Washington, D.C.
Febry. 5th 1886.

Frye, Hon. W. P.

In regard to decoration from French Govt.

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SENATE CHAMBER
WASHINGTON

Feb. 5. 1886

My dear Genl.

When your matter came up for consideration before the Committee on Foreign Relations, I urged a favorable report, first, on general grounds, and finding myself overruled there, then put in my personal friendship as a reason, informing the Committee that you and I were classmates, born near each other, and I particularly desired that you might receive this decoration. The Committee were unanimous against it, and it is entirely useless to endeavor to obtain a reconsideration.

Senator Edmunds is bitterly hostile to United States Officers receiving decorations

from foreign governments, and will fight it to the bitter end.

I am sorry for you.

Very truly
Yours
J. P. Sayre

Genl. O. O. Howard
Omaha Neb.

r/t House of Representatives U. S.,

Washington, D. C., July 5, 1886

Genl O O Howard

Dear General,

I hand you Senate Report #68 - I am advised that in face of this report it will be impossible to do anything in the House that will enable you to receive the Decoration - am very sorry I cannot serve you as you desire

Yours truly

Geo E Dorsey

Washington, D.C.
Febry. 5th 1886.

Dorsey, Hon., Geo.

In regard to decoration from French Govt

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Head-Quarters Fourth Infantry,
Adjutant's Office,
Fort Omaha, Neb.

Oct 6th 1886

Genl O. O. Howard
Head Qrs Dept of Platte.

My Dear General

I have just received a letter from Genl Crook containing a pass for you over the Mississippi Pacific Ry, which he requested me to send to you - with his regards.

Very sincerely Yours

Peter D. Vroom

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War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, February 6, 1886.

Sir:

Owing to frequency of calls on this office for copies of decisions on points of tactics, a limited edition of the accompanying compilation has been printed by direction of the Secretary of War; the number sent you herewith is therefore intended solely for the official use of your Office

Please sign and return accompanying memorandum receipt.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

R. C. Drum,

Adjutant General.

To Comdg General,
Dept of the Platte,
Omaha, Nebr.

Washington, D. C.,
Febry. 6th 1886.

Adjutant General,

Inquiries copy of decisions on points of tactics.

if they were properly assisted and guided in their efforts. I believe that they should be supplied with farming implements, material for fencing their lands &c., and that farmers - honest men - having no private interests to subserve, should be sent to them, to teach them how to fence and cultivate their land. Wagon-makers and black smiths should also be sent them. These employés should devote their whole time to teaching these people how to work, and assisting them whenever necessary.

In regard to their advancement in civilization, I am of the opinion that very little has been done within the last five years. I certainly think that they would have made progress in that direction had not the lease question interfered, and had they been supplied with farming implements &c, and with a proper class of employés to

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Personal.

Fort Supply, I. T.
February 6th 1886

Genl O. O. Howard,
U. S. Army
Omaha, Neb.

Dear General

Your letter in relation to Indians in the Indian Territory is received.

Referring thereto I have to state that I am stationed near the extreme western border of the Territory and have very little knowledge of the present condition of the tribes that are located thereon, with the exception of those now occupying the lands immediately south of the Cherokee Strip. These Indians are the Arapahoes and Cheyennes. The

Agency of these Indians is located at Darlington, I. T. and in the immediate vicinity of Fort Reno. The Agent of these tribes, Capt. J. M. Lee, 9th U.S. Infantry, can undoubtedly give you more accurate information in relation to the present condition of these people, than I can. I have some knowledge of the condition of the Arapahoe and Cheyennes as I have a Company of Scouts (40 men) under my Command. These Scouts are all Cheyennes, I find them orderly and obedient, apt and desirous of learning their duties. The Arapahoes and Cheyennes are nominally governed by their Chiefs, but the Chiefs are actually under the control of the young men - known as dog soldiers - and the Chiefs are powerless to act, unless by and with the consent of these soldiers - should they attempt to do so they would be set aside at once. They are much devided on some questions, especially in relation to their lands. This question came to a head last summer, when the matter of the leases was settled. These leases were repudiated by the people, that is, by the controlling element - the dog soldiers. They asserted that the leasing of their lands to white men for grazing purposes was done by irresponsible persons without due consideration, and without consulting the people that are in actual control and who were most interested. I understand that they are devided on other questions - some of them desire to remain in the immediate vicinity of their agency, and live on supplies from the government; others, and I think them the better element, wish to settle on their lands, in small parties, or bands, and go to cultivating the soil and to raising cattle &c. I believe that they would do this and that they would become self-supporting

aid and guide them. Should I remain here the coming summer, I propose to instruct the Scouts and their families in the proper manner of cultivating the soil I shall plow and fence land for them, making use of their labor in so doing, and if possible furnish them seeds for planting.

