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U. S. Engineer Office,

PORTLAND, OREGON, Sept. 21st, 1878

Genl. O. O. Howard
Comdg. Dept. Columbia
General;

I beg to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of your very kind letter of the 19th inst. a copy of which I shall forward to the Chief of Engineers. It is a source of great gratification to me, that in the discharge of my official duties, I have met with your approval, and I shall always look back with pleasure to my tour of duty on this coast from the fact that to it, I am indebted for your friendship and that of the courteous and efficient officers of your staff – Wherever I may be stationed it shall always be my aim to uphold the dignity and good name of the profession to which I have the honor to belong.

I am General, Yours very sincerely
John M. Wilson
Maj. Engs. Bt Col. U.S.A.

Sept. 21, 1878

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Vernon Cl
Kansas
Sept. 22nd
[1878?]

Dear Bro.

I have had great pleasure in reading your Articles in the Advance. I thank God your life was spared, in these Indian campaigns. We remember you & your dear family with great pleasure. I hope the boys are "Following on to know the Lord"

I am yours in X

E. P. Hammond

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, Sept. 21st, 1878.

Brig. General O. O. Howard,
Commanding Department of the Columbia,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of May 6, 1878, I have the honor to inform you that Lieutenant Joseph R. Clark, 38th New York Volunteers, was dismissed the service of the United States, by Special Orders No. 182, War Department, A.G.O. of which the following is a copy:-

War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, August 6, 1862.

Special Orders.
No. 182. } Extract.

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7. By direction of the President, the following officers are hereby dismissed the service of

the United States, viz:-

1st Lieutenant Joseph R. Clark, 38th New York Volunteers, to take effect July 30th, 1862.

By order of the Secretary of War.
(Signed) E. D. Townsend.
Assistant Adjutant General.

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
Thos. M. Vincent
Assistant Adjutant General.

J. C. AINSWORTH, Pres't.
S. G. REED, Vice Pres't.
J. W. SPRAGUE, Gen'l Supt.
Theo. Wygant, Sec'ty.

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Oregon Steam Navigation Company.

OFFICE CORNER FRONT & ASH STREETS.

Portland, Oregon, Sept 25. 1878

Capt. O. O. Howard
Fort Vancouver

Dear Friend

Your esteemed favor of 21st inst was duly rec'd. I at once made enquiry for your missing Revolver but so far without success - it was not left or reported at our Dalles Office - Agent Schmidt will see the man who was Steward on the "Mountain Queen" ~~and let you~~ when you come down & let me know the results - I will have search continued and hope to find the Revolver - if so will let you know at once -

I thank you Friend sincerely for your kind words and fully reciprocate them - I have felt a deep interest in your labors and efforts during

the present year and feel that you are entitled to the gratitude and thanks of the Country and Nation whether it is made manifest now or not —

With kindest regards for yourself and family I am

Yours truly

W. S. Speaman

Accepted Sept. 26. 1864.

E. J. CURTIS.
— Attorney and —
Counselor at Law.
Boise City Idaho.

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Hall's Ranch, Indian Valley
September 25th 1878

Gen. O. O. Howard
Commanding Department
of Columbia

Dear General:

I came out here some three weeks ago, and from close personal observation and information gathered from persons whom I know to be perfectly reliable, take the liberty to offer some suggestions, as to the necessity of protecting the settlements in this and the lower valleys; and also, the mining camps contiguous to the scene of the late murders by the Indians. Before and since the killing of Mr. Monday and his party, from

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Attorney and
Counselor at Law.
Boise City Idaho.

this valley - Indians, have been seen, and their tracks and trails discovered not only in the mountains, near this point but even in this valley. The people in this section of the Country are not given to alarms about Indian hostilities nor to unfounded apprehensions of danger from the roving bands of Misers and Sheep-eaters still on the war path, but when parties of three and four at a time, of the best men in these valleys, are being murdered, and their stock stolen, and run off, it certainly becomes the duty of our Government, to provide as promptly as possible a sufficient force to render such

security and repose to the settlers here from the further depredations by the Indians as the emergency demands.
A fact, most worthy of note, and one which affords positive proof of the mean and treacherous character of the Weiser Indians, is, that, the citizens and settlers who have suffered most from these lousy and cowardly fiends, are the people who have always treated those very Indians with generous hospitality, in giving them both clothes and provisions, and, in assisting them in living through the cold winters. This kindness and humanity is now being repaid by savage ingratitude, in the murder and robbery of the people and in devastating the homes and the settlements of our citizens.

