OFFICE OF
The Hartford Life and Annuity Insurance Co.

SECURITY-FUND-DIVISION

No. 230 Asylum Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Aug 21, 1883

DEAR SIR:—Dues on your Certificate are payable and should be promptly paid. If payment be not made at the Home office by a CERTIFICATE OF GOOD HEALTH will be required upon reistatement.

The amount of dues for a year on each $1,000 of indemnity held is $3.00.

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Genl C. O. Howard

Omaha, Neb.
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SAFETY FUND DEPARTMENT

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Gen'l Howland, respected Sir,

I tried to write to you some time ago, about my son — but never received answer. I have never heard of him since I stated in my letter, before that he was lame in his right leg. Let me beg of you, Gen'l. If you please sir, to see if you can get him to come home to me. I can go to school. I would not have left him if I could have helped myself, but I was sick at that time, and I am not appointed in Omaha. Will you be so kind as to
answer this if you
Please send for Dam in a
great strait about my boy.
Dam heane alone and
did not in tend to be. Den
I would not troble you
if I new any one. General.
Please do not this aney more if posible.
yours Veney respectfully

Elizabeth Lewis

will you be kind enough
To Direct if you Please dir
To

602 Franklin St.

Mrs. E Lewis.
PROHIBITORY AMENDMENT ALLIANCE

OF

POTAWATTAMIE COUNTY.

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Rev. E. M. H. Fleming, Macedonia.
J. R. Wilson, Missouri.
James Crow, Minden.
Thomas Triplett, Hazel Dell.

Council Bluffs, Aug 21 1883

My dear Mr. Newcomb,

Omaha,

I write to inquire if you would be willing to hold a
Prohibition meeting in our city next Thursday
evening. If we can secure a speaker. I could address
the meeting on that theme, and on what terms?

Please advise by wire or
telephone, at once, so we can make
arrangement. Sabbath
morning the meeting.

Yours truly,

L. W. Tulley, Sec'y.
Omaha, Neb., Aug 23rd 1883

Gen. C. A. Howard:

Dear Sir:

I'm talking to Mr. Himebaugh, we thought we might accomplish some good during the state fair if we should have a tent on the grounds, where we could invite our friends and strangers, and where we could keep free writing materials, daily and religious papers, tracts, invitations to our meetings etc. We thought you might be able to procure a tent for us, without
Owen M. A. Chap. J. 1921

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the expense being very great. If it is asking too much of you we shall not feel hurt at your telling us so, but looking to have a favorable answer.

I am

Very truly yours

Geo. A. Joplin
Omaha, Neb.
Aug. 22, 1883.
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DEAR SIR:— The Purpose and Work of this Journal are briefly expressed in the words of the Apostle, "For the Defence of the Gospel." Your participation in this Aim and Effort is sought to be enlisted; and to this end your attention is respectfully asked to the Contents of the July Number, viz.:

I. The Theanthropic Ubiquity, By President Roswell D. Hitchcock, New York City.
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Tarrytown, N. Y., August 22nd 1888.

Dear Sir:

By reference to the enclosed ship you will find that the aim, character, and contents of this journal has by emancipation become more definite, elevated, and more directly devoted to the promotion of Divine Truth and the Cause of Christian Science as possible as the origin of The Institute. This improvement I am sure will engage your deeper interest in it and increase it more surely than near to your heart.

Already your file must have been broken, which I should be glad to complete and continue, awaiting your word from you to that effect.

