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OMAHA, NEB. OCTOBER, 1883.

Dear.....

The OMAHA CITY MISSION has an unsectarian Sabbath School in its building on Tenth Street and Capitol Avenue, which meets every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 to 3:30.

The City is growing so large and the work increasing so rapidly, we desire to place the enterprise on broader grounds and widen its influence. We need the aid of good men and women; and, with a view to having your advice on the subject, and if possible to get your active participation in the work, you are specially invited to be present at the opening of School next Sunday at 2:30 P. M. Sharp.

Yours Respectfully,

WARREN SWITZLER, Supt.

ALEX G. CHARLTON, Ass't Supt.

Omaha City Mission

Omaha
Oct 1883

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Headquarters Department of the Platte.

Omaha, Neb., [Oct. 1883?] 188

Dear General

For old acquaintance sake in Portland Or. I should have been glad to meet you, but failing to see you here must forego the pleasure as I leave town this evg —

Yrs Truly
Chas. C. Hall

I used to live with Dr Atkinson in Portland & you probably remember me —

Hall, C. C.

Omaha, Neb.
Oct. 1883

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Hon. JOHN C. NEW, Asst. Secretary U. S. Treasury, Washington, D. C.
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Hon. O. FERRIS, 2d Auditor U. S. Treasury, Washington, D. C.

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Hon. E. W. KEIGHTLEY, 3d Aud. U. S. Treas'y, Washington, D. C.
Hon. JACOB H. ELA, 6th Auditor U. S. Treasury, Washington, D. C.
Hon. SAM'L F. PHILLIPS, Solicitor-General U. S., Washington, D. C.
Gen'l O. O. HOWARD, U. S. Army.

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Washington, D. C., October 1st, 1883

Genl. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.,
Fort Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of your three applications for lost horses, which I have filed at once.

The claims now being on file, the next step to be taken, is to secure evidence in support of them. You will not need to prove how & for what price you obtained the lost horses; all that needs to be proven, is their loss, & if you will send me the names, rank, & regiment of any persons who were acquainted with the facts of loss in either of the three claims, I will find these witnesses for you (should you not know where they are,) & will use every proper effort to secure their testimony at an early date.

Awaiting an early reply, I am,

Yours respectfully,

Allan Rutherford

Rutherford

Washington
Oct 1. 1883.

Answered by the
Genl Oct 14. 1883

M.F.

Powder River Fort M'Kinney

Oct1st [1883]

Dear General Howard

In the exercise of your authority you can relieve us of a pest & a scandal here on Powder River; A scoundrel of the deepest dye, one Sam Brown-real name Smith a Texan-is now on the Depot Fort M'Kinney reservationabout to start a "gin mill" You will remember the spot, it is the old abandoned military post at the crossing of Powder River, although abandoned it is still a military reservation& last year when this same Brown started a house of ill fame there he was ordered to move out& did move. Since then he deliberately shot down one Davis in cold blood, Davis however is recovering & Brown has bought off his evidence & sent him to Texas, Brown is now under bonds to appear & take his trial & considering the infamous nature of the assault & all his previous "record" it is the gravest scandal that such a brute should be at large. An order from yourself through the commanding officer at M'Kinney would at least scotch the reptile. Failing that I think he will probably get a shorter shift, but that sort of thing is better avoided if possible. I trust you will pardon me for intruding on you a mere detail of this sort, but the matter is one that affects the well being of this entire neighbourhood. For obvious reasons it would be well that the source of your information should be kept a secret! I am starting for England in a few days & should I find it possible to delay for a day in Omaha, I shall call & pay my respects. Faithfully yours Morton Rewen

M.F.

Powder River Fort M'Kinney

Octlat [illegible]

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Yours [illegible]

Gen. O. O. Howard
Omaha Neb.

Freeman, O.M.

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Gen. O. O. Howard
Omaha Neb.

