P. H. Sheridan

Headquarters Department of the Platte,

Omaha, Neb., 10th June 1884

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Dear Father:

Owing to my recent trip to Chicago I was not reminded to send your $128. until today though I forwarded Jennie's $100. to you. Some of the Banks here can draw on Drexel Morgan & Co. So I sent a check to Drexel Morgan & Co. N.Y. with the request that they forward you a draft to Cary D. W. & Co.

Have not mentioned your [illegible] yet

Regards. Mrs. Bell says she looks forward with pleasure to your return & wishes me to send you her kindest remembrances. Gen. Irwin has been engaged in some sharp practice in many matters & probably will be court-martialled. Mr. Blaine was nominated amid great enthusiasm as you have probably heard & written him congratulations. All the rest at home are very well. Johnnie is busy at his school

Affectionately your son Phil

I think that will be cheaper than drawing here. Mallet is getting ready the memoranda you asking. Gen. Gibbon asks to be remembered & says he is getting on well. Mrs. Gibbon is here, & Miss Fanny expected next week.

We go to Dubuque to a Militia encampment a week from Thursday. The light Battery has gone & two companies of Infantry go from Fort Omaha the last of this week. Morton & Rennie are very well after their visit. Jennie & I are in our new house. Gen. G. wishes me to accompany (we were down to daylight) reviewed, & inspected the Battery before its departure and this afternoon review the Infantry at Fort Omaha.

Col. Macon, Stanton & Quick when I delivered your remembrance desired me particularly to send their

at leaving this department, or rather this climate and coast. They are all glad to be in your Dept. again but do not like the climate or part of the country they are going to as well as this. Genl. Morrow expressed his pleasure at being under you again, and "was sure you would shortly visit his post after your return." He was sure you had a great regard for him personally. Mrs. Morrow hoped Mamma would visit her with you. and I told the Morrows, Holtons and others that I knew you and Mamma would be glad to see them at Omaha whenever they passed through that place. Mr. Holton intends to take a run out there at the earliest opportunity. I regret to leave Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Holton, Mrs. Downey and Mr. Haughey. They have been exceedingly kind to me. Ida has grown to be a very charming young lady, and has a sweet voice, and is therefore

Mrs Gray

Vancouver W.T.
June 14, 1884.

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Dear Papa

I enjoyed hearing your letter read to me today very much. I am glad you are enjoying so many things at so many places. Surrounded as I am by so many cares and small worries it seems strange that anyone can find leisure and freedom from anxiety enough to enjoy travel or study. I suppose at no future time in my life will there be so cares and the constant care & anxiety that my three little ones cause be quite as absorbing of time & strength as at present. Compensation is given in many ways however, and much real happiness that society

or books or tears cannot give - We are a busy family now-a-days. as two trips of the "Vancouver" daily are a change of programme in meal-hours. We dine at noon and the children have their supper & it is the 6 o'clock time before James gets home for his supper. Tonight he has to go away to be gone over Sunday - Miss Stackhouse has all & more work than she can do - & gives me a week each month at home. We have 6.15 o'clock breakfasts & if the children are not always done it that hour. The days are long ones for us. Usually I spend as much time as possible out of doors, in the yard or garden - working, reading, picking peas, transplanting, hoeing even - Today the rain has kept us indoors.

I have cared more than usual for baby that Lisbeth might do the mending etc. After giving all three children this Saturday bath, I had to wash the little pup (a new comer) and now at seven o'clock Bessie is asleep in bed, May asleep on the lounge & baby pulling of her supper - I will have to finish later

