

EXECUTIVE MANSION,  
WASHINGTON.

October 20, 1883.

Dear Sir:

The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, in behalf of the appointment of Dr. Somers as Surgeon General, U. S. A., which will have due consideration.

Very respectfully,

O. L. Pruden

Assistant Secretary.

The Honorable

C. H. Van Wyck.

Nebraska City, Neb.

Nebraska City, Nov 1/1883

My dear Sir

Before receiving

your letter

the President in behalf

of Dr. Somers & the

Receipt of letter was

only acknowledged as

per mine des

per

Attorneys

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San Diego, C. H.

Neb. City  
Nov 10. 1883

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Headquarters, Department of the Platte,

COMMANDING GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Omaha, Neb. Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1883.

My dear General:

I send you this enclosed by  
mail as I do not know where to telegraph you,  
and do not know that I ought to telegraph  
it even if I did know.

All well and quiet here

Yours faithfully

Sheldon

Side.



Staden, Capt. J. A.

Omaha, Neb  
Oct 20. 1883

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Headquarters of the Army,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Oct 20, 1883

Dear General

I have complied with your request to send the proof and hope your keen eyes will not discover any errors. In two or three instances as you will notice I have changed initials of well known officers to correspond with the actual names given in the records of this office. - If at any time you find yourself at a loss for a name or date or other fact or record here you have but to write me and I will obtain it at once.

I am writing Fort Boulson and would be glad to have your opinion of it after it is finished. You know a little wholesome criticism is of great value when it is dictated by a friendly hand.

Truly Yours Friend  
G. A. Kriffin



Wm. H. C. C.

Washington, D.C.  
Oct 20. 1883

# Missouri Valley & Blair Ry & Bridge Co.

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Missouri Valley, Iowa, October 20th, 1883.

You are respectfully invited to be present on Saturday, October 27th, to witness the testing of the Bridge across the Missouri River, near Blair, Nebraska.

GEO. S. MORISON,

Chief Engineer.

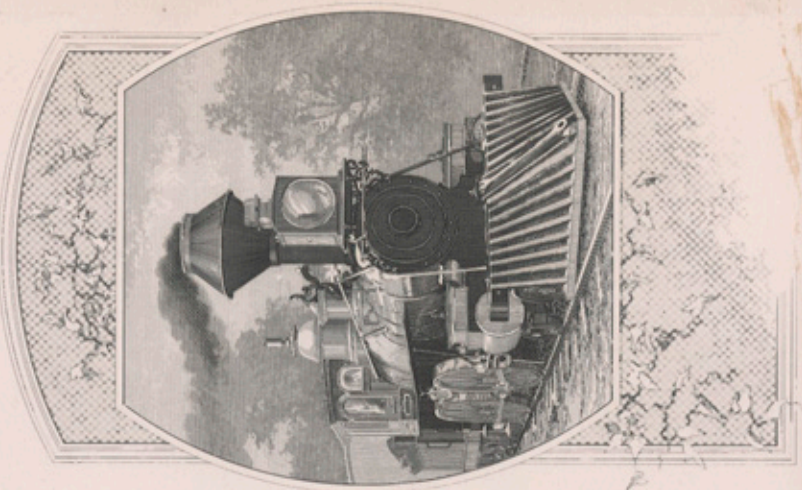
*Genl O. C. Howard*

A Special Train over S. C. & P. R. R. will leave Missouri Valley Junction for the Bridge, (10 miles), at 10 o'clock A. M. Guests taking the C. & N.W. R'y from Chicago at 12 M.; C. St. P., M. & O. R'y from St. Paul at 3:30 P. M.; K. C., St. J. & C. B. R. R. from Kansas City at 9:10 P. M., on October 26th, will make connection with Special Train at Missouri Valley Junction.

By arrangement, the above invitation will be a Free Pass over the above named Roads on the trip both ways.

*P. E. Kave*

Vice-President



Ball, E. J.  
S.E. x 10 P. P.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
Oct 20. 1883

Answered by Ralph Blake  
Oct 22. 1883.



