[Sep 1888]

REV. JAMES TOMPKINS,
Superintendent.
REV. ROLAND W. PURDUE,
State Evangelist.

OFFICE OF THE
Illinois Home Missionary Society,
MERCHANTS' BUILDING,
151 WASHINGTON STREET, CHICAGO.

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Gen. O. O. Howard
San Francisco, Cal.

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Ans. in Town

Dear Sir & Bro:—

I write to ask if you can do me the favor of securing a place in the regular army for a young man, a friend of mine, who has long desired such a place. He is an honorable, honest upright man, has a fine physique, near 6 ft in hight and weight, about 180. He is brave and fearless, and can endure a great deal. He has long desired either a place in the regular army or on the police force in a large city. He was raised on a farm but has never taken any interest in it. Is 26 years old and unmarried. He could be examined by any physician in this region and if

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approved could start at any time. He would need to his transportation arranged.

Should you see an opening for him will you kindly inform me directing to

Danaville, Williamson Co, Ill.

and oblige yours

Very Respectfully,

R. W. Purdue

State evangelist for Congl Ch

P. S.

Would you not send him a pass conditioned on his enlisting in the army?

R. W. P.

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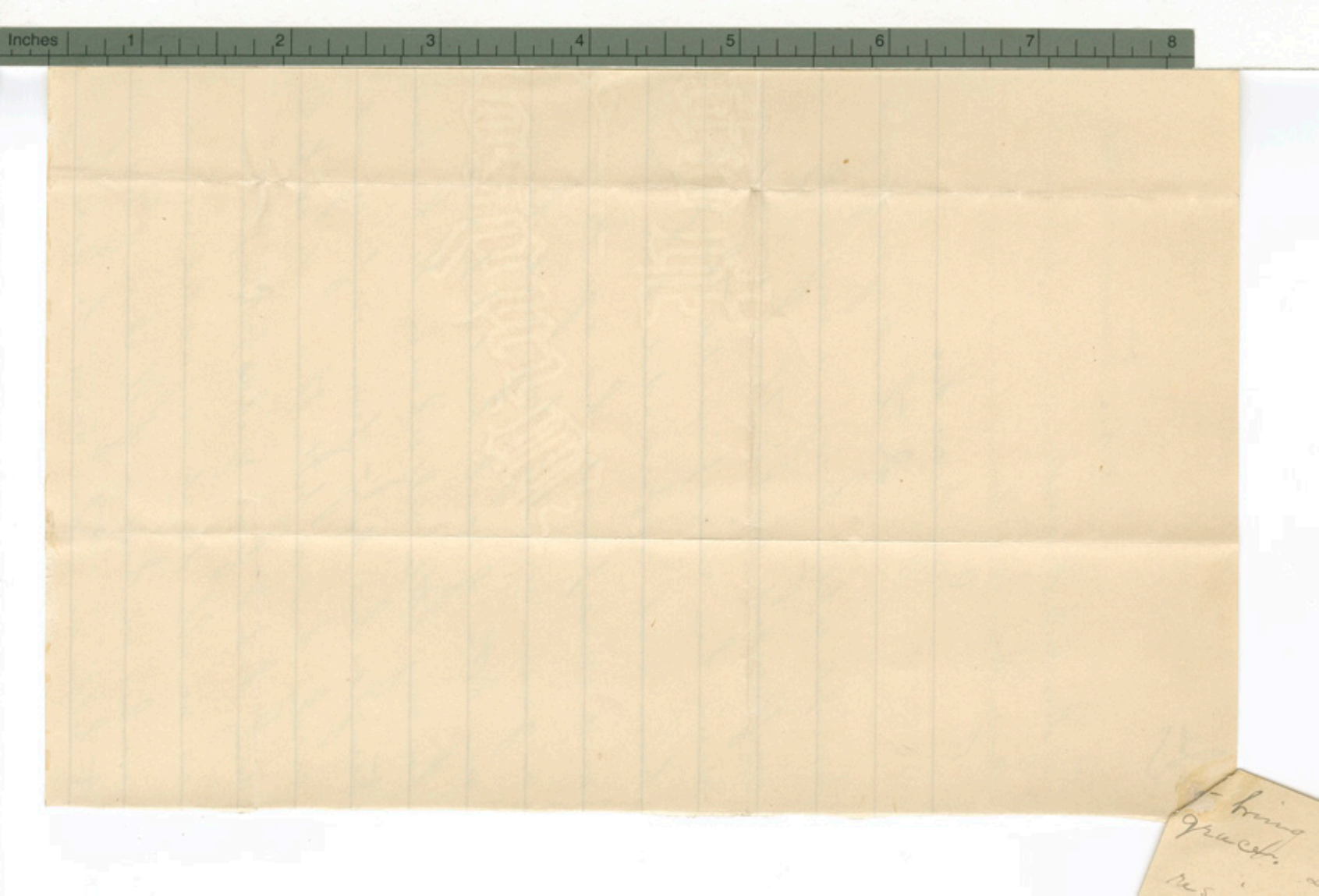
[Sep. 1888]