After so many seasons of treachery and suffering experienced by the farmers, miners and traders, in and through this portion of the Territory, from prowling bands of savages still lingering in these mountains and around these valleys it will not be considered either strange or inhuman, that the men of this locality have resolved that the return of the Indians and their numerous relatives or any of them, shall never be tolerated again in this section of Idaho so long as the people are able with, or without the aid of Government to muster strength enough to defend their homes and possessions, against the blighting presence of those reptiles × Since the withdrawl of the troops from this portion of Idaho,

the impression left upon the minds of the Indians and the supposition which has obtained with them is that the U. S. forces have been retired from the field for the present season. That this impression prevails with them and is the cause which actuates them in their continued hostilities is evident from the fact that the wiser Indians have resumed their strategic warfare, and intend no doubt to continue this system of robbery and murder up to, and through the winter months, and be early on the march when the grass is high enough to afford feed for their horses. General I am of the opinion - and I am supported in this belief by the people of this and the lower valleys, many

E. J. CURTIS,
Attorney and
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Boise City Idaho.

of whom have had a long and bitter experience on the frontier from Indian depredations - that the most effective plan to terminate these Indian troubles and protect the settlers from the fall, winter and early spring raids of the Indians, is to put a sufficient force in the field in this quarter, to keep the enemy harassed and on the wing, allowing no time for gorilla bands to gather up others to recruit their forces, as well as to replenish their supplies.

We are of the opinion that if some twenty five cavalry soldiers, were stationed at this point, and five of the most experienced citizens

of this Valley, employed as scouts, through the fall and winter months, the forces and plan would be a Complete success, in Compelling, before Spring a final surrender of all the fighting and scattered bands of the hostile Indians. With the head of this valley as one of the Starting points and head quarters, for twenty five men, and five scouts; and Mount Idaho, as the other point with a like force, the whole of the Country intervening as well as the retreats where the Indians resort to as their safe hiding places, Could be scouted resulting as we believe, in a total surrender of all those Indians. The people of these valleys are ready and ~~nothing~~ will cheerfully Co-operate with the forces which you may send. I am certain of one thing General; that if this Earnest appeal is Granted, the cost of Keeping and supplying twenty five Cavalry soldiers and a half dozen scouts

will not burden the Government with any additional cost over what is required to keep and winter them at the most favored Military posts in the Country. I am quite confident that, Quarters can be had, more than amply sufficient to accommodate thirty men, and also good quarters for the officers, without one dollar extra expense. I know also that, forage of the best quality can be had here for thirty horses, at less cost than it can be furnished at Boise City - with good shelter and stabling also without cost to the Government - Wood can be delivered at the quarters at three dollars per cord less than at Fort Boise; and the best of beef, bacon and flour at a much less figure than anywhere else in the Territory. I feel certain of the truth of these statements, and can assure you that they are made from ascertained facts which cannot deceive.

With the firm reliance, on your prompt and favorable action, I am Dear General, your Obedient Servant in all duty. E. J. Curtis

Curtis, E. J.

Hall's Ranch Indian Valley
Idaho.
Sept: 25: 1878.

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Attended to.

28 and 30 FRONT STREET,

Portland, Oregon, Sep 26 1878.

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Gen O O Howard

Dear Bro -

Inclosed please find Programme of S S Convention to be held Oct 8 & 9 - in Portland. The committee - consisting of Representatives from All the Evangelical Churches have selected you to prepare a paper or address the Convention Tuesday afternoon between 3.30 & 4 o clock on The place of the School in relation to Evangelistic Efforts - We earnestly request your compliance therewith. Should it be impossible for you to comply please notify me at the earliest opportunity that other appointment be made - Respt & fraternally yours

Wm Wadhams - for

the Committee -

Washburn. Wm.

Sept. 24. 1878

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

Are invited to use this Page for any additional suggestions or remarks.