My dear friend

Your very interesting and highly valued letter of 24th of August duly reached us on the appointed day through our devoted daughter, who intended (and as usual, succeeded in her attempt) to give us a surprise on the ever memorable 3rd of September, when in the morning, we were flooded with "congratulations" and kind wishes, but none more highly prized or interesting to us than yours. We feel ourselves quite unworthy of the encomiums therein expressed, nevertheless it affords us great pleasure to be so kindly remembered by our friends, especially by ones we love so much as you & your estimable & devoted wife; May you both live to celebrate your "Golden Wedding" and as many beyond that, as God in Wisdom & Kindness may appoint you here below and then meet us at the

Marriage Supper of the Lamb above.

I pray God that your lives, which have been so useful to your own dear family not only, but to the Church, the County, and the World, may be long continued, a blessing to each and all. I will remember, and always with pleasure and gratitude, the first day we met, and the few pleasant hours we had together in the "Old Armory" and the "Astor Hotel" in 1861 - and the many subsequent meetings it has been my privilege to have at your hospitable home, as well as our own; the interesting trip to Gettysburgh, much to the enjoyment of my friends, as well as my daughter & myself and thank you, and our Heavenly Father for all.

Allow me to say, (that which you have always been assured of) that our poor prayers have followed you, all through the perilous struggle for our National Union, in which you bore, so heroic & noble a part and contributed so largely to bring to its successful issue, and in all the vituperation & abuse heaped upon you since the rebellion

you had our warmest sympathy & approval,
And now my dear friend, what more
shall I say, my head & eye pain me & fail
me, they are worn out with care and use
old age weakens & dims them, but my
heart is young yet, and I count it one
of my chief joys to be numbered among
your friends :- We had a very enjoyable time
on the 3rd - about 100 of our relatives & friends
called, and numerous congratulatory letters were
rec'd, Dr Stowe, Prof. Barbour, Ray Palmer, John Pike,
Prof. Packard of Bowdoin College Dr C. Hamlin &c. &c.
Dr Jenny of Ellsworth, offered prayer, and Judge
John A. Peters who was present a boy at our wedding
from Bangor, made appropriate remarks, Dr
S. H. Hall of Seamens F. Soc. bearing the good wishes
of that board & a letter signed by 20 of those Govt
Dr Prime & others was read &c. :-

You will be glad to learn that my health & that
of Mrs Buck is somewhat improved, but my head
& eye trouble me & the pain is increased by writing
so I must close, with most affectionate regards
to Mr Howard, your family, as well as yourself
personaly, from Mrs B. & our daughter, and

Your affectionate friend

Richard P. Buck

Duck.

Duckoport
Oct 3. 1883

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New York - Oct 3rd 1883

Dear Sir -

I take the liberty, to hand you, a brief paper, by Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby of this City, written for the October number of "Dio Lewis's Monthly" It strikes me, as a model paper - There is just one, simple thought & no elaboration - Every one has a pet thought floating, on the surface of his mind, and often brought out in conversation -

Such a thought, is sure to possess much value, & to be expressed in language, so direct & simple as, to give it peculiar force -

My object in saying this, is, to ask if you have not a pet thought which you will express, and allow me, to publish in our magazine — If you have not seen the new Monthly and will kindly drop me a card, I will send you a copy — It is received with a heartiness of welcome which surprises and rejoices us.

Many excellent writers have engaged to contribute to its pages.

Very truly yours —

Dio Lewis —

Dio Lewis

Mem. Gent.
Oct 3. 1883

Oct. 3, 1883

Our Young Women.

A primal defect in our social life is the notion that girls have nothing to do. Boys are brought up to some employment, but girls to none, except where pecuniary want compels them. The family that is "well-off" has busy boys and idle girls. The young man, after eating his breakfast, starts out to his daily occupation, and returns at the close of the day. The young woman, after eating her breakfast (usually at a late hour), saunters about in quest of amusement. Novels, gossip, shopping (for unnecessary trifles), dressing in three or four different costumes, formal visiting, drawing (if able), and lounging, are the elements of the young woman's day. In the evening, by way of recreation (!), she goes to the theatre or a ball.