Most earnestly yours in The Service of Truth,

J. A. Paine.
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J. A. PAINE, Editor and Publisher,

No. 10 BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE, NEW YORK.
Aug 24th 1883

Many thanks my dear general for your kind letter. It is a source of great worry and mortification to me that I cannot carry out your wishes. Whilst certain parts of the work were impossible for me to readily be done in the ordinary course I feel if I could have gotten to Thronton I could have completed matters there in some respects greatly - and at least have made beginning ready for a move when you saw fit to order it. I had a long talk with Hughes (I believe that is his name) Postmaster at Scituate and Contractor. He is just in from France and Ashley. The sawmill is on wheels and family in its way over the new road. He tells me it answers admirably - the worst risk has been passed without a hitch or delay of any kind. The lumber he estimates at 5,000 cords - perhaps that is a little under. The common in Ashley valley are in great excitement. It is not necessary for me to tell you the capacity of that rich valley held by their matchets. After hearing their 9500 dreamed have been set aside for the past they concluded that no one reality
They committed murder, derar its execrable nature, its claim to the site. How they bitterly regret their error doing. Their crops have been large and they depended entirely on the market for a market. They have no other. They can't ear up what they have garnered to sell same and there is no purchaser to be had. Not even can they sell their flour to the agencies for that is all bought from below or contracted. This condition of affairs will prompt all means of device for having troops carried back. They commenced mildly the other day by a sensational report that the Indians had killed a man. On examination it was found that the man found dead was one of the murderers of the County Commissioners in the low country some time previous. A reward was offered for him. He had hope of escape and presently did the last act of his life by killing himself. If there is trouble with the Indians it will be made by these Mormons. There is no question that they furnish their last denial. This is our conclusion. Last Sunday a Mormon
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Perhaps named Utah Church, as I am credibly informed, on the Uintah Agency.

Yet the Indians have the doctrine that the Americans were the witches who destroyed the Indians whose only friends were the Mormons. Now all this is bad enough which will bear me some time but might not an agent under the law the honor to refuse a blow to this? I am not sufficiently punished in the law. But I would like to know what the account is for these other sons. For instance in the road to Brigham in our army that place. Inquiry was made of the Governor and replied several that they were regularly licensed and could not be interfered with. I give up for an hour and a half this morning and begin to lose the ends. I read your beloved death certainly his being thought of his wife as tenderly preserved into his own absolute great and confidence was wonderfully beautiful and knowing.

Geo. Steward

Dr. H. M. Lyon
Taylor, Col. J. E.

H. J. Bridger
Augt 24, 1883.
Headquarters Department of the Platte,

CHIEF PAYMASTER'S OFFICE,

Omaha, Nebraska, Aug 24th, 1883.

Sirs,

Sentiment after an interview yesterday, I made application to the Paymaster General to be relieved from duty here. I sincerely request that you should think me in any way a party to the recent shameless abuse heaped upon yourself and Mr. {illegible}, or as in any away even thinking of trying to bring about your removal from here, for which is certainly not the case.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note]
Mayor's Office
City of Red Oak Junction.

Red Oak, Iowa, July 24th, 1883.

Sail O. A. Howard.

Omaha, Neb.

My Dear Cecil.

You will recall your promise to favor us with your Lecture on Antietam and Gettysburg this fall. It is too easy to name a date now. If possible we would be pleased to have it before the regular lecture season begins, while our people are still hungry for something good - as we want to give you a good full house. Your terms $500 and expenses are satisfactory. An early reply would assist.

Very respectfully,
E. H. Harris

P.S. Please give me the corner title of your lecture.
August 25

Dear: I had a long talk last evening with the man engaged in food looking up the Thornburgh theories. He tells me that he feels quite sure if Goodwin had been to New York and under sentence for four years can be pardoned he will tau states evidence and through him the principals guilty parties can be brought to justice and much property harnessed so recovered. I told him I would write you on the subject and recommend that this be done as the I could furnish you a guarantee that the man would testify and on such testimony as would secure conviction of the principals. It means sure that this would be well for the punishment of those people would produce a decided effect in the country.
filled as it is by the reckless and unprincipled. The I believe, are amongst the settlers in Ashley Valley there are many gentiles who are very uneasy at the prospect of withdrawal of troops. I am inclined to think he underestimates the influence and character of the gentiles. I will not say he mistrusts the don't they all want a hand to help to carry naturally. I noticed in the paper which came yesterday a most outrageous and unnecessary attack on Col. He. Of course the interview with an officer at the Presidio Hotel in San Francisco, and I cannot believe any officer comes so far forget himself as to speak such language, especially at such a place. It seems hard that such things must be tolerated. I am out of bed, partially dressed and sitting in the sunshine, which comes into my new room, with great physical enjoyment. I think I shall be able to take the cars on Monday evening if I have no real back. Everything seems to be going on very nearly as I expected.
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION,
SOCIETY OF THE ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.
October 24 and 25, 1883.

