Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. Co.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Topeka, Kansas, 188

Dear Sir:

Herewith I hand you Annual Passes over above Railroad, for the year 1883. Please note requirement of the conditions.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

General Manager.
Sir,

I take the liberty to ask you whether smoking is prohibited at the Military Academy at West Point.

Seeking some practical points on the question of to cause in the preparation of a Thesis to the Faculty of Jefferson Med. College this information is desired. May I again further if you find Cadets addicted to smoking, whether physically to these while at rest? Trusting this may not be considered an impropriety—I am respectfully

For Adm. Art.

R. L. Fulton

620 Washington Square, Phila.

Student, Jeff. Med. Coll.
Fulton, C. D.

Philadelphia
Jan. 1883.

Read by Capt. Haden Jan. 1883.
Fortier, A. C.

Gettysburg, January 2, 1882

Major Col. O. O. Howard

Omaha.

Dear Sir,

Your kind favor of 10th ult. came only to hand.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the expression of your sympathy in the matter. We have every promise of success. This is, however, a very large undertaking, and we need assistance from all quarters. Could you not set up a pittance among the officers of your command to raise some suitable memorial of the late Maj. Gen. G. W. Warren? Shall we not have a day of 20, as a thank-offering for preservation of life, amongst so many dangers, for which we would place you a stone in a memorial of some command, or inscribed any way...
Would it be agreeable to you to take an active interest in this Memorial, I forward some circulars.

You may suggest, as suitable to the structure, the stone which is to bear your name is ready for the inscription, and will be finished by to-morrow, and will be placed in a group in the tower with stones bearing the names of other Generals, & Officers. Officers may then remember each other, by placing Memorials bearing a Comrade's name living or dead.

The chief burden of this undertaking is left upon my shoulders, and any assistance whatever you can render us, will be fully appreciated, and gratefully acknowledged.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Foster.

P.S. A plea when they have lately commenced for officers and bring a line of proper public (Fed. men) into offices; certainly needs such a Monument as an illustration to remind them of the duty of loyalty, patriot and patriot.
Omaha, Nebraska, January 9th, 1882.

The Commanding General,
Department of the Platte.

General:

I have the honor to submit the following military reasons for constructing and maintaining at this place a permanent military department headquarters.

That the City of Omaha is the best point from which to command the Department of the Platte as it is now constituted is I think evident and beyond question.

* Omaha is the center of the extensive system of railroads, telegraph lines and other means of travel and communication, which like the nerves of the human body diverge and extend to its furthest limits. The city is favorably situated on the Missouri River and under a wise and
A liberal system of internal improvement, this magnificent river is likely to become in the future a much more important means of communication than it has ever been in the past.

It is situated in the midst of a fine agricultural region, a region that produces the staple food products far more than is, or probably ever will be required for home consumption. It therefore affords the best market for all those commissary supplies that must be bought at or near the place where they are to be used.

Omaha is too, a fast growing city, and is sooner or of such considerable size that any sudden demand that might arise for clothing, food, forage, animals, wagon transportation, tools, building materials, or other things necessary to the military service could readily be satisfied out of the reserve supplies to be found only in the business centers.

Omaha is to be a natural shipping point for all places on the line of the Union Pacific Railway, as for places that are reached by travel over this road. This situation also brings officers or soldiers entering or leaving the department an easy opportunity of visiting Department Headquarters.

The officers are able to pay their respects to the Department Commander, and to meet and become acquainted with the officers of the Headquarters staff to their mutual advantage and the good of the service.

As long as the Department of the Platte remains as it is the consideration of easy and quick communication of economy in obtaining ordinary supplies of facility in securing such as might be required in a sudden and unforeseen emergency, and indeed the best interests of the service require it to be commanded as heretofore from this point.

But in the Department of the Platte likely to be retained as it now is, or well the whole territory of the United States is divided into departments in such a way, as to deprive Omaha of many of the advantages.
It now possessing a military department headquarterd. Of course it is within the bounds of possibility that those having the power to do may take the map of the United States in one hand and a colored partner in the other and trace out the boundaries of a number of departments that could be at the same time very symmetrical and very sensible. But this is not within the bounds of reason or probability.