The Sixth

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION,

FOR

OREGON AND WASHINGTON,

WILL BE HELD AT

PORTLAND,

OCTOBER 8TH AND 9TH, 1878.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

Two delegates from each School, numbering 50 in average attendance, or less, and an additional delegate for each 25 in excess of that number. All Sunday Schools in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, are invited to send delegates.

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PROGRAMME.

Tuesday Morning.

10:30–11. Opening Exercises.
11–11:30. The Past Reviewed and Future Outlined.
11:30–12. Organization.

AFTERNOON.

2–2:30. Statistical Report.

The PLACE of the School.

3–3:30. *(a)* In relation to the Church.
3:30–4. *(b)* In relation to Evangelistic Efforts. - Gen O.O Howard.
4–4:30. *(c)* In relation to General Education.
4:30–5. Experience meeting.

EVENING.

The PLAN of the School.

7–7:30. Model organizations—free conference.
7:30–7:50. *(a)* Officers—qualifications—how appointed.
7:50–8:30. *(b)* Teachers—their training—their duties.
8:30–8:50. *(c)* Scholars—how to classify.
8:50–9. Question Drawer.

Wednesday Morning.

9–9:30. Praise and Prayer.

The PURPOSE of the School.

9:30–9:50. Definitions—Institute Exercises.
9:50–10:15. *(a)* Motives.
10:10–10:40. *(b)* How to secure attendance—free conference.
10:40–11. *(c)* What to teach.
11–11:30. *(d)* How to secure results of teaching—free conference.
11:30–12. General Business.

AFTERNOON.

The PRACTICE of the School.

2–2:30. In PREPARATION: *(a)* The Teachers' Meeting.
2:30–2:40. *(b)* The Teachers' Helps.
2:40–3. *(c)* Normal Classes.
3–3:30. Incentives to Scholars—Institute Exercise.
3:30–3:50. In TEACHING: *(a)* Primary Class Instruction.
3:50–4:10. *(b)* How to teach BIBLE History.
4:10–4:30. *(c)* How to teach BIBLE Geography and Chronology.
4:30–4:50. *(d)* How to teach BIBLE Doctrine.
4:50–5. Review Exercise.
Question Drawer.

EVENING.

CLOSING ADDRESSES.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

DEAR BROTHER:

Will you furnish me the Statistics of your Sabbath School for the current year (or term) as outlined in the following questions:

1. Name of Superintendent, and P. O. address. .....
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2. Does your School continue in session throughout the year? .....
3. What system of lessons is used? .....
4. Do you keep a weekly Record? .....
5. Do you have weekly Teacher's meetings? .....
6. What is your total enrollment of Scholars? .....
7. What is the average attendance of Scholars? .....
8. How many are members of Church? .....
9. How many classes in your School? .....
10. What is the average attendance of Teachers? .....
11. How many conversions in your School this year? .....
12. Have you a Sunday School Library in use? .....
13. How many copies Sunday School papers are taken? .....
14. How much money have you expended for Sabbath School purposes?
.....
15. Is your Sunday School connected with any church? .....

Please return by mail this half sheet as early as September 15th, with all Questions answered, to

REV. H. W. STRATTON,
Statistical Secretary,
(Box 308.) PORTLAND, OR.

OFFICE OF

The County Auditor

WALLA WALLA COUNTY, W. T.

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Walla Walla, W. T. Sept 26 1878

Genl O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

I take this opportunity of writing to ask you to do me a favor. providing. you can do it without compromising your self in any way. it is this. in the spring of this year I put in a bid for 300 000 pounds of Barley at 74-79- and 82 cents per hundred pounds 100,000 pounds at each figure. after a time the Bonds were presented to me by the Dr. M. to be properly filled. I having been the first person that was required to file Bonds

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indulgence and were Afterwards
Released from the Same, under
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be able to Save my Self on the
figures: as at that time in the
Spring. the Crop prospect looked
well. but after a While it became
Evident that Crops would be
light and the neglect of
Crops Owing to the Indian
troubles be damaging: and as
a Consequence Mark Oats and
Barley rate high. And if I
Can not be Released from
the Balance of my Contract
I will be damaged to about
$1000.00 Dollars Which will labor
a great hardship on my Self
and family: (I have delivered on
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Russell & Schwabacher & Co were
Released.. I thought you Could
under the Same Circumstances
have me Released. trusting
in your high Sense of Honor
and Justice