Tuesday morning - It is a beautiful day and I have enjoyed the early hours very much - I dressed Bessie & we breakfasted with Miss Stackhouse about seven o'clock - (James had his alone at quarter past six) while baby & May slept I did a little gardening among my flowers, setting out a few plants Mrs. Beeson had to spare. She was at her gate, & I ran over to chat a moment with her - I am going to call on Mrs. Cheal Mills today, daughter of Bishop Paddock - The 21st Infantry leave here in a week for other stations - We all express this same

waiting for supper. He was too tired to make calls after that. His trip on Sunday has kept him most asleep to make up & there is little time to get it. I called on the Ingersolls the a few weeks ago. Lucie is expected home soon from a long visit to her married sisters who are both sick - one in Detroit, the other in Quebec. They send all your friends when I meet any asking with interest about you and are glad you are enjoying your trip abroad. I do not think Miss Stackhouse will come here in the fall. She wants to see more of this country before returning east, & we will have to stay longer & earn money enough to travel. She has made some friends here in time, and is quite contented, as I think, or as much so as her disposition will admit. Much love to Jamie. I look forward to seeing him when he returns from abroad. I hope I can do so. You may meet the Schwalkens in London. I hope so as Mrs. Schwalka is very lovely & I see a good deal of her when here & she can tell you much of the children.

Mrs. Schwalka drinks too much & is very dissipated

make much of. Lee Boyle is engaged to Lieut Sparrow, an excellent young man. She does not appear very well educated or at all interesting, but is very pretty and no doubt a good girl. She will probably learn much by experience. Mrs. Kernan (nee Greene) is delightfully sweet and frank & simple minded. Her father disowned her, & did not speak or allow the family to do so to her after her marriage. He will and ought to suffer greatly in some way to bring him to his senses. Both parents encouraged Mr. Kernan (who is a Catholic) & at last when he proposed for Katy Gul. Greene insulted him, & ordered him to keep away. & Katy, to see him. Mrs. Bruestel is very happy with her little baby Katherine. She and Katy have gone to Lenox & Mrs Williams by railroad. Being much cut up by the others of the 21st who have to go by steamer via D. G. Lieut Williams had to go school in Quartermaster's business, & could go by rail.

James father was here to dinner at noon yesterday - and made me a present of twenty dollars - notwithstanding James begged him not to. I believe he gave me the same when May was a little baby. Dear old man, he is so alone and scatter now. He is still on the farm, & takes journeys off at intervals on business connected with the Whitman Monument, in which he is greatly interested. He is a great worker still; says he will send me a book called "Boston inside out", I suppose it denounced Catholicism as he is so earnest in opposing that. I see Mrs. Hammatt quite often. She was here on Sunday, a week ago. Her children took all my attention and made the visit rather unsatisfactory for the grown people. Little Nan was sick and so very cross & hard to take care of. I sometimes think my girls somewhat unruly and spoiled, but Erskine and Mamie are a little more so, and show lacky discipline, though Erskine is very truthful and quite thoughtful about some things. His conscience is very troublesome at times, but he is a regular boy about noise and exploits. Bessie plays nicely with him but May stands off. She remembers his planning of putting her in the stove shooting her with a pop-gun and so on. May is getting to be less of a baby lately, & developing mischievous propensities. She loves to tease Bessie, & can do it to perfection. They have a little pup and two little kittens and are very happy with them. Baby Grace is sweet and lovable and begins to take much notice of things & people. She loves the baby very much & talks "Gin" to her to her heart's content. I enjoyed your letter to me and yours to Mamma, and the two Jamie has written me. I began a letter to him once but could not finish it. Yesterday I worked in my garden & weeded it thoroughly, getting things about fixed then dressed & drove May & Bessie and [illegible] to Mrs. Whitney's, returning just [illegible] James playing croquet at the [illegible]

Omaha. June 15th 1884

My dear Otis I have been trying to begin a letter for some time this afternoon but one thing and then another would hinder. Now I have just received a visit from Col. Mason and Dr Dixon who is passing through here to San Francisco. We are having as warm weather now as when Capt. Grey was here after our return from the Yellowstone Park. I had a pleasant letter from Grace last week – all well. She will miss some friends when the 21st Infantry leaves there. I presume you know that they are coming to the Dept of the Platte and the 14th is going to Vancouver and else

or to Scotland. Tell Jamie when he goes to Berlin if he does, he can send me some illustrated fashion papers of late date. I received the little sheets from Paris. I now want greater variety and our pattern come from Berlin also. We are all very glad to learn that both of you are in such good health. I hope no more boils will trouble Jamie. I think you must have been to Geneva by this time and on northward. Some have gone to bed while I have been writing and only Johnnie and I left here. Chauncey went to bed very early for he has been quite lately one of the young men employed at the store who is sick. Now I will close as I am at the bottom of my sheet and the evening has passed.

