Henry Kuhn collection letterpress books

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Copies of correspondence both received and sent by Captain Henry Kuhn dating from after the Civil War until shortly before his death in 1898. Some of the letters are illegible. Much of the correspondence regards Kuhn's banking and other financial interests, particularly in Leavenworth, as well as other business and personal affairs, including during his time as an Indian agent in the Oklahoma area. Kuhn was county surveyor and township clerk in Atchison County, Indian agent in the Indian territory, publisher of a Marion County newspaper, and was otherwise a prominent Kansas citizen of the nineteenth century.

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Dec 27 4

Royal Baking Powder Co.
106 Wall St. N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your "Order Special" of Dec 22. 94 is to hand.

Your proposition is accepted and the publication of the 8 ads in the order and position named will begin on receipt of Electros.

Very respectfully
H. S. Kuhn

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Dec 6 [illegible]

Young People Journal
2360 East 15th St.
Kansas City Mo.

Sample Copy
No 1. No 1. with Circular proposition to
deals with local persons rec'd &c.

Have in contemplation a house to
house canvass by a competent Canvasser
from the "Times" after Jan 1st which would
largely be confined to the towns during
the winter, dont think we will accept your
proposition for Electro cuts

I'm trying to perfect arrangements with
Mrs O. F. Olmstead, to undertake the work,
she is an intelligent active and well
known woman, with considerable experience
as a canvasser. If it will serve you
in any way you can address her this City.

In this County we are handicapped with
a Russian population of about 4000. who avoid
English literature and our people generally feel
the effects of Crop failure in 94.

Very truly yours H. Kuhn

Dec 31st 04

D. Auld Esq
Atchison Ks

Dear Sir:

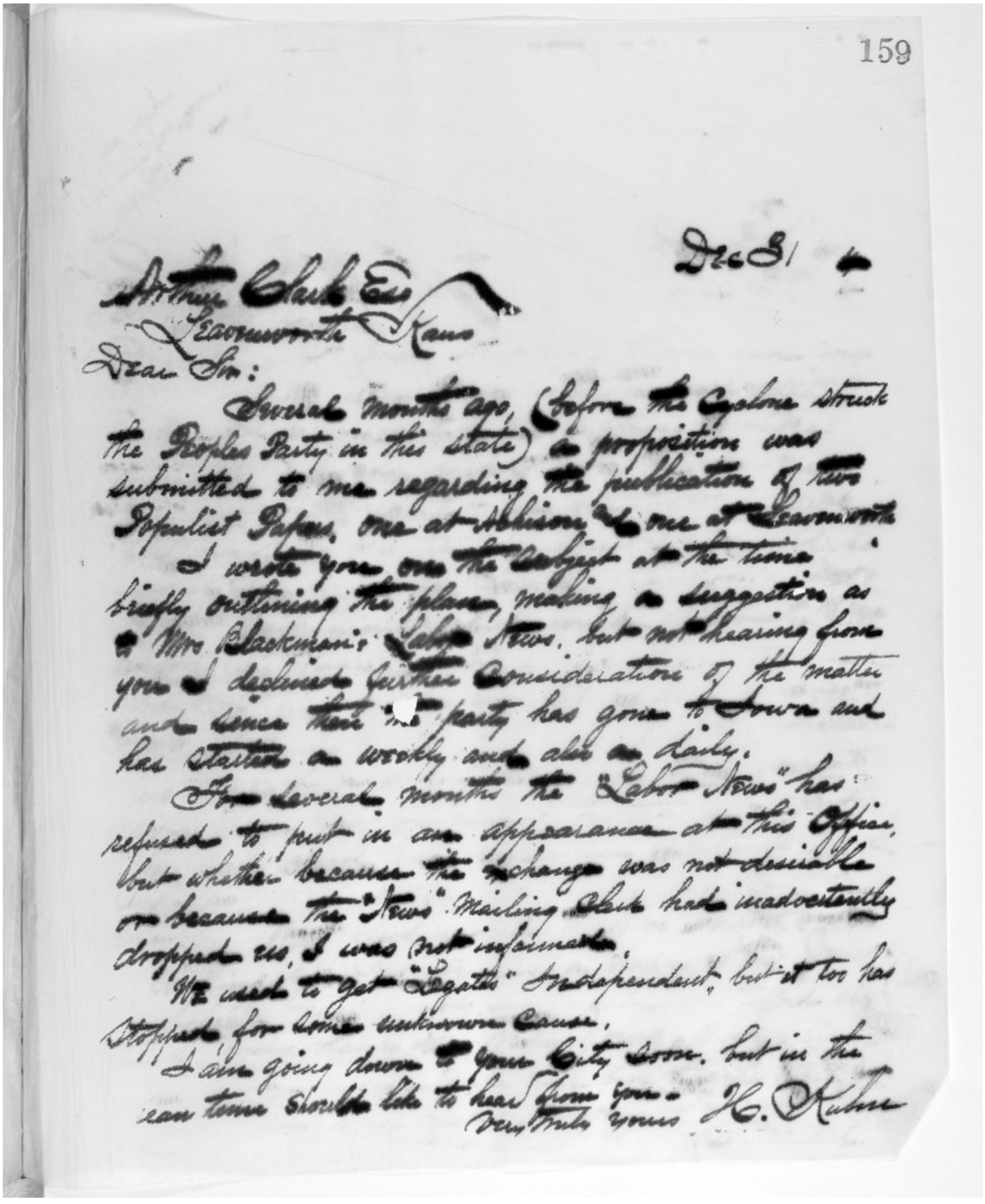
We used to exchange with the "Champion" until Ellis succeeded the Martin. Shall resume ourselves, and was always glad to have it because of the local items, often bringing olden memories.