This unequal discipline of the sexes is the basis of innumerable evils. It makes the girl careless and selfish; it turns her mind to personal adornment and other frivolous matters as the great concerns of life; it takes away the sense of responsibility, and produces feebleness and disease in her physical constitution. It also prevents her from asserting her true dignity in the eyes of man; for the life of utility is alone dignified. Women, thus brought up in indolence, are looked upon by men very much as were the women of the old dark times of the world, as mere playthings, expensive toys, not as counsellors and friends. Marriage in such circumstances belongs to a low, sensual plane, and the girl is prepared neither in body nor mind for the serious responsibilities and lofty duties which marriage implies. Her training, moreover, or lack of training, has made it necessary for a long purse to apply for her. Economy, helpfulness, co-operation —these are not coming to the new household from this vain source. Dresses, drives, entertainments—these will form the staple demands on the young husband. Accordingly in city life, where this class of young women is chiefly found, a young man is (greatly to his hurt often) kept from marrying by reason of its

costliness, whereas society should be so ordered, that marriage would help the larder and not beggar it. We want simplicity of life, frugality, modesty, industry and system. If we could introduce these virtues in our higher society, we should diminish the despair, envy, jealousy, dissipation and suicides of the single, and the bickerings, wretchedness and divorces of the married.

Let our girls have as regular daily duties as our boys. Let idleness be forbidden them. Let recreation be indeed recreation, at proper times and in proper quantities. Let us open more numerous avenues of female industry, and let every woman be clothed with the dignity of a useful life. Can such a reformation be brought about? My dear Madam, begin it yourself. Rule your household on this principle. Have the courage to defy fashion where it opposes. Be a bold leader in this reform, and you will soon see a host of followers glad to escape from the old folly.

Howard Crosby.

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Nebraska Indiana
Oct. 4 1883

Genl. Howard

Dear Sir: I was one of your Orderlys in Battle of Chancellorsville Va. May 1 to 5, 1863 and received a gunshot wound of "right" Knee. I was private of Co. I 28 Ind. Vols. I have applied for pension on the wound, and am required to furnish an affidavit from a Commission-ioned Officer, showing that I was wounded as above in line of duty in that battle, and cannot prove it unless you remember the circumstance. If you remember & can make the statement for me, it will be esteemed a great favor to one of your soldiers. Please answer by return mail

Very Respectfully Yours
James Court

Court, Jr

Nebraska, Sud
Oct 4. 1883

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The National Council of the Congregational Churches
of the United States.

[CA-Oct 5, 1883]

Provisional Committee, South Church, Concord, N. H.,

Wednesday evening, October 10, 8 o'clock.

A. H. Quint,
Secy.

Quint, A. H.

Concord, N.H.
Oct 5. 1883

16 Fifty Third Street.
West.

New York Oct. 5, 1883.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I am making a collection of autographs, and would esteem it a great favor, if you would kindly send me yours. Hoping I do not trouble you too much, I am

Yours very respectfully

Atherton Curtis.

Curtis, A

New York
Feb 5. 1883

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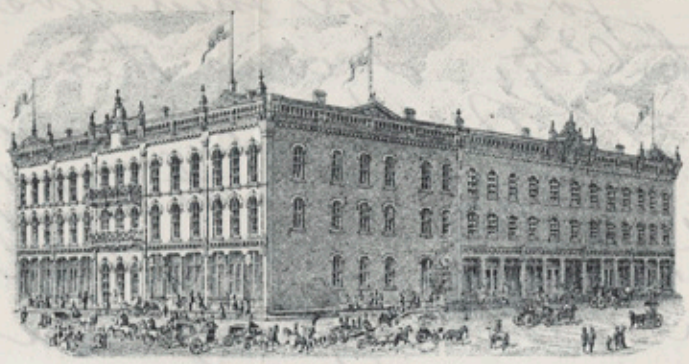
Ans H. Pietz



J. J. IMHOFF, Proprietor.
GOOD SAMPLE ROOMS ON FIRST FLOOR.

Lincoln, Nebraska, Oct 6th 1883

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 4th Inst just received. I have business West & North of him that will detain me till about the 15th unless the nature of the business you speak of cannot lay over till then please let me know & I will go to you at once.