I caused these Scouts to construct stable and corral for their horses last fall - capacity about two hundred. To day they are well satisfied that this was done. They have seen the utility of this work.

I wish to say that the foregoing opinions are my personal views on this subject. I will further remark

Lt. Col. Dudley, Cmd.
Fort Duchesne, Utah
Febry. 6, 1886.

Dutton,
Col., 9th Cav.,
Ft. Robinson, Nebr.

In regard to Scouts
see in Sheridan
Ind. Ty.

that many of the Cheyennes have stated to me that they desire to locate on the Main Canadian and Washita rivers and to establish farms there. If they do so, I think that it would be well to establish small primary schools at or near their villages, on that part of their reservation, as these people desire to have their young children with or near them, as do most people.

I do not intend, by these remarks to interfere in any way with the management of the Indian Department or to give advice in that direction I submit them to you, as my personal views.

I am Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. H. Carlton
Colonel 1st Cav Brig Genl USA

No answer required.

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Madison Barracks N. Y.
February 6. 1886.

Dear General,

Your letter enclosing the recommendation for Wilbur Dove was duly received and I wish to tender you very sincere thanks for the assistance you have rendered and for the very handsome manner in which you have recognized the services of our deceased comrade. I have delayed somewhat in order to be able to say what progress has been made in a matter in which you have taken so kindly an interest.

Besides yourself Wilbur has been cordially recommended by Generals Schofield and Pope, Colonels Kelton, Breck, McKeen, Jones Sprague and quite a number of distinguished officers of various arms of the service and by the Colonel and other officers of the Twelfth Infantry acting as a regiment. I feel assured that he will receive the appointment if

military recommendations are of avail as they certainly should be in the selection of youth to officer our army. I have retained copies of the letters in order that Walbur may in the future understand who have befriended him in this effort to enter the Academy, and if he becomes the trusty officer that he owes it to such distinguished sponsors to become I bespeak for him in the future a continuance of the interest you have already shown in his behalf. Please accept from Mrs. Dove the assurances of her lasting gratitude.

Yours most sincerely & respectfully,
Harry C. Egbert.

Bvt. Major General O. O. Howard.
U.S. Army.
Omaha Neb.

Moulton Iowa
Febry. 6, 1886.
Egbert, Capt. N. G.

for about six weeks — so I have recitations from 10 to 12 A.M. & from 2 to 5:00 P.M. My lessons — then will have to be learned, mostly at night for a while.

I enjoyed the "rest of change" of last week. I was very busy but not with Institute studies.

I enjoy Mrs. Holloway's book very much — now that I am reading it slowly & carefully.

Many people here in Troy have it & speak to me of it.

My influence among my fellows is strong for right, and I am glad — for they may be helped: I am glad to be of some service to Him who gives me so much comfort & peace in this life.

The people I live with are well & I have a nice home.

With love to all I close this hastily written letter from your Son & Jennie.

Howard, Jas. W. 77.

To Gen. A. W. Howard

711, Fulton street,
Troy, N.Y. Feb 7, 1888.

P.S. The inclosed Stamp Tyler is for another. J. W. H.

My dear Father:

Two days ago — when reading one of the scientific papers ("The Science") I came across a report of a thorough investigation of the Theosophical Society or the "Theosophists".

The article is abridged from the "Proceedings of the Society for Psychical research" (of England) Part XX, December 1885, London, Trübner & Co. 1885, 8vo.

This latter society instigated an investigation of the other society or of the so called Theosophists. The investigation

lasted a year & was very thorough.

Here is a brief resume of the Theosophists.

