his matter of that kind, and I don't know if I will ever come for the Enquirer. I had to yesterday a thousand letters for "horse oil" most against my conscience. Do you all your own business and I must the same as that. Now you can not alone, it is hard. I can't see for a mistake. I understand. I can not see for an impossibility. How your day spent is the only way can see. Don't be a dream Chaff the rest. Come to the Political Card. But what is to be bought or loaned, no. Yet in dreams — your boys, in the soldiers.
upon it proceeds all cases his duty to call the attention
your's office, where this Chief of the Treasury to say things imper-
delations, matters of account, as in the 18th of the 23rd
with date on his return and here of the Rinds of your old
proceeds your, at the case of, Praam, you have as you have
had what among the CRK my heartfelt sympathy, but has
arched of the President, Praam I care that you suspend the
and just opinion, of those papers. Samuel, I do not see, I have
by Constitution, while the law parts them by full time, for
ending the President it to be without liability, the body
have for. When I arrange to pay on a check to you I
obviously for presenting him, they say, come, that
you be friendly. Indemnity anybody chosen to perform. Given
my presence, Constancy, he is the President, was his position,
possibly that it was, made him of her in.
Hd Qrs Yellowstone Command
Montana Territory
Feb 17, 1877

Dear General,

I presume there may be a vacancy among the Brigades in the course of a few months and some of my friends will make an effort to have my name favorably considered. If you can assist them you will do me a very great favor for if I am as fortunate I should prefer it on purely military grounds. I believe it was my good fortune to command larger bodies of troops during the war than any man...
of my age, and to render important service during the war of reconstruction, since the war it has fallen to my lot to successfully engage larger bodies of soldiers than any other officer, and to have gained a more extensive knowledge of this remote portion than any living man. I feel that I have earned it and should prize your endorsement very highly. If you favor you can communicate with me thereon or the subject.

With kindest regards to you,
Howard

With great respect,

Wilson A. Whitin

W.S.W.
Tacoma, Wash. T. Feb 1st 1877

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

The young man (Woods) whom you sent over, we have let go as our work was getting scarce, and the work and influences, I did not think just suitable for him. He was willing and ready to do whatever he was put at, but think he is better away.

When shall we have the pleasure of seeing you?

Yours Truly,

John W. Ackerson
Dear Sir:

You will perhaps be surprised at receiving this letter from an entire stranger, but I will soon explain.

Please pardon the boldness. I can be so considered. I trust however, it will not be so considered by you.

I am going to ask a favor of you, which if granted, I shall consider, as you are my benefactor, and will ever bless your name.

It is a favor easily granted, and I truly believe it will be.
He this. Almost a year ago I became acquainted with a man named who is a "Boy in blue," and joined the Temperance Society there at that time. We drank very hard before that, and was on the brink of ruin and despair, but united with our lodge he formed new associations, and ever since that time she has been a good Temperance man, and remained true to his pledge. He is noble and generous hearted, and well liked by those who know him. He is a painter by trade, and bright, well read, and intelligent. He came very much interested in love from the first, and tried in every way to encourage him in his efforts to repent.

To a strange layer of humanity and take great pleasure in reforming movements of any description. But I soon learned it takes more than friendly visits in this ailing man, and in short time I became devotedly attached to each other. This is a long introduction, but please believe, and try to have patience with me. I am very sorry to trouble you so much, but this is a subject dear to my heart, and one of vital importance to more than one person. It is no easy matter for me he come to you with this story.

I am assured that one of the ways I try in things, at and life, and of it as a last hope of release.
hand to manfully live and die all the time in the living. So a sad time to one of his underwive nature and he has worked out it so poorly, but it is always to cross thing so never seem to along long is mine. He says often among younger ones pass and the younger deaths, and all of this can not last. I will that very bad effect upon him in some way, I am aware. I feel as though they were moving a dreadful people and in the fall he will never again. I am confident; to this day he seems drawing nearer, may be near. I am not sure of this for I am not sure of letting you the truth, and that being my own would go to destruction, or worse even. Oh, friend, if you believe in saving souls, and I know you do. I heard you deliver one of your sincere sermons at the U.S. Church here in Vancouver, once, and I said to myself you must be ...
The balance of my story.