Cincinnati, August 25, 1883.

General O. O. Howard, Washington

Dear General,

There is much more than usual interest manifested in the approaching reunion of our Society, which is to be held in this city. Letters from many general officers have been received expressing their intentions to be present. The indications are that we will have at this meeting, the largest gathering of Army of the Cumberland men we have had since the close of the war.

I am directed by the Executive Committee to send you a special request to be present, which I do with much pleasure, and sincerely hope you can and will be present. The regular formal invitation will be sent in due time.

I am, General; with kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Robert Hunter

[Signature]

[Date]
Hastings, Neb., August 20, 1863

Gen. O. O. Howard

I am instructed by the Subscription Committee of the
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC to extend to you an invitation to be present with us
at our Annual Reunion to be held in this city, Sept. 3-5 inst.

Knowing that you will give favorable
consideration and accept the invitation
I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully,

A. H. Bowen

Chairman Committee

Gerl O. C. Howard
Omak, Wash.

My dear General,

Fours of the 14th Batn. with Monroe #1 come
during my absence at the
Worthington Va. I have not taken the time to
read Mrs. but will do
so to night. - I marked
it for immediate pub-
lication but last night
received the enclosed letter
from our bureau man-
ager. His suggestions merit
my hearty consideration and
I will be glad to receive a
letter from you giving the
information required in your flush note.

With regard to compensation I suggest that the question be left for Captain
Sears to decide on his return from California assuming you state all my
dealings with him have
been characterized by the
utmost fairness and
laboratory on this point and
that I have every reason
to believe that he will
deal fairly, generously
with you. — I send
give two books members
of books and have
Washington, D. C., 1883.

Please your name on subscription list.

With kind regards to your family.

I am truly and respectfully,

[Signature]

[Name]
Dearest,

We shall use first page of Aug 30th issue, with article upon Prichon Band soldiers' letter.

Mr. Thorne has an article of yours for review of Sept 6th. How much space will it take? I do not know.

You will I think agree with me that Genl. O.O. Howard is too big a gun to rush his article into the Ledger without notice to our readers. I think it would be best to notify our readers in the 3 next issues that we have such an article, and give date when we will commence it, thus giving them a chance to tell others and get subscriptions here in time for fresh article, as it often happens it is impossible to supply back number.

Thought to know just exactly of what events he is going to write.

Washington, D.C., 188
about how many weeks the series will continue and have a couple more "Monographs" on hand before we start.

If you have not acknowledged receipt of first article won't you do so and at same time secure such infernal material as we need respecting the articles, explaining it to be our purpose to advertise them in advance.

I will send leading papers our exchanges a notice of them requesting them to announce their appearance in the ensuing to their readers.

Yours truly,

J. Chestnut.

I write this now as I shall not have an opportunity to see you before Monday evening.
Rockport, Mass.
Aug. 28, 1883.

Dear Brother,

I have not seen you since the August interview of what you think. I know you have had to be busy since the meeting of your department. I am in very good health as I am in very busy. We are well as usual.

The children are all well, with the exception that you are to have a new environment. How are you?
Yours came as far as
that leaving me no
choice but to write this letter.
It will reach you in Boston
the day after tomorrow.

Yesterday, the U.S. Steamer
fitted out for the New Jersey
State, New York.

We have erreas o'er grade.

I am on board Steamer
Richard K. Bush in San Fran-
cisco harbor and expect to
remain there for the present.

Please write me if you
know anything of the
best course you wish
our vessel to take. What
are you thinking of doing
with the $500?
M. Huittis, Miss.