San Francisco, Cal.

To Gen. O. O. Howard,
Maj-Gen U. S. A.

My Dear Sir

I thank you for your prompt reply. George is very easily influenced and I think some designing person has misrepresented things to him and overpersuaded him to enlist and misrepresent his age. He is a green country boy and knows very little of real hardship and has very little self reliance. He has been taught his duty from infancy and surely knows better than to do as he has done, but I fear yielded to temptation as we all do at unguarded moments, unless we have a full share of God's grace to help us. This may be God's way.



to bring him to realize his need of his grace. It is very hard for me to resignedly yield my child up to severe discipline - even though I ~~shd~~ positively know that it will result in good. But I fear the association and surroundings will not purify and refine, but rather harden -

George was an invalid for some years of his boyhood at a very important time in his school life - consequently his educational advantages were very limited. He is large but young for his age. I rather think that he has been told that he would find an easy job in a soldier's life and having to depend upon his own effort for a living he thought this would be an easy way to make one. I wrote to him to do in the best possible manner every duty assigned him

I also wish to have that I may do what I could to help him — hence my letter to you — having no gentleman friend with whom I wished to advise in this matter. George's father has been dead for several years, I feel greatly the responsibility of deciding what is best in the case. I thank you for your frank advice, and it has it due weight coming from such a person as I esteem you to be.

I think it would be unnecessary to confer personally with you, I again thank you for your friendly letter,

Yours most sincerely,

Mrs. J. S. Rodgers

1036 Valencia St.

San Francisco.

Mrs. J. S. Rodgers.

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507. California, Street,
San Francisco, September 1888.

Major Genl. O. O. Howard, U S Army,

The committee has instructed me to earnestly solicit you to respond to the toast assigned to you in the accompaning programe, and it is a great pleasure to me personally to convey to you our high esteem for you, and unanimous wish that you will address the association and their guests on our annual celebration of the 41st. anniversary of the entry of the U. S. Army into the City of Mexico.

You will perceive that our programe is greatly shortened from similar occasions, and that our regular toasts are limited. We have made this arrangement to give more scope for the latter part of the evening, to enable our guests and members to relate interesting incidents of the War and elsewhere, and to renew recollections of personal experiences.

Therefore you will greatly oblige us, if you will as nearly as you can, confine your remarks to 10 or 15 minutes, and we make this request with confidence that you will understand, we do it with the greatest respect and kindness.

Yours Respectfully.

Andrew J. Coffee,
Chairman,

San Francisco,..... ...189

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Wenatchee and Columbia Rivers
September 1-1888.

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard
Ft Mason, Cal.

Dear General:

You will soon go to New York as a preliminary move toward the Capital of the Country as its General - in fact in faith, and in force. Several years ago from this strategic point - this Vineyard and Garden Home, I thus wrote you; so expressing the Celestial Command.

You are now Second in Command by grade and first in Command by Military distinction. With "popular favor" you have nothing to do. Our true Soldier seeks name nor fame. These come to brave men through emergencies. And emergencies are rising.