The young man I speak of who is a soldier, enlisted in New York three years ago, and of course has nearly two years yet to serve, unless he can be released. I will tell that he was in a defeated state of mind, and partially under the influence of liquor, so a person is hardly responsible for what they do under such circumstances. But he does not excuse any one but himself for his present condition, and says it is all his own fault. I am not saying any of this because I have one friend of reproach against the Government, or Republic, for he is a staunch republican, and so am I. Army life has had a very bad effect upon him. Although he has tried very hard to do his duty, and has, but he is in a very gloomy disconsolate state of mind, and unless he can be released I firmly believe he will be a ruined wreck. He is very impulsive in his nature and sensitive in the extreme, and all this makes it so much worse; a great change has taken place in him in the last few weeks, which sends my heart to see. He tries very hard to appear calm and cheerful for my sake, but it is only forced, and he suffers very much mentally and physically. He seems to have lost nearly all hope of being released from his sad condition, and has tried so
assistance. So he deserves credit for being what he is, for he has never had a home. His father is getting aged, he resides in the town of Plate, and he has asked for and needs the assistance which, in his present condition, he is unable to give him. Of this much I feel sure, he will make a good citizen and work faithfully and true for his interests, but if there are so many young men he will become a able worker, and be useless to the army, lost to society, himself, his friends, and I was his dearest. It seems as though they go mad if you refuse me, my supplication, and if a failure; Oh! Gen. please do not refuse him, for it is easy done, and will make all so happy. I have written this for your address, be sure to break down telling you. Respectfully, A. E. Knight.

This is his signature of the letters of the page.

William B. Patterson
1 B and 21st Infantry
Fort Vancouver, W. T.
and I'm sure the necessity
of it, and know it will be
the means of saving him
and perhaps the only way
I could hardly have undertaken
without a task. Oh! please don't
Crush my hopes, and say that
I have so confidently hoped for
your assent. If you could only
know all the circumstances as
I do, and fully understand the
case, you would not hesitate
at moment, for others have
received discharges, who were
not in so perilous
a position as he is, if he remains
in the army, he will become
thoroughly discouraged, he will
go to ruins, and be unable to
rise again. He has so much pride,
and honor that he could not
bear to face society again. I know
his disposition so well, and
we all know that many noble
enlisted men fill the shrouded
grave, when perhaps a little
assistance, or encouraging
words, at the right time, they
would be saved. I know she
will make a good citizen,
he is considered one of the
best printers on the coast,
by those who are in that
business, and can make a
good living at it. Oh! how
much better he been honored
citizen, than a ruined
soldier for he can do good
in the community, and cause
more them all heart to be happy.
He has supported himself since
he was a child, his mother died when
he was small, and his father has
been unable to lend him much
Office Indian Agent,
NEZ PERCE INDIANS,

Lapwai, Idaho Territory, Feb 1st 1877

Guel O. Goodwin
Dear Sir,

Yours cordially received. We cannot find anything of the book you refer to. I do not remember seeing it. I think reading several books while here I wrote you a few days in regard to instructions received concerning the covering N.P. I have heard nothing yet from Joseph as soon as I do I will let you know.

Truly yours,

F. L. Blunt.
J. B. Motelick.

Feb. 1, 1877.

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[Indiscernible text]
Regiments had been made in Sierra, showed this to be the case I arrived hardly reach the Post before the Company armed to arms. My children are first 8 to 10 years read and for the first time in their lives aware they were educated at a good school and (signed) the value of this. Do not write this as an official letter, but as the (misspelled) be the value of this. Do not write this as an official letter, but reply when you can, will to me when one are hand in hand. I have humbly to unite this way. If I have made a mistake I can only ask you to correct it. Very respectfully.

[Signature]

[Date]
days will prove all the
leaves I have had in that
time, I left them always
exist in duty with it,
This time has been denial
ed as an instructor in
some college learning
to suit it now. I suffered
to suit a new situation
in San Francisco when I
am satisfied I should
be of very little service
in Sierra. When I came
to Washington believing I
would be free from time
I commenced the course
of law at the Columbia
law college and to be
compelled to give it
up now would be a
great loss to me. Which
be allowed to finish
My studies seemed not
doubt be of great ad-
advantage to me but
also to the service. I do
not think an officer
Can know too much. This
is the first time in 16
years that I have been
able to have any leisure
with one and as I am
an only child and the
getting along well in
years I am anxious
to be with him. Geo.
Schofield promised that
the (of which a great
promised has been in Alaska
since 1874,) should be
ordered down this spring
as it seems would have
completed as long as
were as any Company of the
Dear General:

I promised Capt. Miller that I would come to his boy's funeral with Doctor Atkinson. It is a good time to go to Oregon City.

Please excuse me from my desk to-day & pray for us to-morrow. Will return for business Monday.