Your periodical bank statements published in the Champion was a matter of interest to me and never escaped notice.

If you have any printed cards of your last statement and of one or two immediately preceding your last I would esteem it a favor to have same. If you have no printed cards, perhaps you can send me Champions containing your last statements.

With kind regards to Mrs Auld and wishing you and Yours a happy New Year, believe me

Very truly Yours H Kuhn



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Dec 31 [illegible]

Arthur Clark Esq
Leavenworth Kans

Dear Sir:

Several months ago, (before the Cyclone struck the Peoples Party in this state) a proposition was submitted to me regarding the publication of two Populist Papers, one at Atchison & one at Leavenworth. I wrote you on the subject at the time briefly outlining the plans, making a suggestion as to Mrs Blackman's "Labor News," but not hearing from you I declined further consideration of the matter and since then the party has gone to Sewer and has started a weekly and also a daily.

For several months the "Labor News" has refused to put in an appearance at this Office, but whether because the exchange was not desirable or because the "News" Mailing Clerk had inadvertently dropped us, I was not informed.

We used to get "Equity" Independent, but it too has stopped from some unknown cause.

I am going down to your City soon, but in the mean time should like to hear from you.

Very Truly Yours H. Kuhn

I am ready to exchange for Grain or Poultry

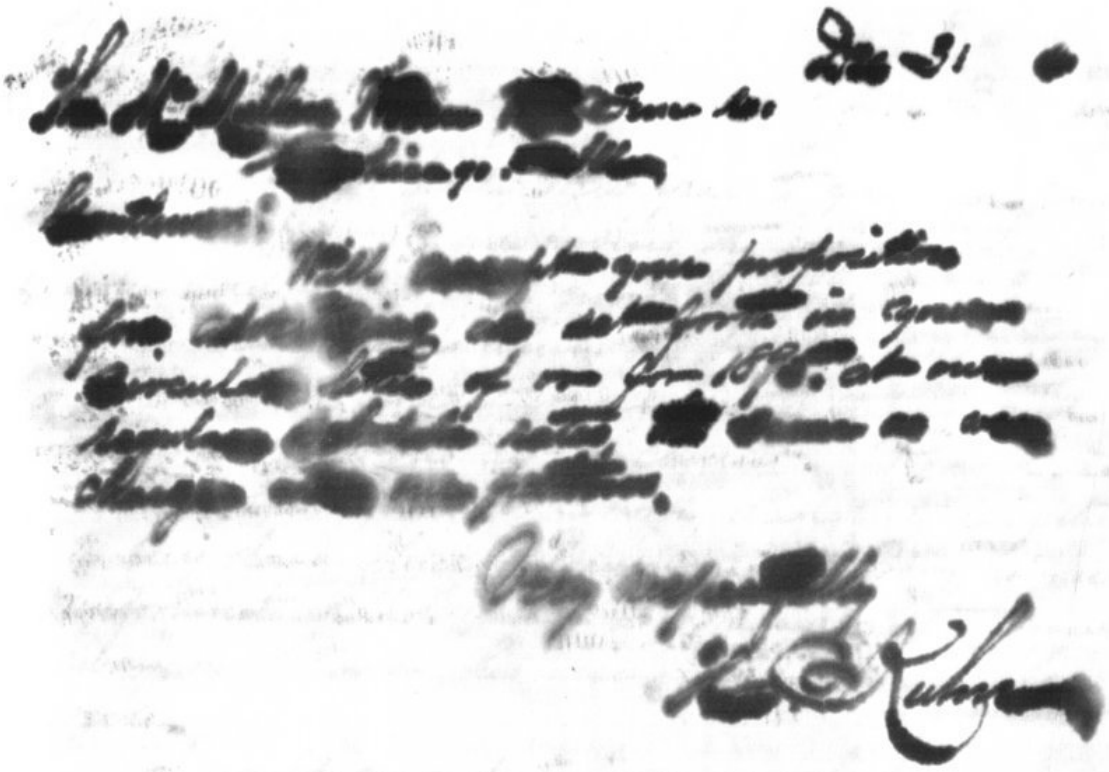
Dec 31 4

Dear Whittaker:-

A happy New Year to you and yours to Morrow.- We are having the ragged edge of your Cold Wave, with enough snow to make good sleigh roads which the boys & girls are using and amidst it all death steps in and takes one of the brightest & dearest. Ronald the second son of Banker Thorp, died yesterday after a few days illness Pneumonia. Poor, helpless unfortunate Bishop (known as Brady) Carter passed away on Saturday, his wife preceding him a few weeks.

I would be glad to have you block out a bid for the County Printing (Blanks) on the basis that the Material shall be the best grade, and bought at lowest Cash figures. If you will do this, it ought to be done by returns mail.- I will bid on the News-paper work, at a price that will make the Commissioners know their hands, and would like to bid on the Stationery Blanks at a price to pay for Material and labor.- Please make your bids to cover these and I will add to her rent.- Very truly Yours

