Lt. Col. W. M. Graham
1st Cavy.

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Oct. 18th 1888

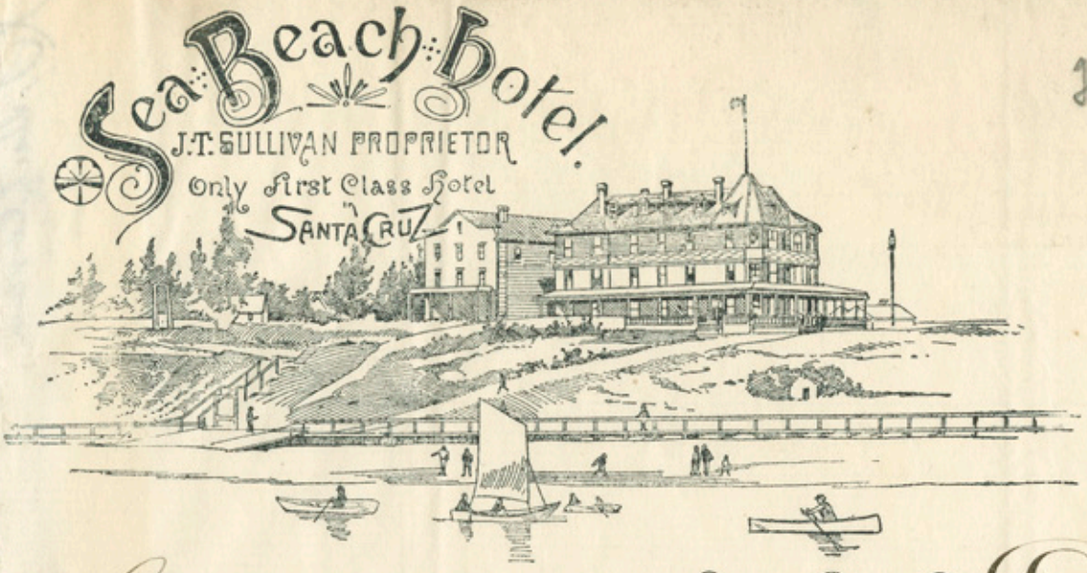
My dear General

You may not assume that no injustice will be done to Keating. The amount of demand for milk on this reservation is, in my judgment, too large for one man to attend to; and the tendency of a monopoly of the business is to work injustice to the officers and enlisted men of the garrison. I am afraid Keating has misunderstood matters

& Mr. Chase. I am so occupied with the heavy artillery target practice that I could leave this morning to do so. Both Messrs Call & Sam you this afternoon and explain more clearly they I can show some matters stated on the cattle question. With a high appreciation of your courtesy, I am, dear sir,

Very respectfully
Your obedt servt
J. J. Graham
Lt. Col 1st Artly

Major General O. O. Howard
Commanding Div. of Idaho



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Santa Cruz Cal., Oct 18th 1888

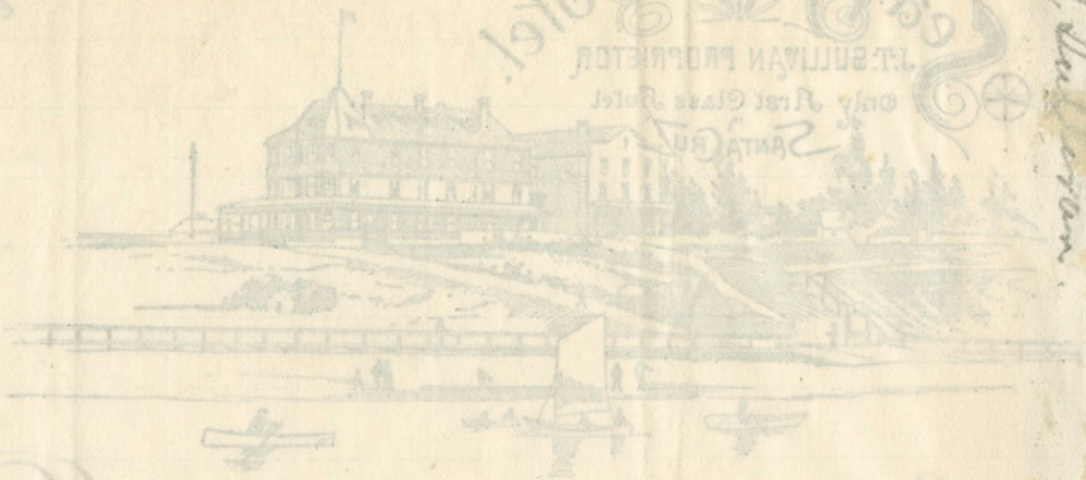
Geo. O. Howard.
Commanding Dept. of the Pacific. S.F.

