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Colleges of Liberal Arts, Medicine, Pharmacy, Oratory,  
Theology, Science, Law, Art, Music. Field and  
Gymnasium Physical Development.

J. H. ROORK, Agent and Secretary.

SALEM, OREGON,

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1895

Dear O. O. Howard, Portland Oregon

Dear Sir

We have just learned that Bishop D. A. Goodsell  
of San Francisco cannot be with us until Feb, 8<sup>th</sup>  
I write to ask if you will be kind enough to  
come at that time, instead of Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you can  
do so, it will greatly oblige us, and bring under  
still greater obligations to you.  
So that we can make necessary changes to accord,

Please drop me a card  
Yours very truly

J. H. Roork  
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Cardinal engaged in Feb.  
Could make my point

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*Letter to Mr. [illegible]*

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*James H. [illegible]*

Gen. O. O. HOWE  
M. S. HOWE  
OFFICE OF

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY  
J. H. ROORKE, Vice President and Secretary  
Theological, Scientific, Law, Art, Music, Physical and  
College of Liberal Arts, Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry

*Ans'd Jan 10*

*J. H. Roork*

*Postpones meeting  
Saline Feb 8*

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405- Cottage st.  
Salem Ore.  
Jan - 14 - 1895

Gen. O. O. Howard  
Portland  
Ore.

Dear Sir: Your kind letter of the  
12<sup>th</sup> came to me this morning,  
stating terms of lecture. Just  
to present it would be impossi-  
ble for me to guarantee \$100.00,  
there is not sufficient time  
to make a combination with  
other societies. I wish we might  
be able to do this later on.

Cordially yours -

H. Hutchinson  
(Rev.)







Gov. SYLVESTER PENNOYER, Salem  
President Board of Regents.

WALLIS NASH, Corvallis,  
Secretary Board of Regents.

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Treasurer Board of Regents.

JOHN M. BLOSS, Corvallis,  
President of College & Director of Station.

# State Agricultural College.



JOHN M. BLOSS, President.

Corvallis, Or., Jan. 14, 1894  
1895

Gen. O.O. Howard,  
Portland, Oregon.

My Dear Sir;

While you are entirely unacquainted with me I had the pleasure of knowing you during the campaigns in the south by sight. I belonged to the 12th corps and first division and consequently wore the red star.

I was in the 27th Indiana Regiment and it went with the corps from the battle of Antietam to Gettysburg and from Gettysburg to Chattanooga and thence with Sherman to the sea and was mustered out at Washington. I was ever with the regiment.

As you observe above I am the president of the State Agricultural College of Oregon, and as the president I wish to invite you to come to our college and make us a lecture. We have 246 students enrolled and 140 students are receiving military instruction under Lieut. Dentler of the 11 Inf. Our boys would only be too pleased to welcome you and our citizens as well. We can not pay you what such a lecture would be worth but we would see that all expenses were met.



In case you could come and I very much hope that you can, you can fix your own time, and subject as well.

Friday evening would suit us best for a lecture but if that time would not suit you then any day during the week would be most acceptable.

You will excuse my presumption in thus addressing you, but I feel that your presence here for a day would be worth much to the young men of Oregon.

Hoping to hear from you I remain, y

Yours truly,

John W. Bloss

Lester,

Comrade's Son

Jim Bloss

Arrived Jan 17

H. S. HOWARD,  
U. S. O. HOWARD.



Lewiston Idaho  
Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1895

Genl. O. O. Howard  
Portland Or.

Sir  
Knowing you by your  
national reputation only, altho  
I have met you, (for I was  
Co. M. Chase with Col. Spurgin  
stationed at Lewiston during the  
Ayres Indian war) I address  
you on a subject near to my  
heart, and I hope to yours.

My son Leslie Squires has  
received a Conditional appoint-  
ment to West Point, he is now  
at school at Bishop Scott  
Academy, and is to stand his  
examination at Vancouver, in  
March - What I desire, and  
request of you, if so disposed,  
is to request him to call

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in you and have you give  
him the benefit of your  
experience and advice in order  
for him to succeed, also if  
consistent to give him a  
letter any friend of yours  
stationed at Vancouver.

I served from '62 to '65, but  
of course I have no claim  
on your time on that account,  
it is the anxiety of the  
parent for his son, and his  
desire to see him succeed.

Will you please send me  
the present address and rank  
of (The then Capt.) Spurgin.

Hoping that I am not  
asking any thing that you  
will feel unable to grant.