Hold on to the Ft Lewis book. The prepared by the "Old's Fort article" and that of Sommerville also. See the fulfilment. Remember the counsels of Isaiah to Hezekiah. Study the spirit that emulates the writings of that great prophet.

I am recovering from a severe affliction, and like a delicate vine I cling to the army oak for defense of my good intents. You know me: You know my enemies: Now forsake me as Seward forsook Greeley or the disciples forsook Jesus. Be a John as true and valiant as he - I refer to John - the Revelator.

I tell you Mexican, Mormon and Indian will unite with Chinaman in a war on American States North of the Ohio line. Oh! this cruelty of oppressing the poor, driving them from their homes, and the stranger from the gate. (See 5th chapter of Amos)

You know I am no alarmist. I am too well trained as a true traveler and observer to create alarms; hence, I write to you, and sent you the "book of notes". I write also to Gould, Lamar and Cleveland. They are acting in good faith, and may succeed

in undoing what they have done amiss. Every Catholic and Mormon prelate prophesied war in 1888.

It's my belief they wanted what they prophesied. God alone, through Storm and flood, can save the righteous from perils by war.

Washington territory may yet become civilized and settle down to Statehood, when mob law is suppressed by government of patriotic purity. The police force, detectives and Court house cliques, with the entire hordes of lawyers are the Mob. See how it is in San Francisco where a woman shots a lawyer in open court. And then see how it is in Washington City Senate and house of representatives! What kind of seed are they sowing and where are they sowing it? Schurz, Villard, Bismarck and William of Prussia are combing the "wool" for Cleveland and

Harrison to Campaign on - whilst the German patriots say "nix".

Strengthen the Army as the Mexicans are doing, and do it in a speedy, silent manoeuvre. Sheridan was in league with Cardinal Gibbons and an Italian Propaganda. That is why "old Dewmsch" is silent, and John Sherman mad, gruff and fretful.

I would like to hear from you before you leave this Pacific Coast, and "I will always always think kindly of Neil Howard." So said Mussis to me when last we met. My answer was General Howard is also my friend, and I am a friend to every good man.

The Indians are at peace. The priests are not. I will return to Lake Sawyers, when the weather cools, "Sam" - is getting strong and I can go at will.

Your friend Streamer

Say! Make more of Indian secret of U.S. Army.

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Frank Streamer

September
1888.

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Golden Gate Commandery

No 16. K. T.

San Francisco, Sept. 1st 1888.

Grand Bay Excursion

Admission Day

Monday, September 10th 1888.

Jir O O Howard

Yourself and family are courteously invited to join the members of Golden Gate Commandery No 16 Knights Templar in an excursion on the Bay, including a visit to Mare Island Navy Yard, on Admission Day, Monday Sept. 10th 1888, on the new Steamer "Encinal" leaving the foot of Market Street at 9.30 A M and returning at 6.00 P M.

Refreshments will be provided on the Boat by the Committees.

In behalf of Golden Gate Commandery No 16 Knights Templar.

Wm. P. Gould
Victor D. Dubois
Frank J. French
} Invitation Committee

Golden Gate Commandery.

Portland Sept 1st 88.

Gen D. D. Howard

My dear Sir.

After writing you Capt Drake sent me word he would like to have me go down River with him early in the morning — I went down & was a week taking soundings 27 miles below St Helens & returned Thursday, and yesterday I drove over to see your friend Capt Bladden whom I found a nice gent — I spent an hour with him & getting a letter to Capt Young & he said he would write you also. I told him confidentially what I hear talked here, viz that as soon as my Inner Lower Esquimalt early this month he will probably be ordered away & Capt Young be the man. Capt Young virtually has charge now & Capt Drake works under him — I gave him an

very pleasant week down River noting down the soundings pay $60. a month meals & lodgings 25 cts East deducted —

But I was glad of the change better than idleness —

Mr Belknap of N York led Capt Lombard to go ahead & speak of Ice Houses on Stood River & the Capt has already made a beginning sheps the lumber & hired Carpenters up —

Ice Houses capacity 4000 tons but he ships largely on contracts right from the River to all points where he is cutting under contracts & can pile up & temporarily cover much more for early shipments