My dear Sir:-

I am desirous of getting up a little folder for Eastern distribution descriptive of Santa Cruz generally and the Sea Beach Hotel particularly. I feel confident that the location of my hotel is unsurpassed for beauty of marine scenery and shall feel under many obligations if you could consistently attest of your knowledge the many attractions here offered. I enclose a few lines which indicate the nature of the endorsement which I should be pleased to have you give.

Wishing you health and prosperity,

I remain,
Your Obt Servt.
J. T. Sullivan
Pr.



P. S. Leisenring M.D.

Office of

P. S. Leisenring, M.D.,

File Ans. Oct 24 in Letters

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Omaha, Neb., Oct. 18 1888

My Dear General:

Yours of the 2nd inst. came duly to hand. I have looked for a purchaser for your Telephone stock but thus far have not succeeded. Fix that it is not in demand owing to the fact that no dividends have been declared and their expenses are very heavy. I had a talk with Mr L. H. Roberts, Sec'y & Treas. He said he thought a 6 pct. dividend would be declared next quarter. And hopes that they hereafter would be able to continue declaring an annual 6 pct. dividend. but that there was no prospect of making it higher than 6 pct. After a conversation with him and getting all the information on the subject I could. I have concluded to offer

You for your stock 600 dollars Cash.
If you conclude to take that amount.
have it legally transferred to me - send
it to the First National Bank of Omaha -
and I will send you my check or
draft for the amount - This is the best
I can do for you - and under the circum-
-stances consider it a fair offer -
If I can find any one who will
give you more for it - will let you
know - Money here is pretty tight -
If you accept of my proposition please
let me know at once - for I have another
matter for investment under consideration -

Respectfully -
P. L. Selsebring -

W. F. Bickford.

Lorin, Cal. Oct. 18, 1888.

Gen. Howard:

File Ans. Oct 19.

Dear Sir,

I wish to take my boys, some fifteen of them, over to the Presedio some day. What privilege can you allow us? What time may we go? Saturday is the best day for the boys, but we will take the time when it suits your pleasure.

The most of the lads are members of a cadet company, and are anxious to know all there is to learn about military matters.

Yours sincerely.
W. F. Bickford.

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General Howard,

Dear friend:

My work will not admit of my attendance at the committee meeting today. I will sign anything the brethren may agree on,

Yours fraternally
Robt Mackenzie

Oct 18/88.

Rev^d. Robert. Mackenzie

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THE BARBER ASPHALT PAVING CO.,
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(FORM 49.)

To Geo'l Howard.
From J. W. Howard.

178 Lexington ave
NEW YORK, Oct. 18, 1888

My dear Father: Your good letter of Oct. 9. is here. I have rec'd the certificates of birth also a certificate of baptism. All of which are very important to me. The necessary papers have now all been obtained and I have forwarded them to Göttingen where Adelheid's mother will present them to the proper authorities & then we expect to obtain permission to marry at any time after Dec. 1. which may be convenient in Göttingen. I am very busy at present. There are many details to be attended to, I am employed now very little at the refinery or directly on paving. There is much machinery to be kept in motion & now to be

put up - also many kinds
of business detained each day
I am generally kept going
all over New York to city offices,
business men &c &c It is really
an out door life of constant
motion. It is fatiguing only to
the body - There are certain re-
sponsibilities & cares indeed.
Training at Troy & elsewhere
has fitted me for steady work
of the nature I am now at.
The check for $75. came safely.
I thank you for it. In addition to the
usual marriage expenses I
have three tickets to pay for
across the atlantic. I have rec'd
a nice letter from Mr. Hodge,
but I have not called upon
him yet. He is about to return
to the city for the winter. I
shall, of course, not mention any-

buying about tickets to Europe. I shall surely enjoy the pleasure & privilege of calling at his house at times. If anything concerning passes to Europe may come up - it must be from him & not from me.

