwin & John and the French family were much opposed to the marriage and it has been delayed if not entirely broken off, this has considerably annoyed me,

No 128 So. 19th St. Philadel. Aug 6/83

It is in your nature to remember old friends and forget their delinquencies in not writing or answering letters written to them by you; I can assure to this, as I think that I am indebted to you for two letters, this one I ask may be put to the credit side of my indebtedness, the balance letter which will refer to the Chronology of the Egyptian Era, of which you and I differ somewhat, will come some day as soon as I can hunt up a few more Statistics to convince you of the correctness of my opinion as collated from eminent Egyptologists.

Poor little Fanny Leach, her time on Earth will
 soon be ended, It may be in a few hours or may
 extend to a few days, she has had several spasms
 within the last ten days, she is a living skeleton,
 her Doctor say she cannot possibly live three days,
 and at any moment we may expect to see her die
 in one of the spasms, her mother is almost frantic
 in nursing her, It will be a happy release when the
 innocent child enters into her heavenly home.
 Your letter has been read by all the family. who re-
 ciprocate to it. Sincerely Cousin Noble

that he could give us but an hour or two of his presence. Guy is a son you may well be proud of, he is a fine manly looking fellow, of good sound sense and I should judge of excellent moral character, he will "make his mark in this world". I can say as much for James, his stay with us although but a few days made friends of the whole household and especially among several young ladies who took a great fancy to him. Before his leaving for Europe, I introduced him to the Rev. Chas. Mich. Pastor of the French Evangelical Church, who resides in one of my houses. He frequently speaks of James in the highest terms, having received several letters from him and the gentleman to whom he gave letters of introduction in France.

I am pleased that Edwin St John has written to you. I trust that he may never neglect those who are his real friends and the friends of his deceased yet beloved and regretted Parents; his removal from Washington to Leavenworth

will be to his advantage, he will there acquire the duties of his profession and become more of the Soldier and less of the civilian and he so expressed himself to me. At his graduating at West Point, I was much distressed that he fell below the standard that would have put him into the Engineer Corps, especially so as it was not for want of ability. Since reflecting on it and conversing with some officers, I have come to a different conclusion and believe the event was to his advantage so far as regards the real Soldier, education alone does not make the Soldier, he must see service to make him thoroughly understand his duties. Edwin is a good fellow and I love him dearly, he is the only one that I can ^{truly} hope to carry down the name of Beebe descending from myself.

Clara is now in New Haven, she is still an invalid but is recovering, she had an anxious time while in New York, confined to bed for three or four weeks. There is a circumstance which no doubt aggravated her complaint, you no doubt

Bridgman, Mrs J. A.

Plymouth, Me
Jan 7. 1883.

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Plymouth Jan 7th 1883

Dear Cousin Otis.

Your letter
and its contents was received with
very many thanks to you for your
kindness. I deem it a very nice New
years present as I received it New years
Eve. It was a favor granted that I
shall always remember. and I hope
to reward you some future time. I
feel to-day that you have befriended
me Cousin Otis. But I was not aware
you have so many children quite
a large family of your own. I would
realy like to see you. I presume you
are so far away that you never will
get down here to see us. but although
so many miles apart. how nice it is
we can write. Well I will not write

any more this time hoping
if so you can you will come down
another summer and I will try
and make you as happy as I possibly
can. in my poor ^{and} simple way.

Please give my love to all

From Sallie B

action. If he does not act on your
written recommendations I could
not improve them, so when I called
on him I merely talked of social
matters. Just as I was leaving
Col. Barr ran out to ask me if
I had seen the original of the Fort
Mead Post Roaden's letter. I told
him that though I had not, the
letter (copy) you sent was reached
for by an officer & that there
was also another of similar
purport of which you did not
have a copy. Possibly he had also
a copy of the other & thought it
purported to be of the same. Lewis
Perry has gone to Kansas, leaving his
wife here. I dined Friday at Gen. Whittier's
& heard of her being here then & saw
her in the evening. Old Gen. Emory
inquired very pleasantly of you, sending
for me to do so; Also the Shermans & for
mother also. Mrs. Foye asked to be remem-
bered. I have not seen the Senators. Hoping
you are all very well at home.
Affectionately yours
J. G. Howard

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1320 G Street. Wash.

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Dear Father: Congress is in
a feverish condition. The
House has passed the Appropria-
tion Bill, with only eleven hundred
thousand for barracks & quarters,
one hundred & fifty thousand less
than last year & no special
items for any post. The Secretary
of War asked specific appropriations
only for several Mexican Border
Posts & Vancouver & then for \$1,000,000
for interior posts. Of course this
was cut off in a lump. He has
said that he would not forward
any requests for specific amounts;
but he may do so after he sees
the Army Bill as far advanced that
he cannot hope to get a sum, the
distribution of which he can control.
Mr. Valentine has not yet returned.

He must have gone to Nebraska.
However it has done no harm,
for it is necessary that the
Secretary should recommend the
appropriations & he could not have
gotten him to do so. New York members
have been trying to get him to
forward applications from baskets
Harbor, which Mr. Wetherpoon is
looking after & he has not yet done
so. As soon as you let me know
when the papers of Omaha, Russell
& Nebraska are sent forward, I
will look after them in the 2. M. &
Capt. Gen. Offices. I saw Mr. Post
about Thornburgh & wrote a
memorandum for him in regard
to the agency for the Post & the
necessity for money to build it,
referred to the recommendations of
all to Congress at last session etc.
but he evidently did not expect
the bill to be rushed through the
House so soon. I have not seen him

since its passage. After this
Congress has "made a record" by
reducing appropriation bills I
think it will be more liberal
in special bills for military
ports as they will want to
spend ~~some~~ money in their districts
& do not dare again to go much
into River & Harbor improvements.
Provisions were in the Bill as passed
for the gradual abolition of the Pay
Corps, prevention of assignment by
Brevet Rank, reduction of Brigadier
Generals' Aides to one, & the cutting
off of all extra pay to all sides, &
the making those retired for age
additional to the list, thereby making
nine or ten vacancies. I have
practically been able to do nothing
about the appropriations except
through Mr. Post, both on account
of Mr. Vallentyne's absence & I was
afraid of prejudicing matters with
Mr. Lincoln if I did anything
before rather than following his