I have written East to try and make my money arrangements to join the Capt in 1/2 int in this business & I hope to make the connection —

But I would like the Gov't position as the Capt comes do all until next Spring & Summer — I like Portland and think if I can get a start with Capt L — who is a man of good habits energetic and

Mutual to business he would soon work into other enterprises that would keep us both actively employed —

I for a whole batch of letters forwarded me from St Paul my friends will be quite surprised to find I made a break for the Pacific Coast so far away from all my people — But from all I see I do not regret the step —

Yours very truly

Wm G. Grant

Gen'l. I have just seen this to say Maj. Jones has just been talking with Capt L— and made enquiries as to my ability to handle a large force of men and the Capt told him I could handle one or five hundred as I had always had men employed

It occurred to me inasmuch as Maj. Jones told him he should know in a few days what he would have to do & if he had charge he would hear me in mind —

That you could use your judgement in writing so that Maj. Jones need not feel that he was not considered in the matter —

R. S. G.

Gen'l. I have just been
Capt Young, he says he has
all his leading men, said
that I had better try at the
same time for something
under Maj Jones. He will
keep me in view all the time
and said that any position
that Capt Jenks had under
him I could count on.
but the pay would not be
over $70. or less — that work if
any would be near Saint Helena
He said Maj Jones might
have something further down.
The fact of Maj Jones coming
to Capt L— and asking about
me this morning leads me to
think possibly he may have
some position at his disposal
Sorry to
trouble you
so much

Yours Mt

W. S. Green

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YORK MILLS

Vancouver Barracks
Sept 2nd 1888

My Dear General:
Charges have been preferred against me & will doubtless go forward by this mail. I earnestly ask you not to take action on them, until you receive an official letter I will forward to you through Department Headquarters.

I am, General
Sincerely
Your Obt Serv

Thomas M. Anderson
Col a.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
San Francisco
Cal.

[ca. Sept. 3, 1888]

THE FIRST REGIMENT, CAL'A BRIGADE, U. R., K. OF P.,

presents its compliments and requests your presence at the

RECEPTION

TO BE TENDERED TO

Major-General James R. Carnahan,

COMMANDING THE UNIFORM RANK, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF THE WORLD,

COMPLIMENTARY

Monday Evening, September 3, 1888,

At B'nai B'rith Hall, 121 Eddy Street.

SIR KNIGHTS IN FULL UNIFORM. EXERCISES TO COMMENCE AT 8 O'CLOCK SHARP.


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Portland Sept 3rd 98.

Gen Howard.

Dear Sir. Capt Dicks tells me Maj Jones has made out a list covering the head men of all the work under him and ordered his Clerk to write them.

Capt Dicks says I told you the importance of getting at him Early says he, There is no "politics in this "work". If a man does his work satisfactorily he is not often changed or set aside for a new man.

He is obliged to take Maj Jones nephew down with him this trip but says he will be on the look out for any opening for me. Capt Gilmy said any position Capt Dicks could find for me in his work would be all right. But after the head men are selected there it falls back on Bosses of small

Wm. Grant

Pays - If you write May Jones it May avail yer -

He came to Capt L - and enquired particularly about me and said he had me in view at same time mole off for all his head men -

I am filling my strings in Maine to receive this ice business - I am anxious to catch on here and I think the Capt & I will either get hold of the Co or induce them to increase their Capl so as to put up Houses up the N Pole Road and at Tacoma & start in supply that trade and the Fishermen - I can do all this through Capt L - and for letters cast in the mean time I want to be at work earning all I can

Yours Truly

Wm Grant

File

L. C. Clark.

4. Attended to

San Francisco Sept 14/88

Genl Howard

Sept 5th 1888

My dear Sir

The matter I had in mind this morning was in reference to Harvest Sunday. Mrs Marble of our church informed me yesterday that if someone who was acquainted with Genl Bidwell would ask for some of ~~the~~ his grain now on exhibition at the Fair for our church, for Harvest Sunday, that he would give us an order for the same gladly. that he has been

in the habit of so distributing his exhibits, and that as a christian man he would be very much pleased to know that he was contributing to our service.