Law Office of

Foxworthy &amp; Son, 291

P. O. Box 47.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct 25 1883  
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72 Gen. Howard  
Commander Dept Platte  
Omaha Neb.

Dear Gen.,  
In the matter of John Friedlin, of whom I spoke  
to you some weeks since, relating to his  
application for setting aside dishonorable  
Discharge &c. - I have decided to adopt the  
plan suggested by you, and to that end  
have made arrangements for him to be  
at your Head quarters on Thursday, Oct  
25<sup>th</sup> in order that you may cause his  
statements of facts to be taken through an  
interpreter, for use in the matter, as  
suggested.

If the date, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> is not agreeable  
to you, please notify me by return mail,  
Very Respectfully &c  
J H, Foxworthy



*Lincoln, Neb*  
*Oct 20-1883.*

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*Answered by Capt. Staden*  
*Oct 22. 1883 -*



Hanson, Mrs L. M.

Glenwood, Iowa,  
Oct 21. 1883

Thanks. I will attend  
to it. Could you call on Miss  
"Opp. Payson" Resp. A. F. Sherrill

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Glenwood Oct 21 1883

Rev. D. J. Howard

Dear Sir,

Pardon the liberty  
I take in addressing you but knowing  
you to be interested in all work  
for Christ I take this way to  
call your attention to work before  
you in Canada. I have a very  
intimate friend living in your  
city who is a member of our  
Church here. She with her sister  
are lovely Christian characters  
and only need to be started  
to be in earnest in all church  
work. Her name is Mrs Dr. Armstrong  
her husband is an physician with  
his office opposite the Payson House.



All three have been attending school. know how much a little does.  
in Iowa City for the past two years and how strange a stranger feel  
and moved into Omaha only about in a large church.  
two months ago. While at school. These friends reside at 1333 North  
they got out of the habit of attending <sup>18th St.</sup> Pardon this seeming  
ding service and as strangers it is liberty. But I know their worth  
is hard to get into the habit and how much any of us need  
again. I attended the S.S. concert help in a strange place. I am  
given in the 18th Congl Church anxious they should be about the  
last Sunday with Mrs Armstrong work they are so competent to  
she expressed herself as pleased. do. Also anxious that the Dr.  
with the atmosphere of said church might be influenced to accept  
church. Now I thought if some the Saviour for his personal bribe.  
of the ladies and the pastor we are still without a pastor  
of the church would call upon but hope to have one soon, as  
them and invite them to attend we have given a Mr Holcomb  
it might help them. I would a call. Hoping all is well  
not have them know that with you and yours I remain  
any thing had been said to your sister in Christ  
any one about them for they Mrs. L. M. Hanson  
might not like it. but you



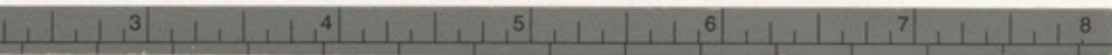
29<sup>th</sup>

Nb a/- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1883

My dear General

I write you was arguing  
Capt & Lt Sladen. My experience is  
that civilian recommendations receive but  
little consideration, it is natural & proper  
that the army should control their own  
appointments, and they generally do  
Excuse my delay in writing you  
please tell Gen Sladen, I received his  
letter and did as he desired

Yours  
Chas Banayck





savoirs trop bien ce que c'est  
d'être un homme sans  
dimanche - on n'est  
plus un homme; - et  
de plus, on n'a pas  
besoin de quitter les  
États-Unis pour apprendre  
cela. Je ne veux pas  
faire de vœux - mais si  
je ne m'exerce pas à  
faire du bien aux hom-  
mes autour de moi,  
je serais un ingrat.

Je crois que vous me  
trouverez un homme  
complètement changé  
quand vous me verrez -  
Des valent. Je vous  
écris ainsi, mon cher  
père, parce qu'il me  
semblait que je dois le  
faire. Je sais le plaisir  
que la lecture de cette

Gottingen, le 21 Oct., 1883.