H. Kuhn



Jany 16

A. N. Kellogg Newspaper Co.
Wichita, Kans

Gentlemen:

Please quote prices for ready print 4 columns, quarto form. (half size of Times) for 10 or 15 quires. Matter to be politically non-partisan of a religious or moral Tendency, general news and perhaps a Sermon.

The paper will be conducted in church interests, Sunday School work, and benevolent associations and published from this Office

Very Truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Jany 1

General Geo. F. Washburn
465 Washington St
Boston, Mass

Dear Sir:

We have organized Major Industrial Legion No 16 and have called a meeting for the 14th inst to elect officers for the ensuing year. Commander Dan Dunn suggested that we write you for literature and information that will enable us to put in operation the provisions of Art 2 of the Constitution.

The population of this (Majors) County are handicapped by a Republican majority of about 600 in a total vote of less than 4000. This majority comprises a solid vote of ignorant German speaking Russians, who until the adoption of the Australian ballot are in the market at about dollar a head. Your plan of campaign may reach some of them by appealing to their commercial interests but the bulk can not be reached by the ordinary means of education. We propose if possible to get every population in County enlisted.

Very Truly Yours,
H. Kuhn

Jany 2

Gen T. Nicholson Esq
General T and P. Agent.
Topeka Kansas

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Santa Fe transportation expiring Dec 31st

You will find by reference to your Conductors report that I have used the pass but once and that on the last day of the year, from Marion to Hillsboro. and return.

If the pass had been unlimited instead of confined to a portion of your mileage its use would have been the same, and if you will be kind enough to renew it on account of Adv patronage and make the limitation within the State over your main & branch lines it would not be used unnecessarily or for the mere purpose of pleasure of travelling. I have neither time or money to lose in this way. On next Monday (7th) I have business in Atchison and if you renew, would be pleased to have it by that time.