The military departments will be established and maintained in the future as they have been in the past, in accordance with the dictates of sound judgment, and in the best interests of the people and the army.

The great transcontinental railways with their freight extending to the north and south, much necessary from the welfare of the military departments and this would point to the retention of the Department of the Platte as it now is.

There is another friction, and in our extensive country as an important one, and that is the question of climate. This department as it now is covers 24° of longitude, but only extends over 9° of latitude. If it were located 90° about Omaha as a center it would extend from St. Paul on the north to near the mouth of the Rio Grande on the south.

The troops stationed at the former place would require very different food, clothing, etc., from those in the latter, and any quick concentration of troops in the department would almost certainly subject a portion of them to great hardship and suffering due to sudden change of climate.

The Secretary of War has recognized the importance of Omaha as a military station by recommending it as the largest garrison with the one exception (the School at Ft. Leavenworth) within a radius of 500 miles.

For all these reasons it is submitted that the City of Omaha will always be the headquarters of a military department, and I would respectfully recommend that suitable steps be taken to secure an appropriation of money to purchase a site and to erect frame buildings of a substantial and durable character.

Very respectfully yours, 2nd Lt.

Jas. Kingman

1st Lt. of Engineers,
Chief Engr. of Dept.
Cincinnati 2 Jan. 1883

My dear Sir:

Our Society of Ex-servicemen and Non-servicemen will have its annual dinner at the Summit House in this city on the evening of the last Thursday of this month, and as their chairman I am depitted to invite you to be present.

I hope to assure you that it will be a sincere justification to the Society if you shall be able to be with them, and we shall

Cincinnati

Jan. 2, 1883

Signed by the Editor

Jan. 18, 1883

T.L.
I hope that other duties may not
prevent your coming.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. O. O. Howard

[Date]
the West in a day a it were!—
No doubt by this time as I cannot
Write much more on this page you
will be glad to hear a word
about our present Condition or
to health. I begin with the Most
important and Valuable Member
of our family, My Beau, you
will remember when you saw at
Buckingham she could not walk
without great distress in her chest
bands. She is better but not entirely
free from it, cannot walk ½ Way
to our Church. I hope she will take
off in time, she is now taking some
dose electric baths in Norfolk from what
we both the Doctor desire her to fill
Mrs. Spofford has had an ill turn
with her digestion to hence some
return home but is now better.
Emma is generally well and in
our Room we all know What
we should do without her.
The old gentleman is about the
same perhaps a little better,
the left side of my face thence

Brooklyn Jan. 2nd 1883

My dear friend,

"Better late than never"

You will say, but I do feel a
little ashamed that I have not
written more earlier. After my
return home, especially as you were so kind as to
write me so soon after reading
Omaha. I also received your West Point report for Which
I thank you, and recently an
Omaha paper Containing your
addres. on Your father's day. It
is very good. Could not have
been better in style or sent.

Must remarkably appropriate
in such an occasion. In such a region, it must
have been well received by
all right-thinking sensible
people in that region. I do

X26 Oct 82
I am very interested to hear the children, as they are called by Dr. Stone, who stand by the table in front of the pulpit, on which lay the Bible, come up and receive the gift with their name written by Dr. S. on the fly leaf, after all get the books in May, with the children and their parents, then from a basket filled with little bouquets of flowers to give each child one with a kiss to the child long remembered, a large congregation witnessed it.

"Come meet Sabbath." Well on the whole from your letter I judge you to your good Bishop, children are pleasantly located at Omaha, I am glad you have good schools there. I do not believe you have good Sabbath privileges also. I had no idea it was so large a city; how these towns spring up at
5th

Still give me pain constantly when awake, but the shakins in my face
when I eat are not so frequent or severe. I have a good appetite,
digest my food well & sleep fairly well, but now have a
bad cold & am keeping house
for a few days.

We all write in warmest love
to Mr. Howard and yourself
& family with you all a happy
and prosperous year in 1883. As
well as all the years God may
grant you here, and then an
abundant entrance into the
rest that remaineth to the
people of God.

Good by. Write me as often as
you can. Contentedly with your
other arduous duties, you have
but one now I remember but I have
but one eye and only 1/2 a brain
which is worse your affectionate
friend R.P. White
Jan 30, 1882.

