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Grafton Oct 6 1889

Dear Conrad

I want to write you a few lines in regard to my humble self. I was an abolitionist from my early youth up to the present time and voted and fought till the victory was wone. I was a James G. Berney man in 1844. and am now the last one alive out of eleven who voted that way. in this town. I had stock in the under ground rail Road running through this Town to the land of Freedom (Canada) I have sheltered and fed Poringers on route to that station contrary to the laws of the U. S. in 1861 they called me a Dimedon nigger stealer. and said why dont you shelder your gun go and fight as you preached. 28 years yesterday I went before the Surgeon naked and was critically examined and was pafed as sound in every spot without a blemish. and I told him my age was 48 years. He said I was as good any man at 35 years

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I was disabled and discharged in 1862 and have not been able to do a half mean work since I have stood up to my Table with one knee in a chair that I might earn a living for my wife and children rather than call on the U.S.A. for help. After years of this way of living I called for Pension by the advice of my friends I received the enormous sum of $2.00 per month. And now that I am a cripple and unable to do any labor I have called for a rerating and increas of Pension. If I had money to carry me through I would not ask any thing of the Government.

Comrad. You know years ago it cost something to be an Anti Slavery man. I knew I was right. and I knew victory was sure to come for God told me it would. and I knew his word was good If you could have been in Baton 23 I of Sep it would have done your soul good to have heard those old veterans talk. our past afflictions are a joy now. God will prosper the right

I wish I could sit down and chat with for one half hour. how it would refresh my soul. I wish you could come to Grafton and speak to our Pat for the benefits of our Relief fund. you would have our Iron Hall filled to its capacity and we could have at least 800 people to hear you I suppose you stad with my Dear Friend Walker. He is the colored mans friend. and a solid one. I labored for his election and I helped tone it to better man lives. He is for having the colored have justice done him. and his voice will be heard in Congress. He is peerless and honest and a God fearing man. He is not much like T. C. Bates the demagoge his computer. One word more about myself and I will not weary your patience

I was born in North Brighton Mass the 23 day of July ~~1813~~ 1813 at 4 o'clock in the morning voted for W. H. Harrison in 1840 and for James G Birney in 1844 and went to the front in 1861 and in 1888 voted for our Benjamin Harrison. I am your true friend

George W Hastings

You must excuse all errors. I never had but 4 months school in my life

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Hastings Geo. W.

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Bancroft E. A.
File

14 Granite St
New London – Conn –
October 6th 1889 –

My dear General

Nearly one year ago I wrote to you asking your assistance in obtaining for me an increase of rank on my retirement from active service (to occur on the 17th June '89) & you were kind enough to reply (5th Nov '88) that it would afford you much pleasure to comply with my request & you asked in order to do your part well that I would send you a transcript of my military record as it was in my own mind, the battles, brevets, commendations &c &c –

As a concise transcript of my record, I cannot improve on the enclosed petition to Congress, gotten up at Regimental Head Quarters of the 4th [illegible]

of being officially correct, signed by the Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, three Majors ten Captains & twenty seven Lieutenants; all of my old regiment.

I also enclose a short sketch of my military history on another sheet, for your perusal & information.

My dear General, with your permission I propose to place your letter of commendation or whatever else you may be pleased to send me in reply to this, with the petition, before the Senate Military Committee at the ensuing session of Congress; I consider it due to you that I should state this, that there may be no misapprehension on your part hereafter, of my intended action with documents bearing your signature.

Pardon me for the liberty I have taken in thus troubling you, but the petition speaks for itself & may possibly be the means of securing myself & family a competent living in my declining years.

With great respect & kindest regards I remain very truly Yours

E A Bancroft
Capt USA Retired
formerly Capt 4th US Arty

Major General O. O. Howard USA
Commanding Division of the Atlantic
Governors Island.
New York City

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Temperance Congress

Stearns J. N.

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A World's Temperance Congress.

Rooms of the National Temperance Society,
58 READE STREET, NEW YORK.

OCTOBER 7, 1889.