Give love to Jamie I like his long diary letters he does Grandmother. Bessie "wants to write" but doesn't. Your

your loving Wife.

where in the Dept of Columbia
Col. Mason says they will be
stationed at Fort Sidney.
Bridger, and one Co. each at
two other posts, while three
will camp for the present
at Fort Russell. We have Bessie's
letter and mine from you at Rome
dated May 27 and 28. James journal
to that date. My letter has come
giving a description of his visit
to the ground where Ephesus was.
He spoke of going there Saturday - May.
I think all letters have reached me
but that one, if it was written.
I sent you last one to Grace.
I believe the days here are very much
alike. When I do go out you are
inquired about and thought to be having
a pleasant trip: Mrs. Gibbon is in town
at the Paxton with the General. I called
last week. She came while I
was away. I brought Mrs. Maud
Lee from Brownell Hall (in Omaha) Friday
evening to remain till Sat. noon.
Bessie Rawles met her and stayed
here with her. Dell does not send
Ellie as yet. I presume she will
come this month. I think he
fears to have her go away from him
or be anything but a little girl. I know
it will do her good to be away from home
a while. Grandmother wants also to
see her, after her visit here. We
had Rev. Mr. Brand preach for
Mr. Sterrill this morning. He is
Pastor of a church in Oberlin. He
seemed like an Eastern preacher.
I liked him very much. I presume
everybody did. Williams wife has
gone to Ireland. Will you go there

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Brunswick, Maine, June 16, 84

My dear Gen. Howard,

your note of May 19th was received & I only obtained a few days ago your address from your brother whom I met at Harpswell where he was in attendance on our County Conference.

I shall pursue the usual course regarding your brother & see that the subject is committed to the proper channel. At the same time, as the Boards have become very chary in the matter of decrees, it may be thought best not to press the suggestion - The Faculty have no responsibility in the case & know nothing of the individual cases.

I hope you are enjoying your vacation so richly deserved after years of such service.

Packard A. S.

Brunswick, Mes.
June 16. 1884

You will meet Mr. Green a graduate of 1855 a most worthy & excellent man. & see fruits of the labor & skill, energy & address of Dr. Hamlin in Robert College. I have never understood why he was led to resign his position there, but have the persuasion that he suffered wrong.

I judge that our missionaries wherever the Sultan has sway have reason to feel anxiety about what may turn up any day. Mahommedanism seems to be awaking to intenser fanaticism = Our trust is in Him alone who is Governor among the nations.

I have followed your career from graduation. & rejoice myself, while I congratulate you on the distinguished service you have been enabled to render to your country & to man.

Faithfully ever yours,

A. L. Packard.

F. R. FOSTER, President.
H. A. WHITMAN, Vice-President.
STEPHEN BALL, Secretary.
I. W. LYON, M.D., Med. Ex'r.

Hartford, Ct., June 16, 1884.

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To the Members:

Many requests have been made by the members of both divisions of the Safety Fund System of the Hartford Life and Annuity Insurance Co. to combine them into one division and after a careful consideration of the subject it has been decided to do so, as the interests of all concerned can be best served by such a combination and every consideration of the matter is wholly in favor of it.

By such consolidation the accumulated Funds are combined which will result in a considerably earlier participation than can otherwise be had, while the whole operation of conducting the business will be simplified by combining the divisions. Whether members are in one division or in the other or in both they will benefit by the consolidation; the older division by the additional strength of membership brought by the consolidation as well as by the accession of the Fund of the other division to its Fund, while the younger division will benefit in like manner.

The Company will gain no advantage whatever by this arrangement save in the matter of book-keeping and simplification of its operations before alluded to, but the argument that a fund of $1,000,000. is amply sufficient for any extent of membership and that there should be but one Fund and one Division is so strong that the Company feel impelled to accede to the requests.

Enclosed is a form of agreement which you may sign and forward to us and thus give us the requisite authority to complete the suggested consolidation.

Respectfully,

Stephen Ball
Secretary.

Ball, S.

Hartford
June 16. 1884

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Committee.