Omaha
Augt. 28, 1883

General Howard,

Dear Sir:—At your request, we cannot resist your interest in our Vassar concert, to be given Thursday evening. It would accredit us greatly if the band from the Post could play for these quarters.
or half an hour in front of the Opera House. Our object, of course, is to draw as great an audience as possible. Hoping that you will consent, I remain
Properfully yours,
Chas. Austin
Omaha, Aug 28, 1883
Dear General:

I wrote you nearly two months ago regarding a claim which I think you have for horses lost by you at Fair Oakes, but have not had the pleasure of hearing from you since. Fearing that my former letter may not have reached you, or was, perhaps, overlooked by you, I again write you regarding this matter.

I presume you have never been paid for these horses; if not, now is the time to apply for pay for them, as Congress has extended the time for filing claims of this kind. The additional time given for presenting these claims is rapidly drawing to a close. If you have not yet been paid for your horses, you should put in claims for pay for them at once.

Please let me hear from you at an early date.

Yours very truly,

Allan Rutherford
Fort Omaha
Aug. 29, 1883

General O. O. Howard
Commanding Dept. of the Platte

Honored Sir. Believing you to be a noble man and soldier I am resolved to lay my case before you hoping that it may receive your favorable consideration.

I left home and went to sea when I was a very young boy and finding myself in Zepinwall in 1863 I crossed the isthmus and joined the 8th Sec. of US.Mary. Sept. 4th. After 9 months service I was transferred to the Flag Ship Lancaster, serving the remainder of my time under Admirals Bell and Pearson. After a short stay home I enlisted in the Army.
and was assigned to Co. B, 32nd Batt., 16 Infy., Captain Harry B. Cook, Comdt. I was recommended for promotion by a Sergeant who had an idea that I would make a good soldier and received my warrant as Corporal at long after. The regiment was in Nashville, the city being under martial law, and at the time of which I write the Fenian agitation was going on and some desertions occurred from all the Company, the men being encouraged by the Fenian agents. I had seen some of our men in Company with those agents at Paland's Variety Theatre on Cherry St., who afterwards deserted and when I was detailed to look after and bring in deserters I went there and on stating my business to the doorkeeper was admitted. About the close of the performance a slight disturbance
occurred between some soldiers and citizens and the police attempted to force us out with the men who were not on duty, and of course resisted the attempt until I accomplished the object for which I came. After satisfying myself that the men I was after were not there or escaped during the confusion myself and comrades relied with our faces and leveled pieces towards the police (who were all rebels) and after patrolling the neighborhood returned to camp.

Some days after I was invited by Comrade Antonio to visit the vicinity and accepted, but before going I took a large double edged knife that was lying in the brush, to which I used to attach the chain of a little pet-squirrel. I frankly confess that I took this knife on that night in order to defend myself against an unavoidable
attack on us if it should be made with deadly weapons, which it was.

I resolved to maintain a quiet and conciliatory attitude towards the police but Capt. Moore, of G. Co., had some words with one of them and I saw at once it would end in bloodshed if not stopped, so I intervened and counseled Moore then hot words passed and we went outside to settle the matter. The soldiers present were Antoine, Moore, Molloy and myself. We went about 200' south of the theatre when Moore and I, being under the influence of liquor, commenced a savage fight and no fate would have it, right in front of a policeman's dwelling.

About the time we were separated and started to go home, the police man who afterwards proved to be Jack Kinnelly came rushing out of the
house with a drawn pistol in hand and commanded us to halt. I drew towards him asking him and went in the kindest and most conciliatory language I could command to allow us to proceed to camp as the trouble was over and we had no intention of again breaking the peace and I did my best to dissuade him from violence. It was of no avail however for he showed me aside and fired at Antoine without effect. This occurred at 10 p.m. on a bright moonlit night in May 1866. The shot attracted Pink Dew, another member of the force who came running along the street from the south and he too fired when not over sixty yards from us. At this unprompted and cowardly move the old devil in me got up and I drew my knife and plunged it
into him, whom I did not know at that time. Antoine had a scalpel with which he used to make picture frames and he used that on him. So that there was general strife and infliction on the unfortunate man. There was no talk and the circumstances of the fight produced all these events without any premeditation. The police from Poland rushed out and commenced firing, the bullets whistling through the air all round us. About this time Antoine fell but whether shot or not I don't know nor could he. Burns got cut badly but I can't say who cut him. I have no recollection of doing it. I got a blow on the head with a rock or some blunt weapon that stunned me but I managed to keep my feet and as Burns wrapper
April 1, 1943