Very respectfully H. Kuhn

Jany 7

Arbuckle Brothers
111 [illegible] St
New York

Gentlemen:

Your Circular letter of Dec 27. 94
is to hand.

Will quote you for 3 in Single Column ads,
Electrotyped 3 mo's without position $3.00 for
six months $5.00. With position $3.50. and
$5.50. Proofs included and copy of paper
while ads is running. For the latter quotation
you to name position. Column ends page of
paper. (8 page 6 Column paper Sample sent you
by this mail)

Respty H. Kuhn

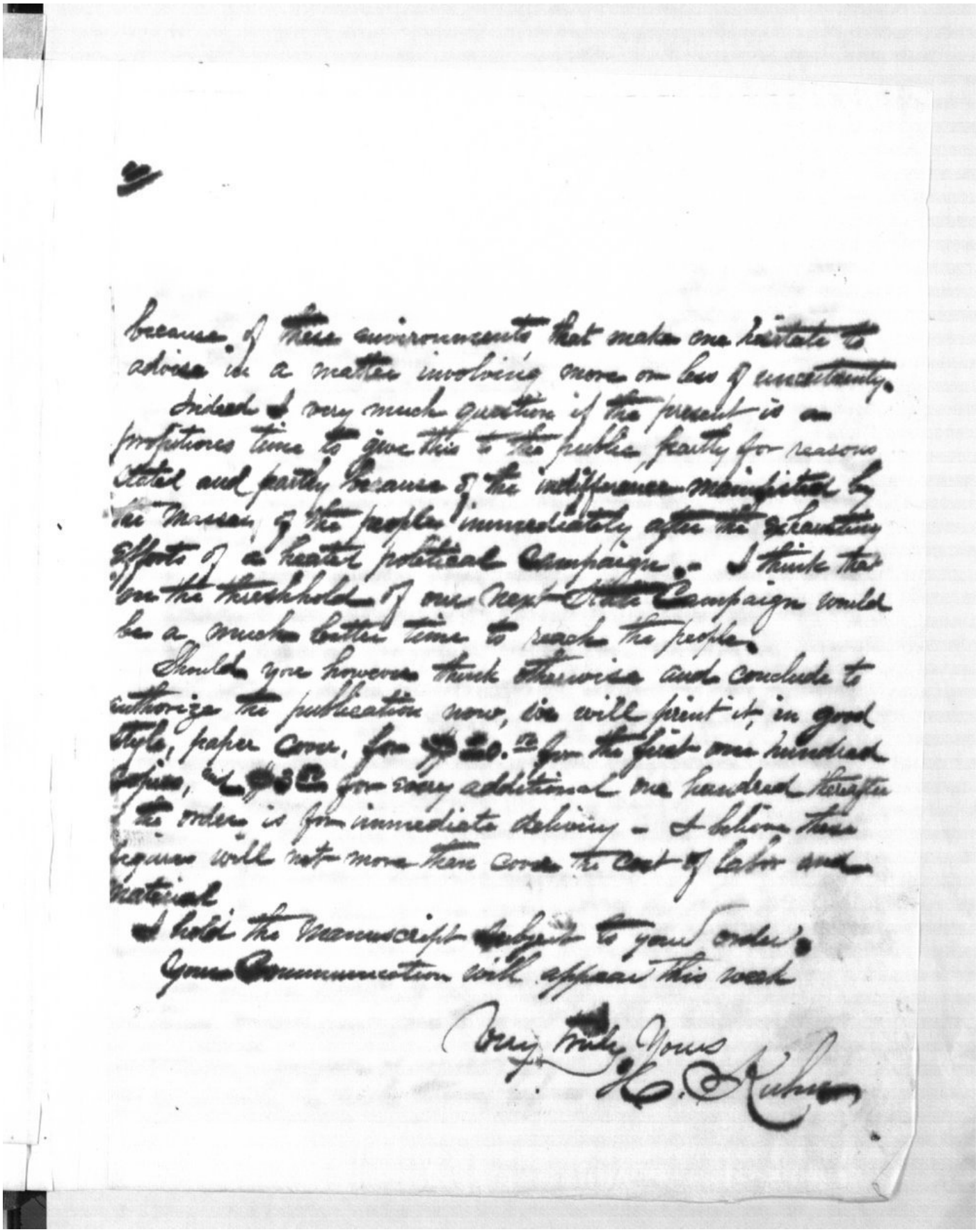
Jan 14th

Dear Sir:

Yours of 9th inst came to hand during my absence in the East part of the State, hence the delay in answering. I have read your Manuscript personal history & experience & much interested and believe its publication in the manner suggested by you would be interesting and useful to many who are waiting for a solution of our social difficulties.