I Remain your Obt Servt
Thomas. P. Page

Answ by
Genl. Oct. 1. 1878

Personal & Confidential

Dass Ranch L. C. Apr 26 1878

Dear General:

Having written you yesterday in regard to the Quarters for thirty men, and the proper forge and stabling for the horses, and also as to the supplies in the nature of Wood, Bacon, Flour and beef. I thought I would further investigate the matter, and be positive in my assurance of the same as asserted in my letter asking for troops.

On Mr Dolan Dass, arrival home to day, I had an interview with my whole crew of men, I put a deep interest in an early action in the matter. I find that Mr Dall, is one of the most enterprising men in this section of the country, and in fact the leading man in this valley. I need not assure you of my own high personal regard for yourself. And that I consider as do all other candid and intelligent men in Idaho your campaign to have been a successful one. I find the people of this valley, are anxious to co-operate with Mr Dall, in rendering every advantage to the force and troops you may send. I feel General, if these schemes are carried out, you will beat the whole bands of Bannocks, & Shoshoneans before spring if you give us the force. Yours Sincerely E. J. Curtis.

Recd Oct 8 1878

with Mr Hall, and obtained from him the following proposition: To furnish thirty men with quarters, amendering his large dwelling house, with kitchen and store house, without one cent of cost or charge therefor: the best quality of wood at $5 per cord: grain & hay of the best quality delivered at the Post, at less figures than the lowest cost at Fort Boise - with prime beef at 6 cts and and bacon at less than 12 cts and the best article of flour at less than cost price at the Mills at Boise City - Mr Hall informs me also, that he can provide and furnish the necessary transportation for the forces kept in the field at a mere nominal price - Mr Hall's house is 80 ft long - and his other accommodations are equally as ample - He has teams also which can furnish transportation of such supplies as may be required from Fort Boise at a mere nothing - for the reason that he hauls grain to Boise City and comes back light - Being interested in a large mica mine about 15 miles from this point, on what is called the Fork of the River, and being virtually driven out by the known presence of hostile Indians

Northern Pacific Railroad Company

PACIFIC DIVISION.

Office of General Superintendent.

New Tacoma, Washington Territory, Sept. 27th. 1878

Major Gen. O. O. Howard U. S. A.
Vancouver

My dear Sir:

In a few days I hope to have my survey work of this season sufficiently advanced to enable me to start homeward either on the next steamer of the Oregon Steamship Company, or the succeeding steamer. Our engineering parties returned this evening, their surveys having met, eastward of Bear Prairie.

Word came to day that our new Board were all unanimously elected. I had heard a rumor that there was to be opposition.

I cannot leave this Coast without returning my thanks for your courteous reception and kind treatment of yourself and family. I regret that it will probably not be in my power to meet and thank you all in person. I shall carry with me very pleasing recollections.

I regret also that I missed seeing Gen. Sully – the result of misinformation given

to me, by a gentleman whom I supposed knew what he was talking about.

When you see General Scully please be kind enough to say to him for me that I was very sorry that circumstances prevented me from meeting him.

With kindest regards to your family, and to Capt. Wood, I remain

Your obliged
Obedient servant
W. Minor Roberts.

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(320 CALIFORNIA STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.)

OFFICE OF

JAMES M. BARNEY, 256

GENERAL MERCHANDISE, COMMISSION AND FORWARDING.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Sept 28th 1878.

Gen O. O. Howard.
Portland.
Oregon.

My dear General.

Your esteemed and valued favor of 23rd inst duly at hand with draft for $250.00 currency for which you have my sincere thanks. I have credited this amount on your note as requested.

Permit me to express my congratulations on your success during your Indian Campaign, and also the hope that you may soon be restored to the more pleasurable life consequent upon a peaceful state of affairs in your Department.

Again with many thanks for your remittance, and and my kind regards, believe me:

Sincerely your friend

James M. Barney
per JOB

Read Oct. 10. 1898.