To Mr. Smith:

I am very sorry to hear of your mother's illness. I hope she recovers soon. Mrs. Smith and I were close friends, and I will do whatever I can to help her.

Best wishes,

[Signature]

P.S. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help.
were wounded the way to retreat was clear. I got to camp in Company with Moore & Molloy and reported that Antoine was killed or badly wounded but when the ambulance got there he was in jail. He was very badly wounded in the head—almost fatally so. Finally died and Antoine Moore and I were tried and convicted by a rebel jury and sentenced by a rebel judge. But there was a good Union man, Gov. of Tenn., then. He released us within 10 days holding that as things stood at that time we were justified. Gov. Brownlow knew as well as any man in the South the malignant and inquisitorial spirit by which the conquered rebels were actuated having learned by his personal experiences of himself and family the bigoted political
ideas prevailing in that section then and which pervades the old South, by all accounts, to this very day. He is dead now and gone to his reward like the great President whose hands he frightened in the trying times of man. I was restored to duty by Col. Calhoun who commanded the 16th at that time, but my contact with thieves and bushwhackers in the Southern jail had a demoralizing and dis-...

action influence on my untrained and impulsive nature, being just then of that age when the human mind is prone to receive and retain impressions, good or bad. When my company was ordered to Holly Springs I yielded to my evil thoughts and deserted, not without a hard struggle though, and I left two months pay as a sort of compromise with my conscience.
for the abominable act. I returned to the familiar haunts of Nashville drinking and carousing till I got as low as it was possible for me to get.

Then I robbed a man on the highway in broad day and went to prison getting out in 1875. When I came home my brother got me an as conductor on the Coney Island & Brooklyn R. R. and I worked in that capacity 3 or 4 years. I strolled around after that, working at various places, and finally I enlisted at the cavalry rendezvous in Cincinnati under an assumed name.

James Wright — Dec. 12, 1881 I got assigned to troop C 7 Cav. in the latter part of Jan., went on a campaign from Fort Thomas, Ohio and after being assured there would be no trouble with the Indians I left.
the command on the return trip to

meade at Ashton, Pa. It cost me a

hard mental struggle to do this at

the time, but I think now it was for

the best. No man can prosper and

be a fraud and if Capt. Jackson

had promoted me which I believe

he would on my return to Meade

and then found out my true history

and name afterwards I would be

disgraced forever in his eyes.

General Howard I have given

you an outline of my career in

the Army. The evil plank I regret

and I hope for forgiveness and

restoration from you. It will

enable me to look on the old flag

with my first love, and inspire

me with that unswerving devotion

to duty and principle which should

activate every true soldier.

I have written to Capt. Cook
who is on recruiting service in Boston and my sister's husband who is a police officer there took the letter to him and requested him to aid me in my effort to put myself straight again. I am ready to furnish all details regarding this whole matter that you may require of me, General, and I hope you will grant me on the track I left so long ago by removing all my disabilities. In conclusion I will state a fact that may appear singular to you, General, when you consider my varied and hard experience, and that is I have never been under arrest on any charge for a moment except in the cases stated in this letter.

I remain with great respect, Your very humble and obedient servant,

Robert J. Allen, Private, Battery D, 5th Artilery.
Mayor's Office

City of Red Oak Junction.

Red Oak, Iowa, Aug 29th, 1883.

Gentleman,

Omaha City,

my dear Sir,

Years of Aug 26th was duly read. On account of thin entertainment we have been obliged to name Friday evening Sept 14th as the date for your lecture here. This will give us ample time to advertise it well.

Respectfully,

E. H. Harris