I am Yours Truly  
H. J. Guier

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Decided, Jan 16 1885

OFFICE OF  
Gen. O. O. HOWARD,  
H. S. HOWARD.

Ans Jan Jan 16

H. Aguirre,  
Leviaton, Tex

Request to meet his  
son.



# COMMISSIONERS OF FISHERIES.

L. D. HUNTINGTON, New Rochelle, N.Y.  
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L. D. HUNTINGTON, President.  
53 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.  
EDWARD P. DOYLE, Sec. & Engineer.  
53 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

*New York City.* January 14, 1895

Major General O. O. Howard, U. S. A.,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I have your book and have credited up the earnings of this year, amounting to eight per cent., but am not entirely certain as to the amount of money you have paid in on your stock. There were several payments made by you to me, one receipted for by my messenger, and I am not certain exactly as to how much they amount to; can you not tell by your books? Please look it up and let me know at once, and I will balance your book and credit the 8% bond in 1893 and also in 1894 and send it to you at once.

Very respectfully yours,

*Edward P. Doyle*



OFFICE OF

Gen. O. O. HOWARD.

H. S. HOWARD.

JAN 21 1895

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*W. Doyle Duty*

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Normal Illinois Jan'y 14<sup>th</sup> 1895  
Genl O. O. Howard

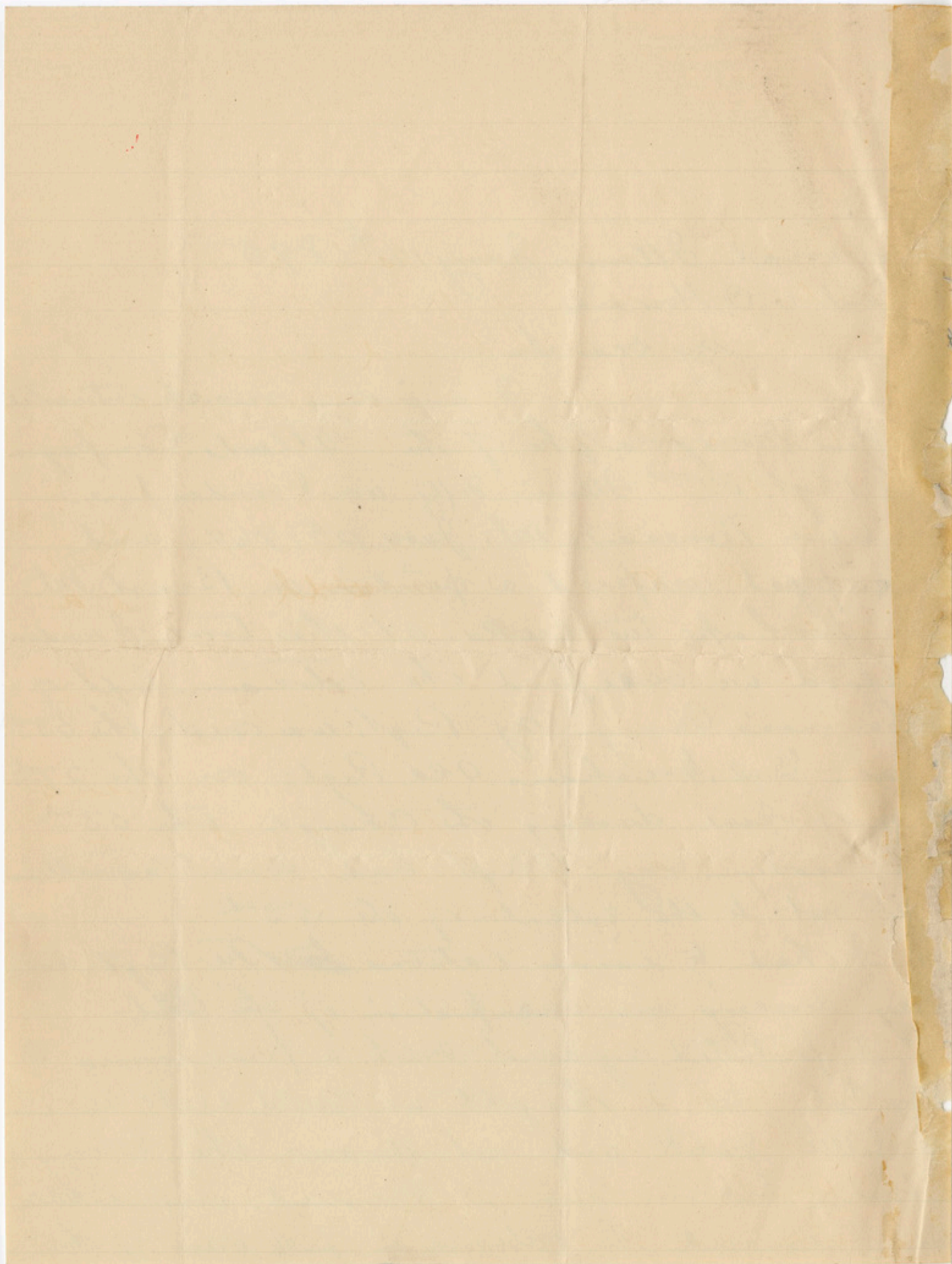
My dear Sir:

I am very much interested in your Monographs of the Atlanta Campaign. My Regt. 32<sup>nd</sup> Illinois. Infy. went under fire before Kennesaw, Mt. June 12<sup>th</sup> 1864, and ~~occupied~~ occupied a position on Brush Mt. for perhaps two weeks - at this time I understood we occupied the extreme left of Sherman's Army - My Regt. was next the 53<sup>rd</sup> Ind. Genl. B. C. Braham's. Old Regt. - on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June during the Charge the 53<sup>rd</sup> lost heavily - My Regt. had some casualties at not to the extent of the 53<sup>rd</sup>.

I had to issue rations to the Regt. one day during our occupation of this Mt.

I protested against such a proceeding to my Col. as I thought we could seek cover a little back and not draw the enemy's fire - but to him it seemed impracticable so I issued the rations in full view of the







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on  
Battery, Menessee Mountain, within a few  
minutes - we drew the fire which sent-  
forth both solid shot and shell

One solid shot came so close to me,  
that it precipitated me to the ground  
and lodged in an oak tree a little to the  
right and rear of where I was standing  
I received a ~~contused~~ ~~wounded~~ wound as  
consequence of this boldness, two others  
wounded were wounded shortly afterward

July 2nd our Division was shifted to the  
stream right on Nickojack, and assault  
works - in so doing had several men  
killed

I am Very Truly yours  
J R Palmer

Late 1st Lieut - Co No. 32 12th

Regt. Vol. Infy.

4th Division 17th Army Corps

is Commanded

actively by Harburt

Thos. Crocker, Gusham.

Jiles A Smith, our last Brigade

Commander was W. W. Belnap



OFFICE OF  
Gen. O. O. HOWARD,  
H. S. HOYT, U.S.

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JAN 21 1895

*J. H. Palmer*

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John O. Howard

SA retired

3 Yamhill St

Portland Ore

Dear General and Comrade -

The National Tribune of Jan 10<sup>th</sup> is at hand and in it I find your resume of "Resaca" - either a mistake of the printer - or a misunderstanding of my former letter (Nov 15) to you - the types make it appear, that the paragraph "commencing" "When they, (the Confederates) swarmed round us there &c &c" - was written of Resaca. This was not intended.

I wrote thus in calling your attention to July 20<sup>th</sup> at Peach Tree Creek - as we had no such close conflict at Resaca, my comrades would clasp this as all "Rot".

but <sup>such</sup> scenes were enacted on our line at Peach Tree Creek, and a certain Confederate officer by the name of Drake was killed in our front - it has been generally supposed that he was a General Officer and at least in command of what we knew



as The "Mississippi Brigade" #

In regard to the Resaca affair May 15<sup>th</sup>, you was right in your first article, despite the efforts of the Second Division, 20<sup>th</sup> Dec to despoil us of those honors # As an artist - "unknown to fame" I sketched the affair that-day - and when Gen Harrison was President he requested a copy of the same, which being furnished, he returned me ~~a~~ such a good letter of thanks as could only come from a True Comrade and since those days I have transferred to Canvass in oil a representation of that ordeal - That coming generations may know something of those days that tried in us souls #

And now comes one Capt (sic) Alexander with a letter, which will claim from me a reply, as the honor of my old Command ("Harrison's Brigade") is at stake and personally my statement impugned # So watch "The Tribune's" forthcoming numbers - please examine closely the so called report of "dear old" Col Cobham and see how easily the fabric is shaken to pieces - as I shall pay particular attention to this matter - you



Can reserve your judgment, as a <sup>51</sup> military man as to its probable effect, as an argument to establish the assertion, that Col Ireland's Brigade, of Second Division 20<sup>th</sup> AC, - carried the works that day # As to who dug out the guns that night, there is not honor enough <sup>in it</sup> worth contending for #

When I have leisure, I desire to send you my version of the affair of June 20<sup>th</sup> "Culp House" or "Kulp House" - feeling that great <sup>- years ago</sup> injustice was ~~been~~ done our loved Commander of the 20<sup>th</sup> AC by one, who, years after the death of Hooker, wrote his "Memoirs" (not Hooker's)

With great respect General, I write myself

Yours for Auld Lang Syne  
G H Blakeslee

Date of "G. C." 129<sup>th</sup> Ill

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OF  
Gen. O. O. HOWARD,  
H. S. HOWARD.