DEAR FRIEND:

I send you herewith the preliminary action of the Board of Managers of the National Temperance Society, at their last meeting, in relation to the holding of a World's Temperance Congress, to be held some time during the progress of the proposed World's Fair in 1892.

Will you kindly give me your views, 1st, as to the desirability of holding such a Congress; and, 2d, if held, what should be some of the topics designated for consideration in papers and addresses to be prepared for the occasion?

Please favor me with your reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

J. N. STEARNS,
Corresponding Secretary.

A WORLD'S TEMPERANCE CONGRESS.

THE Board of Managers of the National Temperance Society, at its last regular meeting, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It is proposed to hold the World's Fair and Exposition in this country in the year 1892, which will be attended by people of all nations; therefore,

Resolved, That we deem it expedient to hold a World's Temperance Congress some time during the progress of such Fair, and that a Committee be appointed with full power to call such Congress and make all necessary arrangements.

The following Committee were appointed: Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler, J. N. Stearns, Rev. Dr. Albert G. Lawson, James Black, Theophilus A. Brouwer, Peter Carter, Henry B. Metcalf, Joshua L. Baily, Rev. Dr. D. C. Eddy, E. H. Clapp, Gen. Louis Wagner, Norman W. Dodge, Rev. Dr. T. L. Poulson, Rev. Dr. W. C. Steele, J. A. Bogardus, A. M. Powell.

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Yale University
Sheff. Sci. School.
U.S. Mus. Dept.

Oct. 7 89.

Gen'l O. O. Howard.
Governor's Isl. N.Y.

Dear General — I note by the Journal of Art notice that you have published your views upon "Our coast defence in the West" and am particularly desirous of obtaining a copy of the Pamphlet and your valuable views thereon. I am just preparing a course of lectures for me this winter here, and this very topic is exciting special study. Will you kindly let me where I may procure a copy of this work? I note also that the "Committee on Marine Defences of Pacific Coast Ports" have just published an elaborate report. May I ask if this is the same or where it may probably be obtained?

With personal regards and pleasant recollections I am sincerely

O. T. C. Potter U.S. Navy

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Seventh Regiment
Reg'mt

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[ca. Oct 7, 1889]

The Veterans of the Seventh Regiment,
National Guard S. N. Y.
present their compliments to
Major General Oliver O. Howard and Staff
and respectfully request your presence at their
Annual Dinner,
Metropolitan Hotel,
Monday, October 7th, 1889, at 6 P. M.
Yours Respectfully,
Henry E. Tremain,
Colonel,
116 Broadway

R.S.V.P.

Munson Abby J.

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83.

Farmington Me.
7th Oct. 89.

Gen. Howard,

My dear Sir,

Thinking no formal introduction necessary, I write this brief note — the mother of Capt. Samuel Munson, to thank you, with a full heart, for your kindness to my precious Son, during a long Army service.

Two years since he died in the faith — with me. Dorth and our home when you came, I look from the [illegible]

at Evergreen Cemetery,
among our old neighbors
and friends -
I have reared a stone to
my Husband and Son -
near this my one lonely grave.
If Gen - you could look on
the spot, it would please me -
I take the liberty to enclose
the only thing that has come
to me from the Army -
I sent it to Portland Press where
it was inserted - not one
word from Army friends,
my Robert boy had many, but
they all knew from him that
he had a mother - among
the hills of Maine -

My sight has become
impaired as you will
notice - and my health
is not sufficient to come
to speak to you -

Now Gen - good bye -
friend in Christian love
Abby J. Munson -

GEORGE A. PRICE,
COMMANDER,
376 FULTON ST.

HEMAN P. SMITH,
ADJUTANT,
425 SIXTH ST.

S. H. FRANKENBERG,
QUARTERMASTER,
297 CUMBERLAND ST.

HEADQUARTERS

U. S. Grant

POST No. 327, DEPARTMENT OF N. Y., G. A. R.

JOHNSTON BUILDING, FULTON AND FLATBUSH AVES.

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Brooklyn, Oct 7th 1889.