Mon père bien aimé:

Quoique je vous aie  
écrit, il y a deux jours  
il me semble que je  
dois vous envoyer une  
réponse à votre dernière  
lettre française, que j'ai  
reçue à la fin de Sept.

Vous y parlez de la bonté  
de Dieu. Il n'y a per-  
sonne qui la connaisse  
mieux que moi. Toute  
ma vie Il m'a protégé.  
Surtout je suis touché  
Il m'a soutenu; et en  
fin, quand j'étais descendu  
à un point d'oir, pendant  
longtemps il me semblait  
que je ne sortirais jamais  
je me suis tourné même



une fois vers lui. Alors  
commençait une lutte,  
qui, pour, ainsi dire,  
n'est pas encore finie.  
Mais malgré cela je suis  
arrivé où je vois le  
jour encore une fois.

Je suis si heureux et  
confiant que je serai  
soutenu si je n'oublie  
pas de prier à Dieu  
chaque fois que, je  
me trouve tenue au  
mal. Il me semble,  
parfois, que j'ai trop,  
trop de bonnes choses -  
toujours un homme,  
toujours une bonne  
tulle, toujours bien des  
vêtements, des amis,  
un noble père, une  
mère qui est prête à

tout donner pour ses  
enfants, des frères et  
des sœurs qui m'aim-  
ent, une grand-mère  
qui me chérit et qui  
m'aide. En voyage, pas  
d'accident, pas de mal-  
heur - Je suis sûr  
que je suis réservé  
pour quelque chose  
d'importance. Peut-être  
je ne me trompe pas,  
quand je dis que ce  
que j'ai à faire est d'  
aller au secours de  
quelques ~~mes~~ autres ~~meins~~  
de ces pauvres êtres  
qui travaillent nuit et  
jour à construire et  
à administrer nos  
chemins-de-fer. Ils ont  
presque perdu leur jour  
dimanche - et même



5 6 7 8  
lettre vous donner, je  
sais que vous savez que  
vos prières ont été accordées  
— mais il ne vous faut  
point cesser de prier  
pour moi — j'ai trop bien  
appris ce qu'il en résulte  
quand on cesse à "veiller  
et à prier"; même pendant  
un instant. Depuis pres-  
qu'une année j'ai supplié  
que Dieu ne laissât pas  
passer, sans y répondre,  
les prières que je savais  
que vous et ma mère et  
ma grand-mère, et d'autres  
parentes, ont faites pour moi.

Oh! je n'ai que trop de  
choses à vous écrire mais  
il m'est impossible à  
présent — le temps me  
manque. Soyez content.



5 6 7 8  
Je prie pour vous - que  
Dieu vous aidera contin-  
uellement; et je suis confi-  
ant qu'il m'écouterà, car  
Il l'a fait. Embrassez ma  
mère si bien aimée  
de ma part et saluez  
mes frères et sœurs aux  
quels je serai fidèle  
à jamais en tout ce  
qui est bon.

Je vous embrasse de  
tout mon cœur, mon  
cher père au quel  
je suis dévoué  
James.

P.P.S. En re-lisant ma lettre j'ai  
pensé que peut-être j'aurais  
dû l'avoir écrite en anglais  
Mais il faut se souvenir que depuis  
longtemps je me suis accoutumé  
à penser en français, conséquem-  
ment je l'ai employé pour écrire. J.W.H.



Dear do not mention this  
when the I give  
information to

Rev. R. B. Howard  
Rockport Mass  
Oct. 22. 1883.

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Dear Brother

It is proposed by  
my friend Rev. W. C. Durham  
Sec. and your friend Hon.  
E. S. Foley. Sec of American  
Peace Society, that I be-  
come Secretary of that  
Society at its Anniversary  
May next.

My duties will be to devote  
all my time and strength  
to promote a belief in peace  
principles everywhere. by  
pulpit & pen. to secure  
arbitration in all national  
disputes likely to lead to  
war - & to secure money for this -

The Society has an  
invested fund that  
yields 3200\$ per year



from which they propose  
to pay my salary at  
2000<sup>th</sup> and secure me  
an assistant in certain  
work - pay office rent in  
Boston & my traveling expenses  
in this and other countries  
as the cause may demand.