You ask - I expect to leave for Europe Nov 17 or as soon thereafter as I can be spared from my duties in this Company for a few weeks. I may be delayed until Dec 1st before leaving. A firm business standing is of first importance to me (& adelheid too) then marriage.

J. H. Howard

A letter yesterday from Aunt Kitty says Grandmother is losing strength but "her mind is clear & bright." I write her every week & she says that my letters are a pleasure to her.

I hope Harry will come very soon. Splendid weather here. He could see N.Y. with me each day - because he could go about with me - but ~~him~~ come directly here. If he visits Troy he can best & cheapest do so by taking a ticket there & back from here. It will cost him little here & he can stay a long time with me. I am well

With love to all | From your son James.

Mrs M. Alberly.

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Mrs in town
Nov 1.

Omaha Nebr Oct 19th 1888

Gen O. O. Howard.
San Francisco.

Dear Sir

having your address before me I write you for your advice in regard to my Brother's Death which occurred Aug 26th 1888, and his things, as I have wrote to Lieut Lockridge of Benicia Barracks, and no reply. he sent me list of articles requested an answer to know what to do with them, has been ~~nor~~ since Sept 11th and as yet no reply.

and have learned that some of things are gone stolen and some sold, and seems very much against wishes of his Brother & Sisters.

As we al agreed that the things be sold and William's Body removed to Presidio and what money there was there put to that purpose, as thats his request if he should die, and I want to know if it can be done and also ask for his citizens clothes; the list calls for some also the money that was received for the things that was sold at Presidio, Mr Lockridge had them in charge and suppose he knows;

I do want him moved to Presidio if possible

am anxious to know what can be done. I wanted your things reserved and sent to me ~~as~~ to remember my Brother as he was my favorite and have not seen him for 8 years did not see him when he was home last time; articles mentioned was 2 Towels with red Border and long fringe his Gauntlets & 1 pr Silver case Dagger and his watch and Purs & white handle razor (2 shears) that would not make large Package and not heavy, could easly be sent & his Dress coat. & Pin + Nec Tie; the rest are all saleable and sell and get the money, and collect some account he had and if there not enough to remove him, have it done and I wil get the rest from home, and do the best you can

hoping to hear soon from you and oblige. Respectfully

2/3 month 2 52 Mrs H. J. Aberly.

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Ans. Oct 26/88.
Photo sent.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SYNDICATE DAILY PAPERS.

G. O. SHIELDS,
(COQUINA.)

243 STATE ST., ROOM 45,

CHICAGO.

qa Oct 20 of 88
N.S.A.
ucisco Cal.

Gen. O. O.

Dear Sir;

I have lately visited the
Big Hole battle field & am writing

Chicago

O. Howard M.

Chicago Oct 20/88

Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.
San Francisco Cal.

Dear Sir;

I have lately visited the Big Hole battle field & am writing a history of the engagement that took place there & of the campaign that led up to it.

Will you kindly send me a photograph of yourself to be used as one of the illustrations of the article & greatly oblige

Yours truly
G. O. Shields

G O. Shields.

The Grant Monument Association

of Missouri;

invites you to be present at the unveiling

of the Bronze Statue of

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant

at St. Louis, Mo.

on Saturday, October 20th, 1888,

at three o'clock p. m.

12th St. betw. Olive & Locust Sts.

D. R. Francis,
C. H. Sampson,
A. G. Peterson.

COMMITTEE ON INVITATION.

Grant Monument Afr

UNVEILING OF STATUE

— OF —

GENERAL ULYSSES S. GRANT,

ST. LOUIS, OCTOBER 20, 1888.

Admit Mr. Lew Hubrard and Lady.

TO GRAND STAND.

D. R. FRANCIS.
C. H. SAMPSON,
A. G. PETERSON.
COMM. ON INVITATION.

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auto card
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Lo. Royalston
Oct 2/st
1888.

Gen O Howard
Dear Sir:—

As you were a prominent commander in the immortal host who fought to save our Union I very respectfully ask for your autograph.