636. 125 R.C.

Dear General, I send you a Copy on Pension I was out to Scranton Pa on New year's day and found this to be a very deserving case and always Ready help & do good if I can and thought I would get you to help Push it along as he is very Poor & Wife & married a Cousin of mine, she as well as him always sick, and he is temperate in all his habits and his Commanding Officer & the Doctor both there & have put in his case as seeing the injury on the Battle Field and had all the facts laid before the Pension Board. My Ella made this Copy which I send for
you to see it and if you will Rush it along it be a charitable act to this family & a favour to me—now my dear General I hope you can give a helping hand to our much neglected friend Farrow— the copy of Sir Colin’s last letter looks as if there was hopes on the next vacancy & you write him as you must know him well with a very happy New Year to you all Howard and family. Ever sincerely,

Benjamin Richardson
Glencoe, Jan. 3 1883.

To Carson,

This evening I am writing this letter.

After a short illness, I am greatly obliged to you for your short but clear and simple letter. I realize the need of a visit, and all of you that are together these lovely days are truly happy and in the right way. I trust Chancy and Jenny are with you but have not heard of it so we here are thinking today they will send you to come to us for part of the visit. I have not known anything of your Christmas but have feared it was not well. One of my Christmas gifts was an actual letter from Frank. J. Land accompanying it, a good picture of himself, I was very glad to get it. I have not had one of them for many years, and another gift was a number of the sister and cousin's picture came in and I laughed aloud at the fact perfect. She is not self, she spent Christmas with Lowland, David, and this came at home but Frank did not come home as his father for Christmas. B.H. sent some of his Christmas greetings from the brother's containing a thank you. Heartily for Christmas to the others. Through, her kindness and attention, another of ten dollars from his brother, which she thought I needed.
another from a lady with Christmas greetings of $5 five dollars and a still another from a splendid school girl at school of $5.00 he thought would be a struggle to get his mail to know that he is in any way appreciated I think it is a good letter since hail to do anything for Christmas I had prepared a Christmas for Charles before I knew that attack of fever the last year I seem to have all around from Denver Omaha Rockport and Portland Maine.

I think these nice little pictures for Christmas greetings are nice in age having another cold wave them with love in 1905 for three days entire sunny weather. I am hoping you will have a happy Christmas time on your farm that all your friends to see a presentment of news from a near relative living Charles has had no orders from Government as yet receive my warmest good wishes enjoying his stay at home thank you sir and with much love from your very affectionate brother Enola Gilmore

My Son Geo D. O. Howard
Chicago, Jan. 3rd, 1883

Gen. C. C. Howard,

Dear Bro:-

We continue your paper of course. Whenever you get a good thing you are to write it for us, and we are to pay you for it.

Cordially yours,

Robert West

[Jun 19]
Chicago
Jan 8, 1883
United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3, 1883

My dear Paul:

Your suggestions commend themselves to me, but I am not on the Military Committee, nor am I a military man, and the best I can do, I have done. I have called Genl. Logan's attention to the contents of your letter. It seems to me that the best thing we could do is to respectfully bury, with military honors, about his hundred officers who are loafing around the city.
Of Washington. Please accept
in yourself and give to your estim
He wife, his compliments of the res
son, and believe me.

Very truly yours

Geo. B. Fey

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Omaha, Neb.
Gen. Howard

Dear Sir—I have taken the liberty to write to answer your postal just received addressed to my father as he is now in Centir, Ill. I remember his having mentioned just before leaving home that he had taken the article
you maintain to the Republican office to be published at their earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Ella J. Hilton

Jan. 3rd, 1873.
Office of The Gazette Printing Company.

Creston, Iowa, January 4th, 1883

Dear Sir—

I send you to-day by mail 6 weekly Gazettes with reports of the 1st Annual Meeting and dinner of the New England Society of Union County, Iowa. I thought perhaps you might be pleased to send some of them elsewhere. We also return to-day the Manuscript you so kindly forwarded us with.

And now I shall, please allow the Gazette to extend to you on behalf of the New Englanders and the citizens of Creston, our sincere thanks for your coming to Creston on the 27th of Dec.