The Society was started  
in 1828 by William Ladd  
of Milford Maine. Its Secretaries  
have been Beckwith, Miles,  
Malcolm & Durham. The  
Year of 1860-5 almost killed  
it. \* A debt of 7000<sup>th</sup> has  
but just been paid and  
the Society is now for the  
first time on a firm  
financial basis of invested  
funds. It issues two  
publications, one containing  
a copy of which I

send and a friend of mine writes -

What do you think of my desiring that it  
kept me, say, permanently in a more peace &  
active life, i. e. this work, as essentially  
that of the peace people, and aiming  
at the such for which the people

was given to the peace cause? regard it  
then give this matter thought, regard it  
as confidential and let me know your  
views on a brother -

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Concord



OFFICE OF THE

# Hartford Life and Annuity Ins. Co.

230 ASYLUM STREET.

Hartford, Conn., *Oct 22* 188*3*

Received of

*Genl. O. O. Howard*

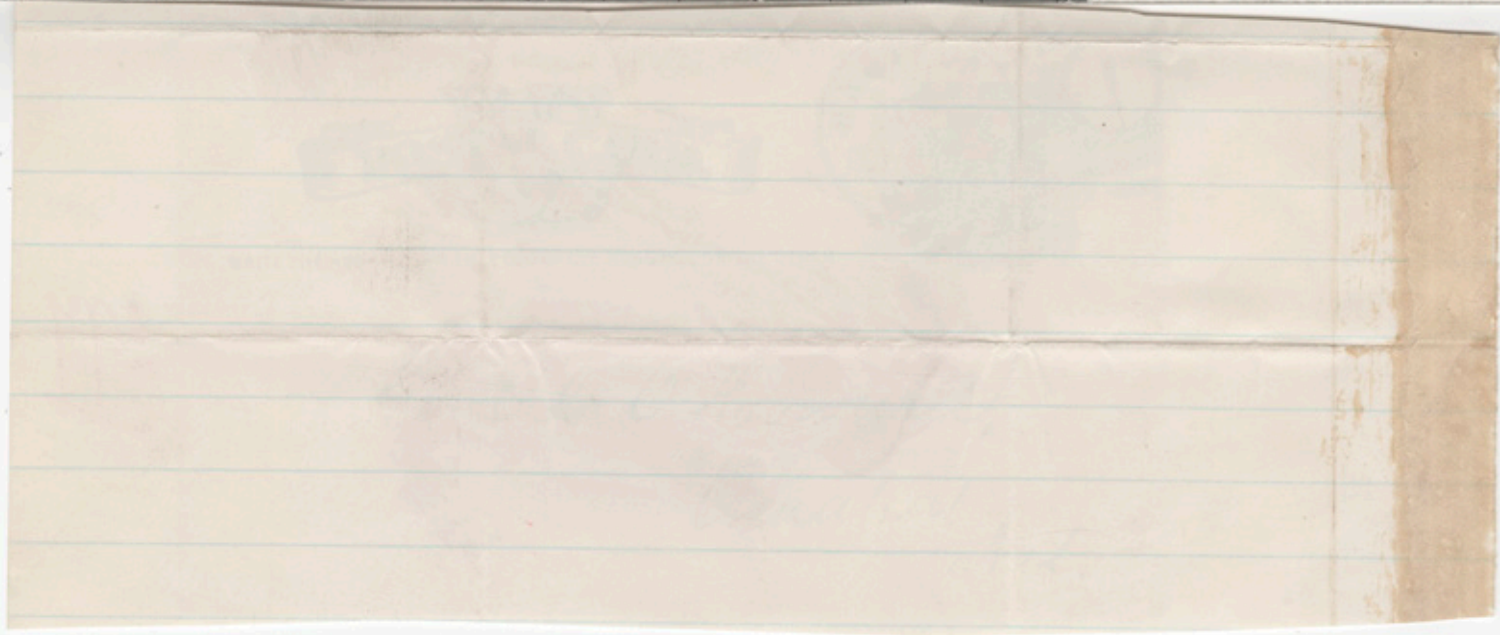
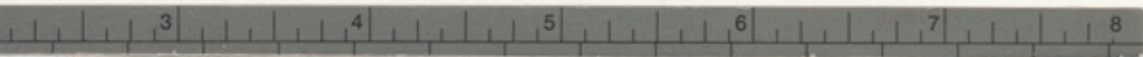
\$*16.00* in payment of Assessment No. *20* on Certificates