It was founded in 1875 by Colonel Olcott & Madame Blavatsky in New York.

Its purported object was "for philanthropic & literary purposes"

In 1878 it headquarters were transferred to India.

In 1884 Mr. R. Hodgson, B.A. of St Johns College, Cambridge, England was sent to India to investigate the whole matter. He did so - using many means and ruses.

General arrangements for optical deception were seen & assumed & obtained from the society.

The sliding panel arrangement - used in the presenting of letters - was purported to have come from a distance was taken & exposed.

The conclusion of the long & tortuous report is in these words:

"We regard her (Madam Blavatsky the "aged" lady) neither as the mouthpiece of hidden seers, nor as a mere vulgar adventress; we think she has achieved a title to permanent remembrance as one of the most accomplished, ingenious & interesting impostors in history"

I thought you might like to see this result of a well organized and effective investigation of these "Theosophists".

I am well. I have been work again yesterday. I shall be very busy

ans. by Sam. Feb. 12/86

Brooklyn Feb. 7. '86.

Holloway, Miss L. C.

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My Dear Friend.

I have been slow in answering the letter you wrote me regarding the business of O'Neill & Co., but I have been thinking it, when not too weak and sick to do so. It seems to me that the plan is one that may not succeed and I hesitate to take risks on any uncertainty. My

him all the help I can. My head roars with every effort I make to write, and my letters today are stupid. The Doctor has given me so much quinine that I am not wholly my self. I do hope you will get the promotion and all that I could do has been done to secure it. Miss Cleveland said she had done all that she could in the matter. Let us hope for the best.

With sincere regard
Laura C. Holloway.

Brother prefers to work
at some business that
he is acquainted with,
and my son has not
gained my consent
to have him go so far
when I must remain
here. Mr. O'Neill can
do well if he has
a head with him. But
he is over sanguine I
should judge. If I had
the feeling that it
was best for me to go
into business in Omaha
I would do it but I dread
to run risks unless the
prospects are flatter-
ing. Tomorrow I am
going to Phila. to try
to secure the control
of my book "The Ladies
of The White House" (which
I own but here let
a publisher have for a
certain time. If I can
get it I will be glad
to have John act as
agent for it in Ne-
braska and I will
give

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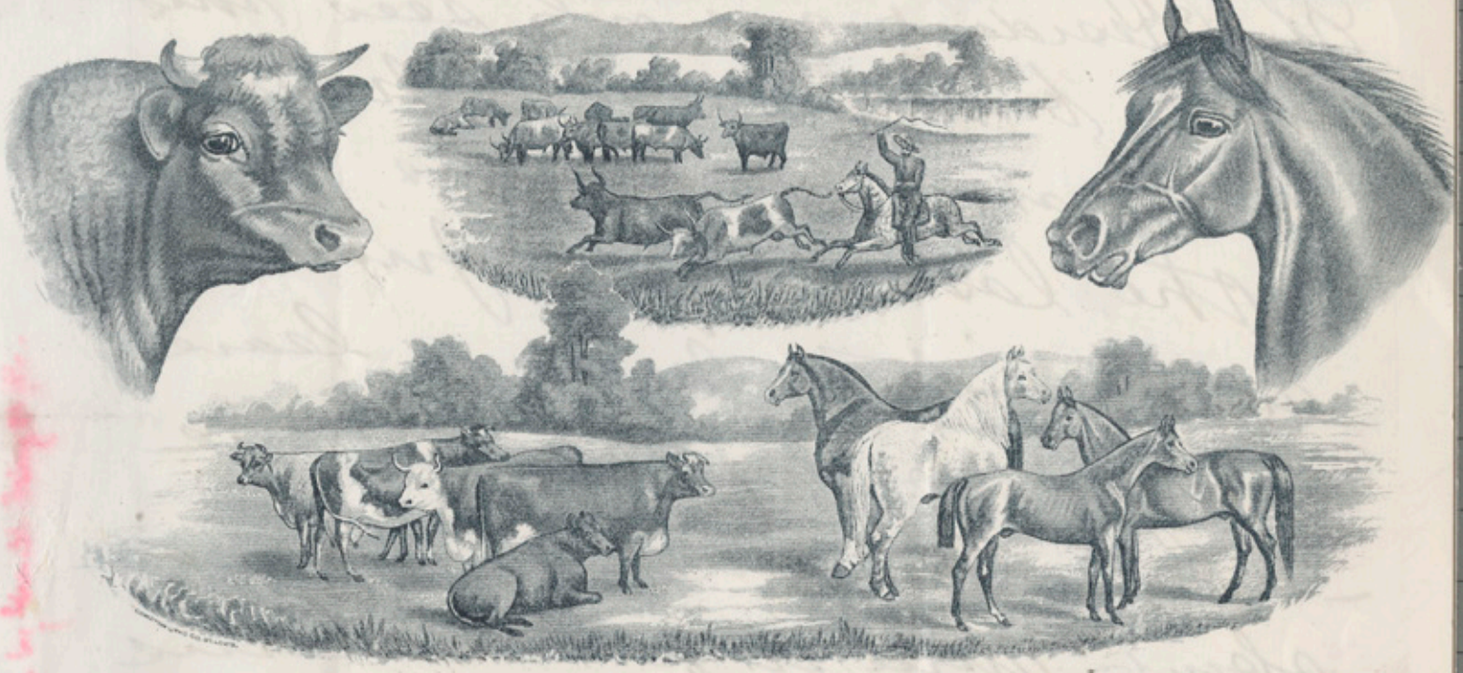
R. D. Hunter, President.
J. S. Brisbin, V. Pres't.