I ask it as a memento of your services and a reminder of what I owe to my country's defenders.

Very Truly Yours

Fred Wilder Crose.

Gen. O. O. Howard.

F. H. Cross.

J. H. GARNETT. N. D. CROSSLEY.

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GARNETT & CROSSLEY,

PROPRIETORS OF THE

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OUR MOTTO:
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Rec'd Oct 22d-88

San Jose, October 22 1888

Maj Genl. O O Howard.
San Francisco Cal.

Dear sir

I am requested by the (7) (G A R) Posts of San Jose to ascertain from you, If their are any (small size) condemned Ordnance, on this coast that could be procured ~~from~~ by them for use in fitting up a Burial lot, In this city, for deased Soldiers & Sailors. And what would be the corse for us to pursue to obtain them.

I remain yours Very Respectfuly
J H Garnett (Sec'y of Committee)

J. H. Garnett.

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File, Reno, Nevada, Oct. 22, 1888.

Dear Sir:

I am greatly obliged to you for the interest that you have taken in our institution, and I shall note carefully what you say concerning Mr. Frank S. Rice, Lieut. 1st Artillery.

Our Senator Stewart made application for the detail of Lieut. Ducat of the 24th Infantry.

Very truly Yours,
Lewis D. Brown,
Bvrdt. Nevada State Min.

Major General O. O. Howard,
San Francisco, California.

Nevada. University of
Prof. Brown.

[Oct. 22, 1888]

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CLAIMS

FOR THE

EQUIPMENT FOR FOOT TROOPS,

INVENTED BY

COL. H. C. MERRIAM, U. S. A.

—o—

U. S. PATENTS JUNE 13, 1876, MAY 21, 1878, AND MAY 3, 1887.

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ALSO PATENTED IN ENGLAND, FRANCE, AUSTRIA, ITALY AND BELGIUM.

1st—It places a large proportion of the weight of the soldier's pack directly upon the strong bones of the hips, relieving the shoulders and spinal column from strain.

2d—The stiff side braces stand in the direct line of the shock produced by the act of marching, viz., that of the advanced leg, as it comes to the ground; hence they receive the shock and transfer it to the strong base of support above named.

3d—It prevents all pressure upon the shoulder blades, leaving the shoulders and arms entirely free for action, and allows free ventilation of the back — the pack not even touching it necessarily.

4th—The shoulder straps, by their form and vertical attachment no longer press upon the nerves and vessels of the arm-pits, consequently preventing numbness and swelling of the hands.

5th—The invention avoids every form of cross belt, leaving the chest entirely free from constriction, so that the coat and even the waist belt may be thrown open on a hot march, without deranging the equipment.

6th—It distributes the weight and shock of the pack, and removes leverage and constriction from the vital parts of the body to such an extent that the pack is now arranged to contain rations, as well as clothing, extra cartridges, etc., thus dispensing with the cumbersome and unsightly haversack, heretofore carried under the arm by a cross belt, and tolerated only from necessity.

7th—The side braces are interchangeable, and are easily detached from the pack and joined together, forming an excellent pole for the shelter tent.

8th—The equipment is adjustable to all sizes and all forms of men, and is light, simple and serviceable in all its parts.

9th—It sustains the cartridge box, or belt, in exact position, whether full or empty, thus avoiding the necessity for wearing the waist belt tight and uncomfortable.

10th—In case of any accident to the side braces which cannot be met at once by their interchangeability, the equipment is instantly convertible, so as to be carried temporarily upon the shoulders.

11th—This single equipment is adapted to the lightest as well as the heaviest marching order.

POST OF FORT SPOKANE, W. T.,

August 12, 1888.

To the Regimental Adjutant 4th Infantry,

SIR:—In reply to your letter of inquiry on the subject of the worth of the equipment for foot troops, invented by Colonel H. C. Merriam, U. S. A., I have the honor to state that I turned it over to Companies 'F' and 'B' 4th Infantry, to be tested in their practice marches of last year, who pronounced it to be all that was claimed for it by the inventor. It has also been tested in short marches, on several occasions at the Post, and all agree that if any equipment *must* be worn, that this is the best of the lot. I doubt if any uninterested Co. Commander would favor the use of a knapsack of any kind, and the soldiers say that they would rather drop and pay for it than to use it.†

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J FORD KENT,
Major 4th U. S. Infantry,
Commanding Post.