There is so much destitution and misery abroad as a result of years of mis-government, so many thousands of honest workingmen & women forced idleness, and the millions of more fortunate who are struggling for a comfortable livelihood, the questions of higher import of morality & brotherly affection are overshadowed by the ever pressing necessity of the hour to provide against the gaunt spectre of want that confronts them and stares them in the face.

Until we can devise and enforce a more humane system of Government that will give all who toil an equal chance in the great life struggle for a comfortable existence, or at least give to each one the proceeds of his own labor justly earned. I believe all appeals to the better side of man will be pearls thrown before swine, and it is



because of these environments that make one hesitate to advise in a matter involving more or less of uncertainty.

Indeed I very much question if the present is an propitious time to give this to the public, partly for reasons stated and partly because of the indifference manifested by the masses of the people immediately after the strenuous efforts of a heated political campaign. I think that on the threshold of our next State Campaign would be a much better time to reach the people.

Should you however think otherwise and conclude to authorize the publication now, we will print it, in good style, paper cover, for $20.00 for the first one hundred copies, and $3.00 for every additional one hundred thereafter the order is for immediate delivery. I believe these figures will not more than cover the cost of labor and material.

I hold the Manuscript subject to your order.

Your Communication will appear this week

Very truly Yours

H. Kuhn

Sorry

C. E. Dole Esq
Hillsboro, Kans

Dear Sir:

Send you by Express mail
the "Invitations" ordered by you. The same
are altogether to my taste and probably
may not suit you, and if they are not
satisfactory will print same numbers without
extra charge, if you will give explicit
directions and a proof of what you desire.
The bill for these is $1.50. which you
can send by P.O. order, or you can settle
when you next come to Marion.

Very truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Jany 15

Wm. L. Brown
Council Bluffs
St Joseph Mo

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith contract from adv Burlington Route for 1895, duly executed subject to your approval.

I desire Mileage relinquish for myself and wife, and if you do not care to issue same in advance I would be glad to have transportation for both from Kansas City to St Joseph & return, on approval of Contract if same is furnished to me so to be available not later than 22nd inst.

In compliance with your instructions I have to state that I am 5ft 5in. in height, Medium build, and the Elderly brown hair, turning gray.

Very respectfully

H. Kuhn

Jany 15

Messrs
Pettingill & Co
P. O. Box 2685.
Boston, Mass

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith, acceptance of Adv. Contract for Card in your Supplementary list of local papers.

For eight years have patronized one or more of the several Newspaper Directories for which we have paid in adv from $10 to $25. each year and have never failed to secure foreign adv: to cover the Contract but rarely any thing more.

I shall be glad to find your Company an exception and for any additional adv you may send, will make rates and Commissions satisfactory

Very truly yours
H. Kuhn

Jany 17

J. M. Glenbrough
General Pass. Agent
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your enquiry I wrote you Oct 24th, that in consideration of transportation furnished my wife and daughter from St. Louis to Louisville and return, all obligations of your road on account of advertising for 1894 were discharged and satisfied.