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir & Comrade:- On my return late Saturday Evening I found your letter naming the 12 inst for presentation of Flags to the Public Schools of this City. Upon inquiry I find that the Flags will not be ready till Saturday the 19 inst. — Can you oblige us by changing the day to the Evening of the 12th at 7.30 We should much like your Staff to accompany you in uniform.— We shall invite Officers of the Army & Navy in Uniform.—

The 19th is the Anniversary of the "Battle of Winchester."— Is that not a choice day for this Service?

Please reply & oblige — Very Respectfully in F. C. & L.

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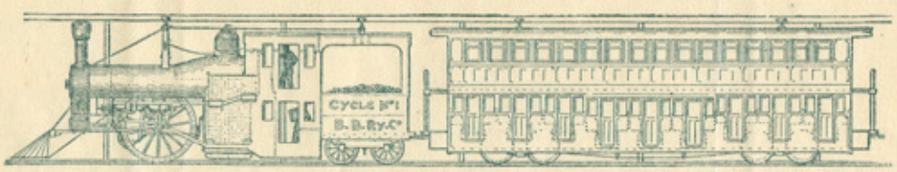
BOYNTON BICYCLE RAILWAY COMPANY.



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No. 32 NASSAU ST.
(Room 708),
NEW YORK.
MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE BUILDING.

October 8th, 1889

Mr. Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

Mr. Eben Moody Boynton sends his compliments, and would be pleased to see you at the opening of the first standard guage Boynton Bicycle Railroad, at Coney Island, on Saturday next, 12th inst., at 2 P.M.

Respectfully,
Albert K. Owen,
Secretary.

N. B.—Boat leaves foot of Whitehall Street at 1.10 P.M. for Bay Ridge, and connects direct with train for Coney Island.

Returning, trains leave Coney Island at 3.15, 4.15, 5.15 and 6.15 P.M. for New York.

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Bicycle R.R.Co.

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W. J. ALLEN, Commander,
JOHN KEEFE, Senior Vice,
J. H. DOBBINS, Junior Vice,
C. H. BOHN, Quartermaster
S. D. PAINE, Chaplain,
THOMAS WILLIAMS, Surgeon.

HEADQUARTERS

O. M. MITCHELL POST,

No. 4, Department of Florida, G. A. R.

Jacksonville, Fla., October 8th 1892

To Lt. J. Grable
1st Lieut 2nd Artillery. Mustered Stationary
Hard Granites Div. of the Atlantic

Dear Sir

Your communication of Sept 11th duly received – I came here nearly two weeks ago –

We would order the Granite from Maine for Cemetery lots – We will be very thankful for the subscription of General Howard – Most of the subscribers are sending me Ten dollars – We will be pleased to have the General send the same, if convenient –

Yours truly
Chap. S. D. Paine

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Paine S. D.

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Carbondale,
Penn.

Gen. O. O. Howard:—
Dear Sir
Will you be so kind as to favor me with your autograph and oblige.

Yours Truly
J. Castle Ridgway.

Oct 8th, '89

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Ridgway J. C.

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Yours I am sure would be of much potential influence.

Warren is a thoroughly reliable boy: has not a single bad habit and is a great comfort to me. This profession would not be my choice, but is his and I must help him to get into it, if possible.

I would give a great deal to see you and Mrs. Howard and wish very much that when

Pierce Mrs M.E.

23/9 File

Morgantown, W. Va.,
Oct. 9. 1889.

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

My dear General:

I wish to ask a favor at your hands and since immediately proceed to business by stating my case. My only son, Warren Pierce wishes to enter the

Naval Academy, and is trying to secure an appointment "at large" for 1890. Will you, having known Capt. Purcell service and what it might entitle his son to — give him a letter to the President asking for this position, in as strong terms as you care to use.

You know, General, Army people have so little opportunity for making influential friends on the outside that when we come to a place of this sort, we know not where to turn. Save to the friends in the Army. There is no vacancy in this district for two years, and Warren is just 17 years old. He wants this appointment very much. Mr. Elkins has kindly promised to work for me. But he told me to secure as many letters of importance as possible, of course, addressed to the President.

home roof -

If you can comply with my request Warren and I will thank you many times.