N.Y. Sept. 30/78

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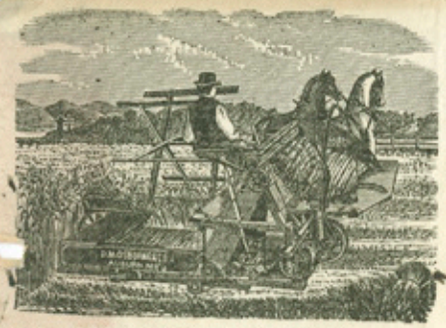

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Portland, Or. Sept 30th 1878

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Maj Gen O O Howard
Commanding Dept of
the Columbia
Vancouver W.T.

Dear Sir

D M Key Post Master General of the U.S. is now here and the guest of the City His party consists of Eleven in all and it is the intention to give them a Serenade On ~~Tuesday~~ Thursday evening Next. Gen Sprague kindly professes to furnish your Military Band free transportation back ways & we will provide for them here during their stay if you will be so kind as to make an order & send them here to play for us. We should feel honored if yourself family and Staff would favor us with your presence on that occasion

Very Respectfully
W. S. Newbury Mayor

Portland, Oregon Oct 30 1878

Gen'l O. Howard
Commanding Dept of
the Columbia

Dear Sir

My Port Madison Journal of Oct 26 has
just been received containing the
Proceedings of Citizens in your
behalf in the interests & giving them a
Cordial welcome upon your return to
your Department. Such an Ovation
as your Friends gave you shows how
very favorable for them has been your
stay in the Department & that
our Veteran Soldiers & Citizens are
not your Friends & Admirers
Staff officers have no doubt spoken
for themselves

Very respectfully Your
N. S. Newberry

(YUMA AND EHRENBERG, ARIZONA.)

(320 CALIFORNIA STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.)

OFFICE OF

JAMES M. BARNEY, 258

GENERAL MERCHANDISE, COMMISSION AND FORWARDING.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Sept 30th 1878.

Gen O O Howard.
Fort Vancouver. W.T.

My dear General.

I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 23rd inst proposing to convey by "clear title" certain property located in Buffalo N.Y. clear of Mortgage and of value about $6000.00 in exchange for your note in my favor, & it is my pleasure to say in reply that I accept, and moreover, that it gives me pleasure to extend to you the accommodation you say this will be to you.

You can cause to be sent me "Guarantee Deed" to the property, with abstract of title, and I will cancel the note and make such disposition of same as you may desire.

I trust you will believe me when I say that I have never intended giving you any trouble about this account. feeling perfectly assured that you had a proper sense of the obligation. General, with kind regards

Very truly yours James M Barney

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GENERAL ORDERS, }
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HEADQUARTERS NINETEENTH INFANTRY,

Fort Lyon, Colorado, September 30, 1878.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 19.

THE very sad duty devolves upon the Commanding Officer of announcing the death of Lieutenant-Colonel WILLIAM H. LEWIS, of this Regiment, who, as Commander of the troops engaged, was mortally wounded in a battle with the Cheyenne Indians, near Fort Wallace, Kansas, on the twenty-seventh instant, and died in the field on the twenty-eighth instant.

Lieutenant-Colonel LEWIS graduated from the Military Academy in 1849, and has been continuously in the service since. He was promoted to the Lieutenant-Colonelcy of the Regiment, December 10, 1873. The Colonel cannot adequately express his very high appreciation of the character and services of the deceased. He combined in an unusual degree the most valuable traits of a model soldier. He was accomplished in his profession, competent, constant and just, and always inspired and won the highest confidence of his fellow soldiers. Private soldiers recognized in him not only an able commander but a faithful friend who always regarded their personal rights and would defend them if necessary, while officers of every grade always respected and honored him and oftentimes admired and loved him. By his death the Regiment has met with an irreparable loss that will be deeply felt and lamented, the army has lost a representative officer, and his friends and relatives will suffer an overwhelming affliction. In respect to his memory the officers of the Regiment will wear the usual badge of mourning and the regimental colors will be draped for thirty days.

By command of COLONEL C. H. SMITH.

GEO. H. COOKE,

1st Lieutenant and Adjutant 19th Infantry.

OFFICIAL:

Geo: H. Cooke

1st Lieutenant and Adjutant 19th Infantry.