I expected up till yesterday to visit Omaha by the 8th or 9th but press of business at other places will prevent my doing so, unless, as I state above, then in that case I will go at once to you, When in Omaha sept

the 18th you were then absent from the City, I was there again on the 29th of Sept. & returned here again on Monday the 1st of this month, I went from here to Omaha with my wife, on Saturday remained in Omaha over Sunday & on Monday she left there for Chicago & I came here,

I met Judge Savage on Saturday evening at the Hotel, also, Mr Paxton, I would have been pleased to have called on you & would have done so but was pressed for time & at that time I expected to have returned there by Monday next—

Please advise me the nature of the business you refer to & if you think it best I will go to Omaha at once on receipt of your advice.

Very truly

Aug H Pilty.

Sub agt. U.P.R.R. Co.

To Genl O. O. Howard, U.S.A.

Omaha Neb

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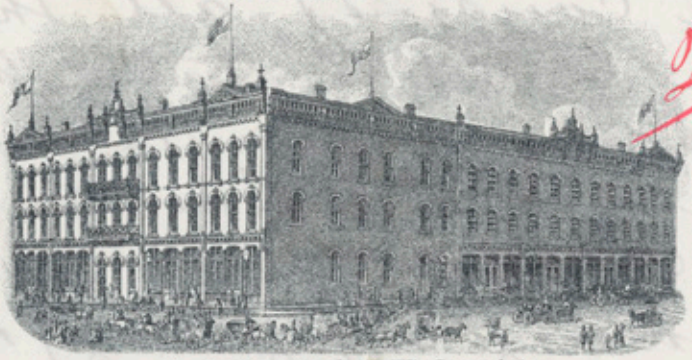

J. J. IMHOFF, Proprietor
GOOD SAMPLE ROOMS ON FIRST FLOOR.

Lincoln, Nebraska, Oct 8th 1883

Dear Sam.

Your letter to hand. in reply I would say the circular you speak of is a circular issued in 1880, by a combination of the "old Line Companies", the circular is so malicious untrue that the authors dare not put their signature to it.

The "old lines" are all at sixes & sevens with yet have been ever since the Old Hartford endorsed the Safety Fund system. They know that it is the system for the people & that the people are finding it out to be. This

is the cause of all their malicious literature that they put into circulation. When ever they find one of our Policy holders, or find any person thinking of taking insurance with us they mail or hand one of this circulars to him —

If our Competitors did not fear & dread us they would not fight us so desperatly. When going into an orchard to select the best fruit, always look for the tree that has the greatest number of clubs lying about it — So let the old liner throw their clubs, the safety Fund system bears the best life insurance fruit & the day will come when it will rid the Country of those Companies that have robbed so many policy holders of their hard earned money —

I know the agent that gave our marshall the circular. His name is L. L. Higgins agent of the

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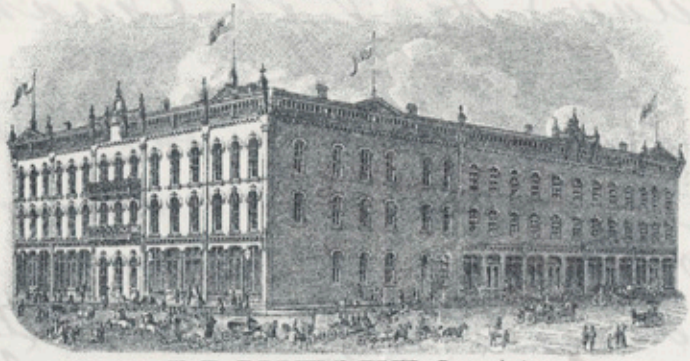

J. J. IMHOFF, Proprietor.
GOOD SAMPLE ROOMS ON FIRST FLOOR.

Lincoln, Nebraska, _____ 188

washington Life Ins Co, a
Company that is now struggling
for business & will stop at
nothing let it be ever so low
to try & check the headway of the
Hartford Life & annuity Ins Co.
Mr Higgins, came here & found
me. He then left here for Omaha
the next day (Saturday last one week
ago) I went to Omaha with my wife)
as I work you, I met Mr Higgins
there. He had had a talk with
Judge Savage. the Judge told me
all about it. I called on Mr
Higgins & questioned him regarding
the matter, He denied ever meeting
the Judge, the next evening