With the kindest regards for you and yours, we are

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient

Gazette Printing Co.

O. L. H.

To Brig. Genl. O. P. Howard.

P. Omaha, Neb.
Dear Friend:—As an officer of the late Civil War, I did my duty to the best of my ability; which was never questioned by any of my superior officers. I was severely wounded in 1863, and it has seriously affected me ever since, so much so, that in 1872, I was obliged to resign a position worth $1700 per annum. I am at present unable to hold any position, and was in 1863, by force of circumstances, kept from passing to the Regular Navy. Please sign this card, with friends, and forward to Washington.

Respectfully, Your obedient Servant,

WILBUR F. COGSWELL,
Ex Ass’t Engineer, U. S. N.
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Thos. T. Eckert, General Manager.

Norvin Green, President.

Received at 53.29p. Jan. 1883.

To J. O. Howard

Will arrive in Omaha by first train tomorrow when I will be pleased to see you.

E. W. Valentine.
Rockport, Mass.

Boston Jan 5 1883

Dear Olly,

Your Utah letter helped me a little in my potoos class in giving them an idea of life at Salt Lake. Tell Henry Mac wrote me a very good of the visit of 16 Indians to his father en their way to the School.

I send Pickney Ronlie for general upkeep for him. I think it does not clutter him. I thank Lizzie for my Ritz Xmas Card I join...
the last seen Rev.
Rolbie. I hope you were
already done so.
I hope to see some
fruit & the rough of
Marguez. If you fail
love to tell
Matt. Brother
Roland

[Signature]

Frayn 5. 1883

[Initials]
DEAR SIR:

I beg to hand you herewith this Company's Annual Pass for 1882. Please acknowledge the receipt of the Pass at once.

Respectfully Yours,

[Signature]

General Passenger Agent.
Chicago
Jan 5/83

Received by the
Genl. Jan 8/83

Dear Sir:

I beg to return the Company's
Annual Pass for 1882. Please acknowledge the receipt
of the Pass at once.

Respectfully Yours,

W. M. W. R. Co.
New York, January 6th, 1882.

A copy of the 2nd came duly to hand and in reply send you to-day a good copy of the Journals which we hope will reach you in good condition.

Yours truly,

ROOT & TINKER
102 Nassau Street.
The next meeting of the P.L.C. will be at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Spitzler, Saturday, January 6th.

Mrs. W. A. Janss, Luci.
I have heard of it. She engaged herself to be married to Mr. Dugge of New York, a very worthy gentleman, but some fifteen or seventeen years since, it was done without reflection or giving any indication of it, nor any of her friends were aware that any more than friendship existed between them; it appears her head was not within her gift, this became known, Edwin A. joined one of the French families, much opposed to the marriage, and it has been delayed if not entirely broken off; this has considerably annoyed me.

For little Nancy Lock, her time on Earth will soon be ended. It may be in a few hours or may extend to a few days. She has had several seizures within the last two days, she is a living felon. The doctor say she cannot possibly live three days, and at any moment, her end is near. She died in one of the seizures. She is almost from one in nursing her. It will be a happy release when the young child enters into her heavenly home.

Your letter has been read by all the family, who, in proportion to it. Sincerely, Edwin Steele

My dear friend,

It is in your nature to remember old friends and forget their desertion, you need only to be willing to answer letters written to them by many I can assure you this, as I think that I am indebted to you for the letters, this one I ask May be sent to the credit side of my indebtedness, the balance letter which pail refer to the Chronology of the Egyptian Era, of which you once did for some detail, pail come some day or soon as I can turn up a few more statistics to convince you of the correctness of my opinion so collated from various Egytologists.

Your presence at a short visit from you for days, I wanted her to stay with me, but this time has to check and business urgent.
That he could give us but an hour or two of his presence. May is a day you may well be proud of, he is a fine manly looking fellow, of good form and grace and I should judge of excellent Moral Character. He will "make his Mark in this World." I can say as much for James, too. May find us although but a few days made friends of the whole household and especially among several young ladies who took a great fancy to him. Before his leaving for Europe, I introduced him to the Rev. Mr. Neil, Pastor of the French Evangelical Church, who resides in one of my houses. The frequency of James, in the highest sense, coming received several letters from him and the gentleman to whom he gave letters of introduction in France.