NATIONAL CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

A. T. Atwater, Sec'y.
J. C. Moore, Treas.



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRES'T.

Fort Niobrara Neb. Feby 8th 1886

Dear Genl Howard

I have just finished a labor of love. You no doubt have a very lively recollection of a battle by the name of Fair Oaks or Seven Pines as it is often called. I thought a description of this battle just at this time might help you so I prepared one for Whitelaw Reid. It will first appear in the Tribune and next day in seven other papers among them the Omaha Herald so you will be sure to see it. The subject is entitled "Where Genl Howard Lost his Arm" I hope it does

Gen Justice. I will see that the President not only sees this article but reads it. I have been at it for six days and the last copy is just done and the eight by packages leave tonight so I feel quite relieved. The article will make about three or four columns and I have done my best making your movement with the 6 Corps & 64th New York the central figure and the death of Col Miller & Gen Penna wounding of Cross & a climax. I will be glad after you have read it to have your opinion of this article and also any corrections you may have to make. I think however you will find it very correct and the fighting well delineated and described

Yours Trly Jas S Robinson

Feby. 8th 1886.
Gen'l. Jas. S.
President

Chicago, Ills.,
Febry. 8th 1886.

Mead, A. B.,
Secy. Chicago Congregational Club.

Announces meeting of — & encloses ticket.

Reply by postal card to J. H. Moore. 157 La Salle St
Febry 12/86.

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The Chicago Congregational Club

WILL MEET IN THE ROOMS OF

THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB,

202 DEARBORN ST., 1ST FLOOR,

On Monday Evening, February 15, 1886,

AT HALF PAST FIVE.

SUPPER WILL BE SERVED PROMPTLY AT SIX O'CLOCK.

THE SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE

"The Church Prayer Meeting."

1st.—How to Conduct It. - - - By Rev. H. M. SCUDDER, D.D.

2d.—Its Object and Importance. - - By Rev. B. F. LEAVETT.

3d.—The Duty of Laymen in Respect to It. - By Mr. WILLIAM SPOONER.

It is desired that a general discussion follow these addresses, and ***all*** *members of the Club are invited to speak without being called upon. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes.*

The following topics are suggested, but members can speak to any other they wish:

Closet Preparation.

Pre-announced Topics.

Pre-arranged Spontaniety.

The Long Opening Talk—should it be Suggestive or Exhaustive?

Punctuality in Commencing and Closing.

Church Members who do not Attend.

Church Members who do not take part.

How can Non-Professors be brought in?

Shall Ladies take part

What kind of Hymns should be sung?

Should they be selected beforehand?

Shall a dozen Verses of the same Hymn be sung at one time?

How can the Stranger be made to feel Welcome?