I do not know the general, hence my request for the use of your name in the matter.

I enclose draft of a letter as suggested by you, which if it meets with your approval please sign and let one of your assistants mail

Very truly yours
L. Curran Clark

YOUNG MEN'S
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,
232 SUTTER STREET,
SAN FRANCISCO,
CAL.

File
Albert Murphy

5.

Sept. 4th., 1888.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Phelan Building, City.

My dear General:-

Please allow me to thank you most sincerely for your kindness in presiding at the meeting last Sunday. It was a grand service and must do great good.

Now one thing more. On Tuesday evening, Sept. 18th. we are to give a reception to all the pastors of the city and their wives at our Building. This will be the first thing of the kind ever given here. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs will be here and a large number of other laymen and their ladies, and we shall just serve light refreshments in the Lyceum Hall around the tables, and Mr. Gibbs desired you should preside at the table, just giving a few words of welcome of 5 or 6 minutes, then we will have some respons~~es~~ from the pastors. Shall expect Mrs. Howard to accompany you. Please let me know at once if we may expect you.

Very sincerely yours,

H. J. Wiley

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Philadelphia, Sept. 4 1888

Major Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

We were highly pleased with the articles which you furnished for our "American Supplement to the Encyclopædia Britannica" on the Freedmen's Bureau, Indians, Mexican War, etc. We should like to obtain for our new volume similar articles on "Revolutionary War," "War of 1812," "War for the Union." They should be merely outlines of the military campaigns, and should average about 5000 words. The first might have just that amount, the second less, and the last more in proportion. We shall need the first article about a month hence, and the other two early in November. We hope that it will be convenient for you to prepare them.

Yours respectfully,
Hubbard Bros.
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Hon. Robinson Neb

File
Ans. Sept. 11/

Sept 4th 1888

My Dear General

Is it not very encouraging and consoling to read such things as the inclosed matter from the Emperor Wilhelm? It ought to teach smaller men that when Great Emperors with power almost unlimited and millions of men must depend humbly on God how much more must they who have nothing but an immortal soul. I think it beautiful and a grand lesson that this great Emperor has taught to mankind

I have been very sick from sun-stroke but am getting better I was I guess near death but the Lord has spared me for my children. I often think of the beautiful letter you wrote me when my dear wife died. I have it in the family Bible. Hoping you & yours are all well and that some day we may be together again I am affectionately

Yours Truly J. S. Robbin

Col. J. L. Bristin.

WILHELM'S MORTUARY RECORDS

They are Given to the World by the Present German Emperor.

BERLIN, Sept. 1.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Emperor William throughout the past week has been playing a strong engagement on the Berlin stage—now reviewing his troops and playing at war, then feasting crowned heads, again performing the role of orator, once more playing the meek father at a christening, and lastly producing the mortuary records of his grandfather. This latter move tends much to make the German forget the imperial swagger of the grandson. These documents, meek, prayerful, and chastened in spirit, form a curious contrast to the recent boastings of the young kaiser, who to all the restlessness of General Bonaparte at the outset of his career unites the exultation and exaltation of a newly elected member to the western legis- now reading—nhody in the whole empire is no newspaper, however small in size, is neglecting to present them in full. The first, dated April 10, 1857, was indited a month before the mental illness of his brother brought his appointment as regent of Prussia, and is as follows:

"When this writing falls into the hands of my friends I shall have departed this life. May it be vouchsafed to me in my last moments to commend my spirit into the hands of my God. [An undoubted allusion to his brother's malady.] Should sudden death overtake me, my whole life has been a preparation for the world to come. May God be a merciful judge to me. The life that lies behind me has been full of sorrow and joy. I have borne my share in constant alternation. Serious troubles visited my fatherland when I was a child and the early loss of my dearly beloved and never-to-be-forgotten mother filled my heart with seriousness to my king, my brother, and at the same time my trustful friend. I can never be sufficiently grateful for this position of honor. We have had good and also evil times together, though these have only served to unite us more closely, more especially in recent years, when treachery and error brought our dear fatherland to the edge of an abyss. To his favor and confidence I owe it that by his command I am able to restore order and discipline in Germany. [A reference to the suppression of the revolution at Baden and elsewhere.] Almighty God, Thou knowest my heart. Into Thy hands I commit my spirit. Amen. WILHELM."