I am pleased that Edwin A. John has written to you. I trust that he may never neglect those who are his real friends and the friends of his deceased yet beloved and regretted parents. His removal from Washington to Leavenworth will be to his advantage, he will there acquire the duties of his profession and become more of the Soldier and less of the civilians and he expressed himself to me. At his graduation at West Point, I was much astonished that he fell below the standard that would have put him into the Engineer Branch; especially so it has not for want of ability, since reflecting on it and conversing with some officers, I have come to a different conclusion and believe the event was to his advantage. So far as regards the real Soldier, education alone does not make the Soldier, the Must see Service to make him thoroughly understand his duties. Edwin is a good fellow and I love him dearly, he is the only one that I can hope to carry down the name of Steele descending from myself.

Alice is now in New Haven, she is still an invalid, but is improving, she had an anxious time while in New York, confined to bed for three or four weeks. There is a circumstance which no doubt aggravates her complaint, for she doubts...
Dear Cousin Otis,

Your letter and its contents was received with very many thanks to you for your kindness. I deem it a very nice new years present as I received it new years eve. It was a favor granted that I shall always remember, and I hope to reward you some future time. I feel to day that you have befriended me Cousin Otis. But I was not aware you have so many children quite a large family of your own. I would really like to see you. I presume you are so far away that you never will get down here to see us. But although so many miles apart how nice it is we can write. Will I will not write.
any more this time hoping if do you can you will come down another summer and I will try and make you as happy as I possibly can in my poor simple way. Please give my love to all

From Sallie B
action. As he does not act on your written recommendation, I cannot impress them, so have talked on him. I merely talked about matters just as I was seeing Col. Hare and did not ask me to say I had seen the original of the bout issued Post Order's letter. I told him that though I had not, the letter (copy) you sent was worthy for any officer that there was also another of similar prospect of which you did not have a copy. Possibly he had seen a copy of the other, I thought it proper to be the same. Convinced he had gone to Mexico leaving his wife here, I joined Friday at 2nd Whitting & heard Mrs. Hendrickson there & came here in the evening. Old Mrs. H. Inquired very pleasantly, getting me, sending from me to do so; also that she would not be returning also. Mrs. Ferguson asked to be unmarried. I then went over to the theater, hoping you are all well and at home.

Dr. S. Howard
1370 G Street, Warner
Jan 7th 1887
[Die (1887)]

Dear Brother: Congress is in a financial condition. The House has passed its Appropriation Bill, with only three hundred thousand for brigades & quarters, one hundred and fifty thousand less than last year, & no special items for any port. The Secretary of War asked specific appropriation only for several Mexican Border Posts & Vancouver & then for interior ports. Of course this was cut off in a lump. He has said that he would not forward any requests for specific in amount but he may do so after he sees the Army Bill so far advanced that he cannot hope to get a reason, the intention which he can contrive. Mr. Valentine has not yet returned.
It must have gone to Nebraska, otherwise it has been as slow, for it is necessary that the secretary should recommend the appropriations he could not have gotten him to do so. New York members have been trying to get him to forward applications from both Harbor, which Mr. Wathenburg is looking after, but he has not yet done so. As soon as you let me know when the papers of Russell & Wiblen are sent you will, I will look after them in the W. M. & C. F. & R. offices. I have Mr. Post about Thorneburghs & wrote a memorandum for him in regard to the necessity for money to build in connection with the Port & the necessity for money to build in connection with the recommendations for Congress at least session last year, he evidently did not expect the bills to be reached through this House as soon. I have not seen him since its passage. After this congress has made a record by reducing appropriation bills, I think it will be more liberal in special bills for military posts, as they will want to spend some money in their districts.

Do not dare again to go much into New & Harbor improvements. Provisions were in the bill as passed for the gradual abolition of the War Corps, prevention of assignment by Grant Hark, reduction of transportation.

Since Greece to war, & the cutting of all extra pay to all sailors, the making those retired you age additional to this list, thereby making nine or ten successive. I have practically been able to do nothing about these appropriations except through Mr. Post, both on account of Mr. Valentine absence. I was against my prejudices in regard to the matter of his.