Respectfully & Sincerely

W. A. Wilkinson.

Saturday Morning, 2-2-77
Office of the Chief Paymaster,
DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA,

Portland, Oregon, Feb 5, 1877

I am happy to inform you that the following law, as amended by the Revised Statutes, has been enacted:

[Handwritten text]

Respectfully,

[Signature]

F. H. Evans
Fifth District Convention of the Iowa Sabbath School Association.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Fifth Sabbath School District, comprising Linn, Johnson, Benton, Iowa, Tama, Poweshiek and Marshall Counties, will be held at Toledo, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 15th, 16th and 17th, 1877, commencing Thursday afternoon.

This is a Mass Convention, and all Sabbath School workers are invited; but experience has shown that unless schoo's are particular to choose and send delegates they are liable not to be represented.

The invitation from the Christian people of Toledo is urgent and cordial. Their hearts and homes will be open.

Send your name to REV. G. KINDELL, JR., Toledo, by February 12th, for entertainment.

The Central Railroad of Iowa will give reduced fare.

Cedar Rapids, Jan. 12, 1877.

R. H. GILMORE, President,
Cedar Rapids.

ETHAN W. ALLEN, Secretary,
Marshalltown.

We are all nicely. Shunt Christmas with Elsie at

Gt. Charles Family at

Glencoe.
Senator Mitchell. As the matter now stands, I am utterly bereft of all hope of bettering my condition in the department. Then, too, while my position barely affords me the means of living, the fact staring me in the face that I will soon lose even that relief. Gent., can you not do something for me, or hold out some hope that will enable me to keep up under this terrible blow? For God sake give me the benefit of your great influence and help. Now that Senator Mitchell has acknowledged his inability to assist me, I turn to you as the last and best friend in my extremity. I have kept up with wonderful speed in the hope that my promotion would enable me to get rid of some of the debts that are pressing me so hard, and at the same time lessen the pain that has fastened upon me since our return to Washington, but the crushing effect of this last blow has added

My dear Senator.

The one solitary hope that has all along lightened the burden of my in humble position has just been dispelled by the action of the Post Master General in his refusal to promote one to a clerkship. A few days ago I was directed by the Cpt. of the Watch to make an application to Gent. Geo. W. Brady, 2nd Ave. Post Pm. Gent., for promotion to a clerkship of class one in this division. I did so, and my application was endorsed by Gen. Brady and sent to Judge Tyner for approval. The latter refused positively to promote me. I give you the reason directly. While the matter was pending I hurried away to Senator Mitchell to tell him of my opportunity and to get his assistance. The Senator told me gently that he
had had several interviews with the P.M. Genl. in my behalf, and had urged upon him with all the eloquence he possessed to give me a position that would afford me that relief which my family were so much in need of; but the P.M. Genl. said in view of certain information that had reached him, he could not under the circumstances show me any preference—adding that my dismissal was only a matter of time, governed by the delicate condition of affairs.

I must now tell you, Genl., that about two months ago a tech to Mr. Stillem, who married my eldest sister, wrote to the P.M. Genl. informing him of that long past event in my life with which you are familiar, and also of the Patent Office affair. What other charges the letter contained I do not know, nor will the Post Master divulge. After the letter reached the P.M. G. he directed Col. Burnside to send for Stillem. The Col. sent his card which fell into the hands of my sister. She, suspecting nothing from the repeated threats made by her husband against me, called on Col. Burnside, who, in company with her, had an interview with the Post Master. The latter stated that he had got such a letter from her husband and that it contained some very serious charges against me. He then asked her if the Richmond affair was true. She replied that it was and stated the mitigating circumstances of the matter—the lapse of time—my youth &c. She also gave reasons to the P.M. G. showing that the letter was the result of petty spite on the part of her husband towards me. I saw Burnside subsequently and gave him the note you left with me. He told me not to worry myself for Judge Harper did not intend to trouble me. This assurance gave me great relief until my last interview with
the historical feather to the camel's back.

I wrote you a cheerful letter a week or so ago in reference to the birth of our boy. Little did I then think that upon an event that brought me so much joy hung my tenure of office. Besides the additional responsibility of this little stranger, we have again the care of my father who is living with us—making a family of five, three adults and two children. To be turned out of work with the welfare of all these helpless one in my care makes me shudder.

Oh, General, I do hope you may see your way clear to make some arrangement that will place me above these trying changes of fortune and suspense. Mrs. E. join me in love and good wishes to you all.

Truly your friend,

W. P. Gudbracht,
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