†The author might have added with truth and equal force that soldiers would rather pay for the ration than to carry it, and for the rifle than to use it. I have seen times when I would pay for a hundred rifles rather than to see them used.—MERRIAM.

This is the 17th Inf. sgt besides two artillery sgts, some portion of which have examined & tested my Equipment, besides many medical officers and Boards of National Guard and Marine officers—all of whom have confirmed my claims; & yet the Ordnance Dept continues to make "Blanket Bags"—as universally condemned.— H C Merriam

of this Equipment was used for a supply of medicines and dressings, the lower compartment being packed with underclothing and rations.

I have made several practical trials of this Equipment, having personally carried it, and the Blanket Bag on the march. I feel that I can recommend it as a good Equipment for hospital use in the field. By paragraph 33 of G. O. 56, A. G. O. 1887, it is required that in the field or in time of war, one fourth of the Hospital privates shall carry Hospital knapsacks, or dressing cases. The Morrison Equip-

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EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF ASST. SURGEON LOUIS BRECHEMIN, U. S. A. of field operations incidental to, and at Camp of Instruction near old Fort Casper, Wyoming, Aug. 23, to Oct. 5, 1888.

"The privates of the Hospital Corps were equipped with the Blanket Bag, Haversack, Canteen, and tin cup, soap, towel, blanket, shelter tent and pole, meat ration can, knife, fork, and spoon. One private was supplied with the "Merriam Equipment," in lieu of the Blanket Bag and Haversack. On the march without ambulance or wagons, and the succeeding bivouac, the upper compartment of this Equipment was used for a supply of medicines and dressings, the lower compartment being packed with underclothing and rations.

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Col. Merriam.

POST OF FORT LARAMIE, WYO.,

October 22, 1888.

To the Commanding Officer,
Company "E," 7th Infantry,

SIR:—In reply to your request for a report on the knapsack carried by me (the invention of Colonel H. C. Merriam, 7th Infantry.) I have the honor to state the following facts for your information.

The pack was first issued and worn by me, in the Spring of 1886, since which time I have worn it a good deal; both in the routine of Garrison duty and short practice marches of fifteen or sixteen miles. I have also worn it on the recent practice march, a distance of 224½ miles, part of the time lightly packed and part of the time with the full kit as provided in Circular 5, Department of the Platte, series of 1887. I have also worn it with an additional blanket packed on it, and found no inconvenience resulting from the increased weight. The rations being carried in the pack keeps them free from dirt, and does away with the cross-belt of the Haversack, an objectionable feature in itself; the cross-belts of Haversack and Canteen tending to hinder respiration, and to me more observable in climbing hills or traveling over a rough country. Owing to its construction the weight carried is thrown on the hips; thereby allowing me an erect or natural position when marching, which I could not obtain if carrying the "Blanket-Bag" now issued by the Ordnance Department. In the arrangement of the shoulder-straps, they do not cut the arms or shoulders, but allow free use of the arms during the march. If at "Attention" the arms do not become numb when this pack is used, and I consider the "Standing at Attention" the most severe test of endurance that a soldier in heavy marching order can be placed in.

The field belt supports are an excellent thing especially in warm weather, when the blouse can be thrown open, and the belt at all times worn loosely.

I have carried the Blanket-Bag now issued to foot-troops the old war knapsack, the Sherlock equipment and the Blanket-Roll; and I prefer the Merriam equipment, for the reasons above given.

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant.

HUGH HYNDS,
First Sergeant, Co. "E," 7th Infantry.

ENDORSEMENT. Company "E," 7th Infantry, Fort Laramie, Wyoming. October 22, 1888.

Respectfully forwarded to the Post Adjutant.

On the recent practice march I had occasion to note the advantages of this pack over the "Blanket-Bag" and "Blanket-Roll." My own observation leads me to blieve that it has all the advantages claimed for it.

G. W. McIver, 2nd Lieut. 7th Infantry,
Commanding Co. "E."

Notice first received that Equipment was "copied" by Government after a trial of two years and a half. Forwarded with report to Mr. Dept. Gen'l Merriam.