(monday) He left Omaha for Columbus Neb.
Had he of known that I was not going to remain at Omaha he would not have left as he did - They cannot stand fire when it comes to fair business - Higgins, also, had a talk to Mr Wilber at the Bank & Mr Wilber told him that he intended to take insurance with us soon, & that what he (Higgins) had said about the safety Fund only served to convince him that the safety Fund was the insurance for the people.
I will see you before your assessment #20 is to be paid if nothing happens -
There is 20$ in the Treasurers hands for the board. 1/3 of that amount is yours & can be applied on the assessment.

Very truly
Ans & Dity.

To Genl O.O. Howard. U.S.A.
Omaha Neb.

OFFICE OF
F. H. SMITH & SON,
515 7th Street, N. W.,

Washington, D. C., Oct 8, 1883

Registered letter received, enclosing papers, which will have immediate attention

Respectfully

F. H. Smith & Son

Papers, F.C.

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Cooper, H. C.

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A. H. Piety -

Nebraska State University.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct 9th 1883

Dear Sul

After re-reading your letter of the 8th I suppose say like this - you have the circular that the Kansas agent gave our marshall.
It follows you to discredit your promises -
This is something I don't understand - Will you please forward the circular to me to Lincoln post office & it will be forwarded to me. I may not reach Omaha till about the 20th. I am very anxious to see the circular perhaps it may be something that we have not seen - If so, would like

to forward Copy of it to the Company - I will return the Circular to you either by mail or when I call on you, Hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours

Very Truly

Aug H Piety.

To Genl O O Howard U.S.A.

Omaha Neb.

Strong, Mrs A. E. M.

Fremont, Neb
Oct 9. 1883.

Answered by the Genl.
Oct 10. 1883.

Fremont. Nebraska.
Oct 9. 1883.

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir:

My husband, Mr. Strong, on leaving for the National Council, wrote to Mr. Sherrill asking him if he could not prevail upon you to come and give our people one of your good talks on one of the two Sundays of his absence. I felt moved to add a personal plea to his remembering how kind you were in entertaining me, when several years since, you spent a short time with my Father and Mother - Prof. & Mrs. Hiram Mead of Oberlin. If Mamma were still with me as she was during the

Summer I might urge this more strongly. but she has gone back to her work, in Auburn this year. And I can only assure you what great pleasure it would give all our congregation to hear you and how warm a welcome you would receive made aides. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to welcome you to our own little home for a few days, where I am now keeping house alone with the baby -; but Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey would hardly forgive me if I were to deprive them of the privilege of caring for you, as they would do most handsomely in their larger home.

I hope you will have to say No. and if you can not make it convenient now, we shall hope at least that the pleasure may only be postponed, when Mr. Irving also may share it -

Please forward this interview to your twin and thank as formally as possible of my plea!

Most cordially and respectfully
Yours,
Alice E. Mead Irving -

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Coin-Iowa- 10/9.83.

Oct 9, 1883

Gen. Howard,
Omaha Neb.

Dr Sir:-

The Grand Army at its last meeting instructed me to write and invite you to deliver a lecture (public) for the benefit of the Post at this place. We will pay all expenses incured and what charges you may make for the same. There are many old soldiers here, who served under you during the late war. They are a unit in favor of having you to deliver the address. You can come down in the Evening and return in the morning. You can name the date yourself. Please General come down:-

Very truly,

H. C. Dodge

Kearney, Nebraska
October 9th 1886

Will you write to Gurney Crosby St. Louis - he owes my father in my behalf for sufficient postage - money to my home.

Write, Rev. Permenio, Indiana, Gurney Crosby father 80 years of age & mother

[illegible]

Respectfully so they will [illegible]

[illegible]

OMAHA NEB
OCT 10
1886

[illegible]

Will you [illegible] a kind request [illegible]

[illegible] Republic was 50 to 60,000 [illegible]

[illegible] enough to say that I [illegible]

Dear Sir

Who is this man?

O. H. Howard
Brig. Gen.

Omaha Neb.

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