James Barnett. George W. Howe.
M. D. Leggett. John F. Herrick.
John C. Crowell. A. H. Mattox.
William H. Harris. B. B. Peck.

The favor of an answer addressed to B. B. Peck is requested not later than June first.

Mt. Order Loyal Legion
June 17. 1884

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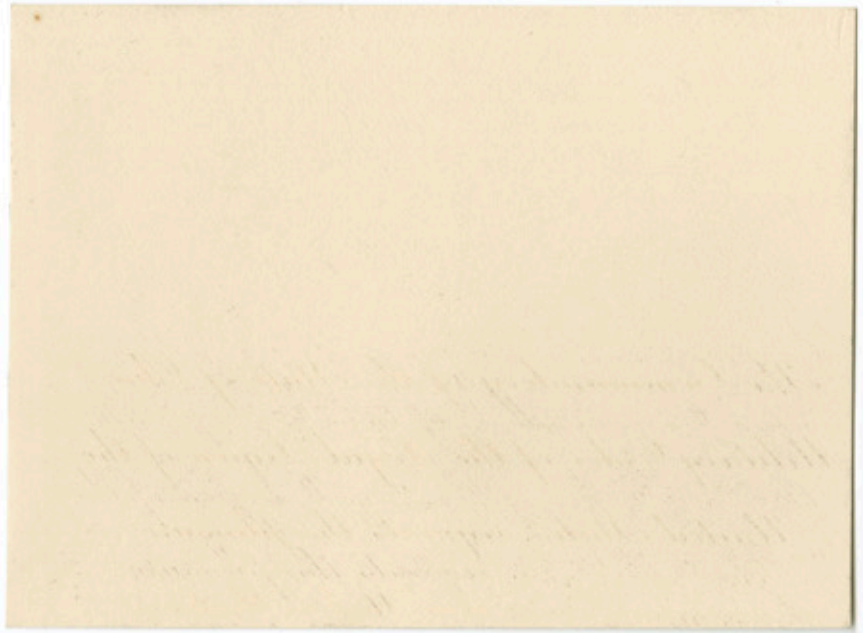


CORLAUGHLIN & CO.
CLEVELAND, O.

[CB - June 17, 1884]

The Commandery of the State of Ohio
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the
United States, requests the pleasure
of your company at a Stated Meeting
of the Commandery, to be held at Cleveland,
Tuesday, June 17th 1884.
Banquet at Kennard House
at Eight o'clock P.M.

A Luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock
noon, after which Carriages will be in readiness for
a drive, to both of which Ladies are cordially invited.

Drulatour, E. J.

Paris, France
June 17 - 1884.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
PLACE DES ETATS-UNIS
PARIS

June 17. 1884.

My dear General,

In accordance with your request, I beg leave to inform you that the invitation to attend the "grandes manoeuvres" was extended to=

General O. O. Howard - Paris

our Government on
the 6th of May.
The "manoeuvres" will
take place towards
the end of September.
I have the honor
to remain,
very truly yours
E. I. Brulatour
U. S. chargé d'
affaires

him but I am waiting for him to come home and tell me all about every-thing, as I think he can tell easier than he can write, as I know I can and besides I hear all his letters to Mamma and it seems that he would not have any-thing to say to me. I like to listen to Jamie's and your letters, as they are so interesting, all about the things you see and enjoy. I am going to write to him though and I hope he will answer my letter. When we were

Omaha, Neb. June 12, 84

Dear Papa,

I recieved your letter about a week ago and thought it the only one you had written to me but I found out after-wards that I had recieved a letter from you during the time I was sick and Mamma read it to me but I thought it was to her. Last Sunday a Mr.