How can a Revival Atmosphere be Developed and Sustained?

The Executive Committee invite the members to send to the Secretary at once, a list of topics they wish discussed during the coming year.

Please fill out and return enclosed postal to the Treasurer on or before Saturday, the 13th.

Visitors' tickets can be obtained of the Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Moore, 159 La Salle St, at $1.25 each, instead of the Secretary, as heretofore. Members will please note this change, also change in place of meeting

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At the January Meeting the following Officers for 1886 were elected:

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WM. E. HALE,
C. H. CASE.

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The Chicago Congregational Club.

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February 15, 1886.

This Ticket will be surrendered at the door of the Dining Room.

A. B. MEAD, Secretary.

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Ans. by Gen. St. Sibley Feb. 9th.

OFFICE OF

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Army and Navy Record Company,

Washington, D. C. Feb. 8th 1884

Gen. O. O. Howard

General:-

We have the honor to request a drawing, or small sketch, of the H.Q. flag of the "Army of the Penn."

We find in the Q.M. Gen's, office H.Q. flags of the "Army of the Potomac", "Army of the Cumberland" and "Army of the Ohio" but none of your army. Gen. Logan thinks it was a blue rectangular flag with thirteen stars in the field, but does not remember how the stars were placed, We want a sketch that will enable us to paint it.

We have the honor to be

Very truly Your

Army & Navy Record Co.

per W.C. Strickler

Washington, D.C.
Feby. 8th 1886.

Strickler, W. C.
Army & N. Record Co.
Requests sketch of
N.Y. flag of the "Army
of the Potomac."

ans. by Gen. Feb. 20/86.

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Franklin Ind Feb 9th 86

Genl Howard

My Dear Sir

I have just got out 1000 circulars like the enclosed to scatter over the country. We appreciate most highly your efforts for us & the gift sent through you for the present we are sick. Now if you could take time to endorse these circulars & send to your friends East, I doubt not we should realize returns. I have had to spend so much time in helping feeble churches that I have not been able to do as much as I would, so we are getting behind. I do not want to overburden you, but fortnightly, God seems to have given you a broader case for work than some of the rest of us.

Yrs

C. S. Harrison

Franklin, Me.
Feby. 9. 1886.

Francis Rey.

Ans. Feb. 12. 1886. by Gen. H.

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GEN. O. O. HOWARD,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

DEAR BROTHER:-

I HAVE YOUR FAVOR OF JANUARY 5TH, BUT HAVE BEEN ABSENT IN MADISON.

I WILL WRITE TOMORROW TO CARL SHURTZ AND BARLOW, THOUGH I HAVE NOT THEIR EXACT ADDRESSES. WILL SEND TO NEW YORK CITY.

DEAN WRITES THAT WE OUGHT TO GET HENRY WARD BEECHER TO ASSIST. DO YOU KNOW ANY MUTUAL FRIEND WHO WOULD SEE HIM ? HOW ABOUT MR. A.S.BARNES ? ARE YOU WELL ACQUAINTED WITH HIM ? I BELIEVE I WILL DROP HIM A LINE.

AFFECTIONATELY YOURS,

C. H. Howard

Chicago, Ills.
Febry. 9. 1886.

Howard, C. H.

About his writing to Schurz & Barlow.

V. BIERBOWER,
ASS'T U. S. DIS'T ATT'Y,
OGDEN.

ans. by Gen. Feby 12. /86.

W. H. DICKSON,
U. S. DIS'T ATT'Y,
SALT LAKE CITY.

OFFICE OF

ASSISTANT U. S DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

(FIRST DISTRICT.)

84.

Ogden, Utah, Feby 9th 1886

Gen O. O. Howard -

My Dear Sir - I take pleasure in sending you a copy of my speech on the trial of Apostle Snow. I have received such flattering letters from Gen McCook, Major Stanton and others that I have had a large edition printed for circulation among my friends. As you are familiar with affairs here, I take your kind pleasure to read it -

Yours truly -

V. Bierbower

Bierbower, V.
Asst. U. S. Dist. Atty.

ans. Febry 16.

85.

Aurora, Ill., Feb 9th '86.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
My dear Sir:

I am preparing a discussion on the proper observance of the Lord's Day. I know you are interested in this question. I have written the following paragraph in the course of the Essay and before giving it to the public I would like your judgment about it.