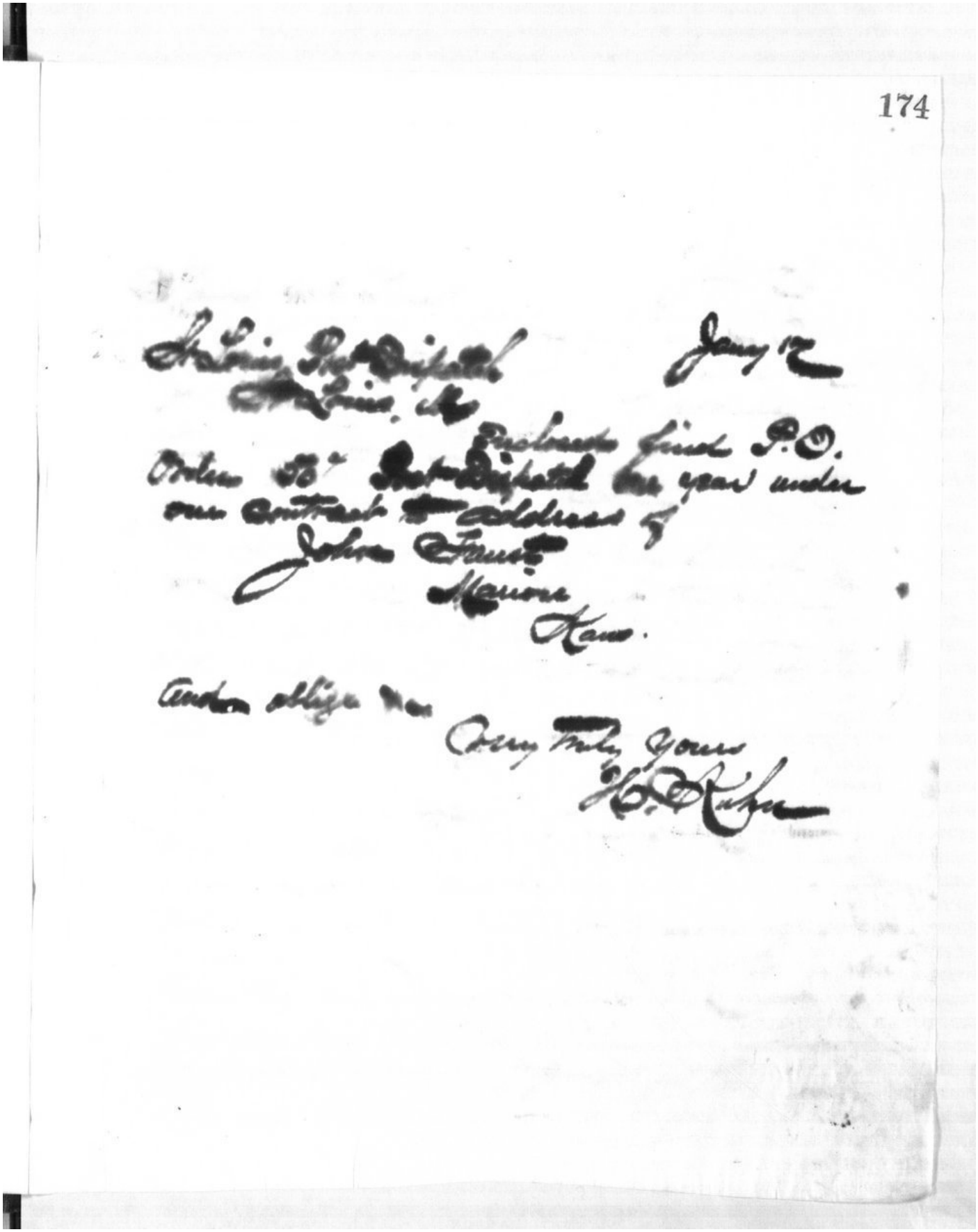
We continued to run your ad's and reading notices during the year, and your ad's is still running but without authority from you.

Would be glad to renew arrangements for Adv's, for 1895, and will endeavor to make our service satisfactory.

Very Truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Kansas City Star. Jany 17

Enclosed find 25¢ silver
for
Weekly Star - one year
to address of
John Faust
Marion.
Kansas
and oblige &c.
Very Truly Yours.
H. Kuhn



Kansas City Times: Jany 17

Enclosed find P. O. order for $1.25, for Twice-a-Week Times and N. Y. Recorder - One year, to address of John Faust Marion Kansas.

I am not aware that you furnish the Times and Recorder at the above price but Mr. Faust claims you do, and at his request I send the order.

Respectfully Yours
H. Kuhn

Jany 17

Wichita Iron Works Co
Kansas City, Mo

Gentlemen:

Yours of 15th inst regarding your Gasoline Engines, with enclosures received.