Brand of Oberlin, Ohio
preached for Mr. Sherrill
and it was a very in-
teresting sermon. Since
you have been gone I
have ridden a roan
horse that belongs at
the stable and he
rides very well I think.
When I was in Chica-
go last I took a ride
with Mac. I rode Mr.
Day's pony Washdy. I
think Washdy is a very
queer name for a pony,
Dont you? There is a very
pleasant family living
in Mr. Shinerick's old
house. The dogs, Nero &
Prince, spend most of
their time over there
coming home just
long enough for their
meals and then hur-
rying back again.
Guy and Jeannie are
living in their house
now and I was over
there to lunch the other
day. We have a new
fence and the yard all
soded on the north
side of the house which
makes the place look
finished. Tell Jamie
that I would write to

ones show a decided preference for him — though indeed I grant — they show excellent good taste and judgement! But — I had been used to fancy my charms ~~irresistible~~ and my better half quite "cuts me out". — We thought Vancouver a very pretty place — indeed the country is far more beautiful than I ever saw in Cal. Portland is looking like a bower now.

I am as happy as can be — sometimes longing for my "own relations" and especially my little Mother — But for keeping to be alone with my husband than to have unlimited company without him — It seems a fact — my family cannot realize that I'd rather be

Portland (Ore.)
June 18th 1884

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My always dear Friend,

My pen is only finding expression now for the thoughts of all the many weeks since last — I wrote to you. I wish I knew exactly where you were and what doing — I can only think of you vaguely as "somewhere" or "the other side" — That is hardly satisfactory is it?

You on having a charming time and seeing wonderful things no doubt — It is a longing of yours and mine to travel afar and see the

fascinating things our travelled friends tell us of - I feel as if I knew a great deal about these things from my parents and sister - My precious sister! It does not seem possible it is nearly two long years since she fell asleep - does it? If it were possible my remembrance grows more and more full of her and her beautiful life. I think because it is educating me to a place where I can more fully realize and appreciate just how sweet and beautiful her life was even in its weariest moments. All these yr knew & loved her on more precious to me on that account - I was thinking so of you yesterday - it makes a tender link for me in the things I cherish in my heart. My good friend your friendship is far more exquisitely precious to me because you knew and appreciated her - I shall never be like her, but it is the knowledge of her life by the help of Christ that helps me to a fuller effort after that spiritual fordness and practical effect - so hard for me to attain by nature - I was born "giddy" I think, and I don't feel a child-good naturally - But - I did not mean to be egotistical in this letter - I have seen your dear daughter and the sweet darling babies - Jo and I spent a delightful Sunday with them about a month ago - I am getting jealous of my husband — all the little

I thank God that I am "happily" married. I know others don't think so — from a worldly point & they think my husband difficult — but — to me his tongue is loosed & his soul full of light = He is not perfect — but — I think he is going to be! Can you find time amid your many occupations in travelling to send me a line or two? I should be very grateful. Your mother send kindest regards as he knew I was writing.

I wish I had seen your three fascinating little granddaughters again before writing. They look like a tiny carol.

With deep affection
M. B. T.

Box 832.
A. J. B. Thompson.

with him choosing a crust if need were than to any other in the world under most comfortable circumstances without him. And so I am choosing a very comfortable kind of a crust at present! Joe is getting started very nicely and before a great while we hope will be in practice for himself in some way. He has been here but six months. You can't think what a charming lover-husband I have. I feel like a perpetual romance, and so it is a real one I have no fear of turning the page. My husband makes me think I am something finer than I am — something choicer delicate & dainty — and

when he thinks me so with-
all his heart-, I try to be as
much that- as I can- But-
I could not- were it- not- for the
sweet- & radiant- check of love
he wraps me in- Is there
anything in human life or
soul- think you, as the daily
unfolding of many sided yet-
perfectly fitting love of husband
and wife, showing a more capa-
city for deepening & broadening
- embracing all ways- — com-
pletely satisfying each as far
as human power can reach?
I don't feel now as if I did more
than feel the the joy of glorious
a love for my husband when I
married him — I have found
a vast- deep of love since then

that- nothing but- the conditions of
our life together could have
discovered for me- It is less
noticable to be sure, but- for
more satisfying - It is not be-
cause my husband is perfect — the
very fact- that he has been in trou-
ble has brought- us closer — it is
the sharing of these parts of our
lives we never seemed to authors
gage before, and the drawing close
over the petter things too- I
do not- feel his pouring all the
life of my soul — then on places
that I never felt to tender —
never even to ashamed & timid
to show even my dearest- friend.
I am egotistical in my letter
after all but- I wanted you to
know me as I feel now — a
married woman is different-
from a careless girl, and