*W. B. Bunker*

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Portland, Me., Jan. 14, 1895.

Gen. O. O. Howard,  
Governors Island, New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Lincoln Club of Portland, Maine is about to hold its annual banquet in observance of the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

By a unanimous vote of the Club I have been requested to extend an invitation to you to be present upon that occasion and address the Club. The Lincoln Club is a large and enthusiastic Republican organization and we firmly believe that if you can make it convenient to be with us upon this occasion you will be received by a large and appreciative audience.

This is the fifth annual banquet of the Club and so far the attendance at these gatherings has been very flattering and we believe this year will prove no exception to the general rule. Prominent Republican speakers from different parts of our State will be present upon this occasion and we hope to be favored by the presence of some of the leading speakers of New York.

If you can arrange to be with us upon this occasion and favor us with an address we can assure you that your kindness will be duly and gratefully appreciated by the Club. The banquet will be held at Portland on Tuesday evening, February 12, A. D. 1895.



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Governors Island, New York.

Portland, Me., Jan. 14, 1895.



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All expenses incurred by you in making this trip will be cheer-  
fully borne by the Lincoln Club.

Your Obedient Servant,

George Libby  
President Lincoln Club  
Portland, Me.

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OFFICE OF  
Gen. O. O. HOWARD;  
H. S. HOWARD.

President  
Lincoln Club,

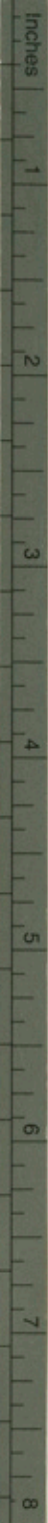
your obedient servant,

Yours very truly,

JAN 21 1895

Gen. O. O. HOWARD,  
H. S. HOWARD.

OFFICE OF





J. W. HOWARD,  
CIVIL ENGINEER,  
No. 1 BROADWAY,  
NEW YORK.

*for file*  
*O. O. H.*

January 14th, 1895.

Gen'l O. O. Howard,

263 Yamhill St.,

Portland, Ore.

Dear Father:-

Your telegram with names of acquaintances in Havana,  
received.

I am just leaving. I shall make a tour of the island  
to become acquainted with it from the standpoint of a civil engi-  
neer. My address will be Hotel Pasaje, Havana, Cuba.

All well. Love to all.

Sincerely yours,

*J. W. Howard*



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Gen. O. O. HOWARD,  
CIVIL ENGINEER,  
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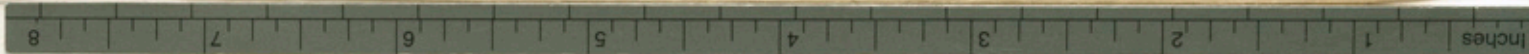
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Sincerely yours,





Farm, Field and Fireside,

FORMERLY FARM, FIELD AND STOCKMAN.

GEN. C. H. HOWARD, . . . Managing Editor.  
JAS. W. WILSON, . . . Business Manager.

~~CHICAGO BUILDING.~~

215 MADISON STREET.

Chicago, Jan. 14th, 1895/89

Gen. O. O. Howard,

#263 Yamhill St., Room 16,

Portland, Ore.

Dear Brother:-

I have your kind letter with return of that of Dr. Rankin; and also some inquiries as to the colony.

The security we propose to offer for the capitalists is not the four hundred thousand acres of land or any portion of it, but is the various franchises connected with the damsite. There are three of these. One, covering the ground, some four thousand acres, which will be the area of the pond above the dam. Second, the Government franchises allowing the ditching, canal and use of the water of Mojave River. Third, the site proper of the damsite. These, all-told, foot up in cost to us about Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars. <sup>amount raised \$250,000,</sup> This may leave us something to start the work on the dam with, but there is a little element of uncertainty as to the cost of some of the franchises in the pathway of the canal below, so that we have counted on Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars as being required for these options of franchises that we must buy. Now, of course we can give security on these and we can give security on the water rights, which are valid property, as



Chicago, Jan. 14th, 1892

Farm, Field and Pireside  
Jas. W. Wilson  
Manager Editor  
Business Manager  
100 Madison Street

Gen. O. O. Howard,  
4363 Yamhill St., Room 10,  
Portland, Ore.