The next document refers to the one just given, and is dated New Year's Eve, 1866.

"Since I wrote to my surviving friends my last farewell fate has deeply affected my life. When God released my much afflicted brother from his heavy suffering, it fell to me to ascend the throne of our fatherland against my own inclinations, and in a spirit of deepest humility I proceeded to be crowned in order to make Prussia, with her new institutions, realize an earthly power which must firmly continue to exist for her benefit. At this serious turning point of the year may the army in all its parts accept my hearty thanks for the devotion and self-sacrifice with which it [illegible] my call and conquered before my [illegible]es, an experience for which I stammer out to God my humble thanks. May God's blessing be with Prussia, and may Prussia prove worthy of this blessing. May God in His grace will it so.

"Midnight, '66-67. WILHELM."

On the succeeding New Year's eve, in the bright light of Sedan's memory, he again wrote:

"The Franco-German war, which came upon us like bolts from the blue, united all Germany in a few days and our army passed from victory to victory, and with terrible sacrifices achieved this result in a way which God's will alone renders possible. His will steeled the hearts of my soldiers in devotion, endurance and unheard of bravery, so that new honor and fame accrued to the banners of Prussia and these, her allies. May peace be granted us to enjoy in humility the blessings which were won in the hot and bloody battles. Lord, Thy will be done on earth as it is even in heaven. Amen.

WILHELM."

Upon the following New Years eve—1868—came an autobiographical entry about his escape from assassination. Thus it began:

"A year is approaching its end, destined to be a fateful one for me. Events of an agitating kind befell me on the 11th of May, and the 2d of June, but my bodily sufferings felt small in comparison with my grief that a son of Prussia should have perpetrated a deed which was doubly hard to bear at the close of my life, and which will throw a gloom over my health and spirits for the rest of my days. Still, I must submit to the will of God, who permitted all this to happen. At the same time let His grace and mercy predominate, for not only did He spare my life, but healed me in such a way that I could once more fulfill the duties of my post. Specially I offer my warmest thanks to my consort for the love and sympathy she gave me, notwithstanding her own sufferings. Then to my daughter, who tended me with filial affection, and to all the members of my family. And whence comes this sympathy? Whence but from the Almighty, who willed it that I should be so circumstanced in this world that His grace, which watches over me, should settle upon all around me. Men have been willing to overlook my weaknesses and mistakes, but may He who knows them be to me afterwards [illegible] cases

[illegible] with the state militia, Senator Van Wyck, Senator Manderson and Congressman McShane have promised to be with us, and I think they will."

R. M. Grimes, the county treasurer of Buffalo county, is treasurer, and B. H. Gaulding, the secretary of the enterprise. These gentlemen are both here with Mr. Aitkin, and the main object of the visit is to secure rates to Kearney which will enable Omaha people to visit the exhibition.

rowdies and libertines who had access to the columns of a certain paper in this city, with the evident design of levying blackmail upon the parties interested. That raid was backed by a Third ward councilman, who was elected by the aid of pimps and the lowest dregs of the Third ward, and who mingled with this class night and day. This man's morals are based on a standard of cock and dog fighting and of other brutal sports which are patronized by the vilest and lowest of society. It is rather amusing to see such a man stand up in the council and pose as the champion of good morals.

I concede that it is eminently proper that the surroundings of the Third ward school house should be made [illegible] those who are making the crusade against the social evil in the Third ward have ever taken the trouble to ascertain what the real surroundings of the Third ward schoolhouse are.

With all the clatter and clamor the fact is that the immediate vicinity of the school house is orderly:—to the south of it is the California house and stables; to the east, across the street, is a tenement block, occupied by respectable people; to the north, opposite, is the Elkhorn Valley house, also a respectable place, and to the east of it, a grocery store.

It is obvious that, to effect any change, the whole Third ward must be cleared of disorderly places, which means that the class of people now predominant shall be dispersed all over the city in the respectable neighborhoods, where they will flourish, breed scandal and cause greater annoyance to respectable people than they now do.