"Gen. Howard was ordered by his superior officer to reinstitute at Fort Omaha the Sunday dress parade and in deference to authority but in violation of his religious sense, he yielded. This was a mistake. The Sunday dress parade is an abuse of the Lord's Day and the military authorities violate the design of the Sabbath by attaching this exercise, however important, on Sunday. But no man ~~can be blameless~~ is blameless before God ~~for not~~ when he violates by his own activities the Lord's Day although commanded ~~to~~ do so by his superior."

Any further suggestions which you (ours)

can make me concerning the relation of military affairs to the Lord's Day will be gratefully received.

Faithfully Yours,

L. D. Temple.

Pastor 1st Bap Ch.

Aurora, Ills.,
Febr. 9th 1886.

Temple, Rev., L. D.
Proper observance of
the Lord's Day.

Princeton, N.J.,
Febry. 9th 1886.
Phelps, Mrs. M. A.

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Ans. by Gen. H. Febry. 12. /86.

Princeton Febry 9th /85
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Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

you will pardon me for addressing you in behalf of Jay W. Monroe of Grinnell Iowa a grand Son & is looking for a position where he can help himself as he has no father & has to depend on his own resources He graduated at Poughkeepsie Commercial College last fall His Diploma & recommendation is all he could wish stood highest in his class but one He has been unfortunate losing thumb up to first joint also the fore & middle finger

up to second of the right hand to work in a barbed wire factory in Grinnell about three yrs since, so Mr Grinnell the founder of the College gave him a scholar ship to go to school & he taught winters to meet his other expences &c. He is a good steady young man they had a revival in the College while there & came out on the side of religion, & night I paid his Expences East in College & home my income is small &c.

so if you would be so kind to see if there is any vacancies he could fill (if small salary) to help himself now for he writes me how discouraged he was he had been sawing wood to keep him, He is capable of filling any business situation there

As you were a business man & Bro of H. B. Howard once a much loved Pastor of ours & Jay W. Monroe was one of the boys he was much interested about (though somewhat younger than some of them) so I took the liberty to write you as your name was suggested to me & he is so much in need of help & he does appreciate so much everything that is done for him & in a letter to day I just rec'd he says If kind providence will only be the means of helping me to a start no may shall have it to say that I did not try to please my employer, He has no one to help him & he has done all the work he can find to do Please ans soon

And Direct to Jay W. Monroe Grinnell Iowa.

Yours Sincerely

Mary A. Phelps

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Indianapolis Arsenal,
Indianapolis, Ind.

February 9th 1886
1886

General O.O.Howard, U.S.Army.

Dear General.

Your very kind letter was duly received. The struggle to make something else out of the arsenal, still goes on. I sent you today, a copy of the daily Journal, containing a letter which I wrote as an effort to enlighten the good people of this city upon some questions about the army, of which they entertain very erroneous notions; and, at the same time, by a little touch of sarcasm, convince them of the folly of discarding the arsenal for an uncertain hope of getting something better.

I had written thus far when a telephone message came, telling of the death of General Hancock, and, after the first shock of surprise, and wonder at the frequent deaths of our distinguished men, I naturally indulged in some speculations as to the effect upon your fortunes that this one might entail. I know that it ought to give you promotion at once, and have confidence that the President will not treat you so unjustly as to overslaugh you. If he had any such intention when Gener-

Indianapolis Arsenal,

Indianapolis, Ind.

al Pope should retire, in order to give promotion to General Terry or to any one else; this unexpected vacancy will remove his inclinations in that direction. Perhaps it will change your plans materially, taking you to Governor's Island, instead of San Francisco. I suppose General Schofield will prefer to retain his present command. Nous verrons. The Evening News is the paper which stirred up the arsenal difficulty and keeps it boiling. I enclose the comments made by its editor this evening, on my letter in the Journal. He evidently feels confident that he knows who wrote it, and has some fear of the opposition.

Very sincerely yours

John A. Kress

Captain of Ordnance.

I thank you for your kind offer of staff duty, and if the change of your command favors it, I will write you again.

Express John A.

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