Dear General:-

I have your kind letter with regard to that of Dr. Rann-  
kin; and also some inquiries as to the colony.

The security we propose to offer for the colony is  
not the four hundred thousand acres of land on any portion of it,  
but is the various franchises connected with the dam site. There  
are three of these. One, covering the ground some four thousand  
acres, which will be the area of the pond above the dam. Second,  
the government franchise allowing the filling canal and use of  
the water of Holgate River. Third, the site proper of the dam site.

These all add up in cost to us about two hundred and fifty  
thousand dollars. This may leave us something to start the work  
on the dam itself, but there is a little element of uncertainty as  
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must buy. Now, of course we can give security on these and we can  
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they control the land, the land being worthless without them; although you are right that we can give no security whatever on the land, as it is Government land; yet we can give security on two hundred thousand water rights, which is equivalent to the land.

I will in relation to this, enclose copy of a letter which I wrote to Cousin Fred E. Foster at St. Paul, who is personally interested and may come into our company. It was written in answer to some questions of his, which <sup>I hope</sup> will be intelligible to you and Captain Gray and perhaps answer some questions that remain in your minds.

Before you attempt to place the matter before Governor Thompson, it will be better to have a very definite and tangible proposition, in a nutshell as it were, provided there is any chance that he would like to invest. Please do not be in haste to ask any money of him in any way, but if you have a good opportunity you might talk with him about the scheme as something you were interested in, without soliciting any favor whatsoever from him.

Now, as to Captain Gray, we have something else in view which has come up lately that may be more attractive to him, and in fact, in which we are likely to need him if he is the right man, before the other enterprise shall have matured. We have a proposition to sell some sixty thousand acres of land in Tehama County, Northern California. It is pretty well up to the Oregon line, and if the proposition made to us is carried out in good faith we will get land so that we can offer it much cheaper, <sup>than that of Southern California</sup> and it is land that



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needs no irrigation. All these facts we want verified. I wonder if Captain Gray is in condition to go down and visit them, and perhaps meet parties from this side. <sup>2</sup> I will enclose herein a more particular description. There are many would-be settlers in California who are not used to irrigation and would prefer this tract to that in Southern California. It is so sheltered by mountains, as it is claimed, that oranges can be raised in that valley, and great results are claimed for it in the way of fruit and other crops. What we want is some practical man who will receive the visitors and landseekers, who will supervise or keep a kind of guest-house, and in every way make that end of the business attractive. In short, land the fish that we get onto the hook. The question is whether Captain Gray is the man. I have thought perhaps he would be, and if he should take hold of that which is nearer home and make a success of it, it might be the way to something very permanent in the great scheme below.

Very Affectionately  
C. H. Howland

P.S.

Am pleased with the few items in regard to your family, and the fact that you have plenty to do. Mr. Keen<sup>h</sup> has handed me the sketch of your life, which he wants to use in his circulars, and has made some three appointments for you already and can make another in Chicago.

I hope you will plan on your return to make me at least a week's visit. We see one another so seldom I should be sorry for you to pass through without staying at least as long as that.

With love to Harry and the other members of the family,  
I am

Affectionately yours,

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This land is located in Tehama County, California.

There is I believe but one county between it and Oregon. It is twelve miles southwest of Cottonwood and eighteen miles from Red Bluff. The tract contains from sixty to sixty-five thousand acres. It is what is known in the neighborhood as the Diamond Range Ranch. As it is described to us, two creeks run through its entire length, the Cottonwood Creek and Dry Creek; also several minor branches. A large part of the land along these creeks is what is known as bottom land. The other is composed of rolling land and bald hills, all tillable.

The Cottonwood Park Fruit Colony, of which I send you literature, is located in the immediate vicinity. I also understand that Mr. Hatch, one of the largest orchardists in California, if not in the world, has sixteen hundred acres in orchard adjoining the tract. From the description we have received from disinterested parties who have been over the land, we are very much impressed with its value. Mr. Dearveaux, who is interested with us in this colony should we go into it, will probably start for California tomorrow, and if you should conclude that you can go down and look over the tract, he will meet you at Red Bluff. We will have him write or wire you and Captain Gray when it will be convenient for him to meet you. The Cottonwood Park literature will give you a good idea of the country as it has been represented to  
(Over)



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