It is an open secret that the attendance at this school comes from people who live in the Third ward, right in the midst of the worst haunts and dives. Nearly all these people rent their premises and are at liberty to move whenever they see fit if their moral sensibilities are shocked by the indecent neighborhood. The fact that they stay where they are shows that they care very little about the effect upon their children. If the neighborhood was vacated by this not very numerous class the school house would be closed or converted into a station house.

In conclusion, let me ask whether it is not better for the general welfare of the community that the social evil shall remain where it is, under proper police surveillance, rather than have it spread like an epidemic in the localities that are now entirely free of it. At present half a dozen policemen can take care of the worst of these places and keep them under subjection. Disperse the outcasts and it will take a small army of policemen and detectives to look after them and hold them in check.

The talk as to the fines now imposed being license is mere bosh. It is like free whisky. The social evil, not restrained by periodic fines, would increase and multiply tenfold.

COMMON SENSE.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

An Enthusiastic Pole-Raising in the First Ward.

Last evening, on the corner of Eleventh and Pierce streets, the republicans of the First ward erected a towering Harrison and Morton pole and held an enthusiastic ratification meeting in commemoration of the event. Delegations from the Sixth and Seventh wards were present. Preliminary to the raising of the flag the A. O. H. band discoursed a number of national airs. Amid cheers the flag was for the first time floated to the breeze. E. J. Cornish presided as master of ceremonies. The first speaker, Dave Mercer, spoke of the appropriateness of having an Irish band playing for a republican ratification. Hon. W. J. Connell followed and in a glowing speech predicted that the result of the coming election would [illegible] solid north against a "solid south," in other words an overwhelming majority for Harrison and Morton. Just before the close of Mr. Connell's speech, the Seventh ward Harrison and Morton club, attired in handsome uniforms and bearing unique torches, appeared on the scene and were greeted with cheers. The other speakers were Mr. H. H. Baldrige, Hon. J. L. Webster, Mr. J. W. Eller and Lee Estelle.

The Ninth ward republican club held a large and enthusiastic meeting at Hertzman's hall last evening. The following officers were elected: President, H. L. Seward; vice president, J. F. Hertzman; treasurer, J. K. Coulter; secretary, C. R. Davidson. Sixty-three new names were added to the club membership. Eloquent addresses were made by Attorney Ed Crowell, Dr. J. W. McKean and others. All republicans in all the wards and precincts in Douglas county are invited to attend the grand ratification meeting next Saturday evening.

MAD MILITIAMEN.

A Conflict of Authority at the Ohio Encampment.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 1—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Some months ago, when it was determined to have the Ohio military encampment here, the question was raised and discussed as to who, under the law, had the right to assume command of the camp. It was claimed that Adjutant General Axline had no right to assume the power, but he did so when the camp opened last Tuesday and the matter was supposed to be quietly disposed of until to-day, when the officers of the Eighth regiment tendered their resignations. Yesterday an order was issued that all the tent flies should be used to protect the horses. When the order was presented to Colonel George Geiger of the Eighth regiment, he refused to obey it until it was properly signed by the governor. This signature was procured and all was pacific again, but the officers claimed this left them exposed to the elements, and as they thought over it became more incensed, and yesterday determined to resign, which they all did. The regiment has fourteen lieutenants, seven captains, two majors, colonel and lieutenant-colonel, and was in command of Colonel George R. Geiger, of Alliance. The officers still remain in command, as they have agreed to remain on duty until the end of the encampment, which is next Tuesday. There was an exciting scene at a meeting of the colonel and Commander-in-Chief Axline yesterday afternoon. The outcome of the trouble is watched with interest, as Governor Foraker is expected to take a hand.

KILLED A KANSAS TOWN.

Complaint That the Rock Island Has Crushed Out Tyrone.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 1.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The people of Tyrone, Seward county, have preferred charges against the Rock Island railway to the board of railroad commissioners. They set forth that the Rock Island has conspired to crush out Tyrone and build up Liberal, which was started by the [illegible] Ry. The officers of the R[illegible]