Nos. *14816-20*

in the Safety Fund Department of this Company.

*Stephen Ball*  
Secretary.

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No. 41.

# NIGHT MESSAGE.

## THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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This is an UNREPEATED NIGHT MESSAGE, and is accepted by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

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Dated Washington DC 23

To Genl O O Howard

Third article not received. have  
you sent it

National Tribune

Walter P. Richards

Washington  
Feb 23<sup>d</sup> / 1883

Answered  
Oct 26





LOCK BOX No. 592, Lincoln, Neb.

F. R. FOSTER, PRESIDENT.  
H. A. WHITMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT.  
STEPHEN BALL, SECRETARY.  
I. W. LYON, M.D., MED. EXR.

Agency at

Lincoln Neb Ok 25<sup>th</sup> 1883

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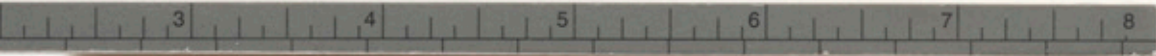
Gub Oliver, O. Howard, U.S.A.,  
Omaha Neb,

Dear Sir,

I am now that I will  
be unable to reach Omaha before  
the 1<sup>st</sup>, & as Cash has \$20 full  
due on the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month, I  
write you this suggesting that you  
make your remittance for amount  
due on your Certificate.  
You have due you in Jas. W. Saraga.  
Amount \$66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> which you can apply.  
After I get the state localized I can  
then put in more time in Omaha  
which will serve to increase the fund  
for the Omaha board.

Yours very truly  
Ans. H. Piety, Genl. agt.





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D. Lincoln, W. L.  
Oct 25, 1883



Office of the  
**COUNTY CLERK.**  
**OF DOUGLAS**  
**COUNTY**  
**NEBRASKA.**



John Baumer,  
County Clerk.

F. W. Corliss, Ch.

B. P. Knight,

Richard C. Keffe,

County Commissioners.

Omaha, Octr 26<sup>th</sup> 1883

To Brig Genl O. O. Howard  
Dept Commander

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Sir

I Respectfully Submit the following facts for your earnest <sup>and kind</sup> Consideration I have served in the regular army for a period of (13) Thirteen years and in the following Companies Co. K 19<sup>th</sup> Infy Co. F 4<sup>th</sup> Infy and Co. F 6<sup>th</sup> Infy but unfortunately I met with a severe accident about (16) sixteen months ago by falling off ~~the back~~ of a load of Hay injuring my Spinal Column and Laying me up a long time and I need not tell you howing me without funds but now thank God I am able to do a good deal of light work if I only had influence enough to procure it - So I was advised to write to you by



Respectable parties who seems to think you  
would be inclined to do something for  
Knowing you to be a good and  
Humane man. I would be only too  
happy to earn as much money as would  
bring me east in order that I might  
get some good medical treatment  
in order to bring me over my difficulties  
altogether so hoping that you will  
consider my appeal and I beg of  
you to give it a fair hearing.  
I would refer you to Lieut. Irons  
or Captain J. W. Bubb who signed  
my discharge when leaving the  
4<sup>th</sup> Infy. Hoping I don't intrude  
too much by writing and asking the  
General. Could I by any means get to  
the Soldiers Home in Washington if I  
could not procure this light work  
mentioned as the Commissioners don't  
like to keep me here so if the General  
would be kind enough to send me an  
answer with information bearing upon  
the subject he would greatly oblige  
Your Obedient Servant  
Thomas O'Laughlin