With many pleasant memories of past kindness at your hands,

I am

Very sincerely

Margaret E. Pierce

you are passing on the main stem of the B.T.O. You would make this little digression of 24 miles and make me a visit. I can think of nothing that would give me greater pleasure. I am housekeeping in my own little cottage: living for the education and advancement of my children. All this necessitates close watch of the finances, but we are well; and

too busy to be anything else than contented.

Kate has this year, gone to the Woman's College of Baltimore City.

Warren is Freshman in the University here and dear little Olive is attending the village public school –

We often talk over the old days in which our admiration and love for you and yours was so large a factor.

So, I repeat, nothing would do us more real good than a visit from you. We will seat you by a natural gas fire and show you the sturdiest mountaineers you have seen in many a day. How is Mrs Cry? is she still in Vancouver?

Please give a great deal of love to Mrs Howard and any of the family who may yet be under the

9- Syracuse Oct 9, 1889

Healy W. H.

93. File

Gen O O Howard
Dear Sir & Comrade

I am getting up an autograph library will you please to contribute a volume of some works you see fit with your autograph as donor if you will I will be so thankfull to you and say as I always have God Bless Gen Howard I am totaly disabled depending on my little pension I was sun struck while on duty and was pickeded from almost an idiot on am now just able to see enough to crawl around I was only a private but rekon the same feeling as men as if we were high officers we all tried to do our duty and thank God we done all that men

could but people but to appreciate our efforts But God in his own good time will and him we can trust but I will close hoping will you please to answer this personly and may God bless you is the prayer of a good many prominent persons I am only waiting for the last roll call which cannot be far off but I will close with God blessing on you and yours

Yours in F C & L

W H Healy late a member of Co F 4th N Y H Artillery now a member of Root Post No 15 G A R Depat N Y Orson Coville, Conn

W H Healy No 503 Avery Avenue Syracuse N Y

per W H

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THE WORLD'S EXPOSITION OF 1892.

Howard O. O.

Treasurer's Office, 183 DEARBORN STREET.

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DE WITT C. CREGIER, Chairman.
W. J. ONAHAN, Treasurer.

Chicago, 10 ~~Sept.~~ Oct 9, 1889.

Mr. Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:.

I, respectfully beg to call your attention to the following paragraph of the agreement in the subscription book:

"We do further agree, each in consideration of the like agreement of the others, to pay on demand to Wm. J. Onahan, Treasurer, two per centum of our respective subscriptions aforesaid, in advance of the organization of the Company, to be used under the direction of the Executive Committee which has the promotion and organization of the Company in charge, in paying the preliminary expenses of organization and in the general work of preparing for the World's Exposition of 1892 in Chicago."

Will you kindly, in accordance with the above, send a check payable to my order to the Committees' Headquarters, 183 Dearborn St., and secure your receipt for two per cent. of your subscription? If you call in person, please ask for Mr. W. T. Hughes, my representative.

Truly yours,

~~W. J. Onahan,~~

~~Treasurer.~~

This is a joke.

1000 shares,

$200.00 — 2%

I have the charge of all this work involving the handling of many hundred dollars. Mr. Onahan, Comptroller, spends no time at the work. Mr Wm T. Hughes is his representative. I am his Cashier. If the Fair comes they will let me name what my services are worth. I am asking for $250 a month. All are satisfied with my work. I was promoted by request of Mr. Hughes + Onahan as having "brains + being able to make out the vouchers quicker + more accurately than any one" they knew

I have been working late evenings lately & may have to for a few more days. Mr. Hughes was crowded with work & had a great accumulation of work that was piled up on his desk & keeping him late nights. I am given the credit of having straightened things out. Money is coming in very fast & all has to pass me before it goes to Mr. Hughes who issues receipts & deposits in the bank.

It is time to close & I am sending you this along with other notices.

Guy must honor that bill of sale of trees as far as it has not been paid because as he ought to remember I hold a promissory note secured by 2d Mortgage in payment therefore.

Dalton to Howard.

I will send a statement (as soon as I can get a moments time) of the amt. of trees Snow got last fall & the amt. still due him

Aff Chaney.