Several years ago I investigated the claims of Gasoline Engine, after a committee of experts had thoroughly demonstrated their economy in cost of fuel as with a view to change our motive power, but the high prices then prevailing deterred me from doing so at that time, and also because could find no sale for our Steam Engines and Boiler, then on hand now all they now, having substituted a Water Motor in use, which gives excellent service, but the cost of water is much greater than the fuel for a Gasoline E.

I believe you have an excellent field, in Central and Western Kansas, for the introduction of Gasoline Engines in view of the fact that irrigation will be undertaken by so many, if power can be furnished cheaply. I know of quite a number of farmers in this vicinity

who contemplate making the experiment by building small reservoirs & the supplies by pumping from wells and creeks.

Should you desire to advertise in this locality (County) I will make you satisfactory rates, both payments coming out upon sale of the Engines, or if your Catalogue prices are within my reach will take an Engine as I believe that our Steam Engine can now be sold to the "Irrigators"

We have a Cincinnati Cylinder Power Press 6 Column Quarto, and two. One large and one Medium sized jobber. One Water Motor is a Four Horse Power, and one Steam Engine a four Horse and Boiler 8 Horse Power.

(Price enclosed)

Respty Yours

H. Kuhn

I hope to be in Kansas City next week and will then call and see your Engine.

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Jany 12

Messrs N. W. Ayer and Son
Philadelphia, Pa

Gentlemen:

Your proposition to advertize the P. Lorillard Co's. "Climax Plug Tobacco". 52 insertions under terms and conditions as named in your circular letter of 14th inst is hereby accepted,

Publication to begin on receipt of Electro's,

Very respectfully
H. Kuhn

First Nat'l Bank
Canton. Pa

Jany 17

A short time ago I made inquiry of your Agent Mr Houghton regarding a property north of the Stone Bridge adjoining the Creek that has two of the "Wheeler" manufacture for Corn Goods with a view to leasing it or buying, and obliging the building from a horse to Cow Stable, who since then has turned the Agency over to some Else.

If you have the property for Sale would you be kind enough to write me decisive as to price and terms, or instruct your Agent regarding Same

Respy Yours

H. O. Kuhn

W. H. Chapman Jany 1st 6

1873

Jany 18 To Lawn Mowing 12 25
Sept " " Lilly 1 50
" " " Rubber 4 00

1874

Jany 10 " Lilly Mc & Co 6 00
Oct 10 " Lawn Mowing 18 00
Dec 31 " Int. Account July 1st 74
$ 200.00 31. 94 - 22 yrs 2 00
39 25

Per Contra
1873 Dec 8 By Cash 2 00
1874
Oct 27 By Cash 10 00
12 00
Balance $ 27 25

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Jany 17

Genl Geo F. Washburn
465 Washington St
Boston. Mass

Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of Commander Van Derveer, I wrote you Jany 1st in regard to Industrial Legion literature and for information that will enable us (of Legion No 15) to put in operation the provisions of Art 7 of the Constitution, and having no reply as yet I write you again on the subject, presuming that my first must have miscarried.

Very Truly Yours
H. Kuhn

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Jany 19.

Editor Times
Auburn, Ind'

Dear Sir:

I have your list of Kansas Reform Papers which is far from complete, and I would suggest that you write to Breidenthal Chairman of Peoples Party State Committee Topeka, Kansas, who will furnish you with a complete list to date.

Of those not on your list I name the following that occur to me at this writing

Ottawa Journal - Topeka
Advocate - "
Commoner - Wichita
Labor News - Leavenworth
Prison Treaty - Lansing
Reveille - Cottonwood Falls
Times - Marion
News - Jewell City
Tidings - Emporia
Kansan - Pittsburg

Very truly and fraternally Yrs.
H. Kuhn

Jany 19

R. B. Clark Esq
Burns, Kans.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 18th inst to hand. Have delayed answering in expectation that Judge Foote, who had charge of the business management of the paper up to July 1st would be home from Topeka, but his non arrival impels me to write you now and say that there is nothing to show on the books of the office that you have any credit on subscription since Jany 28. 1890.

Your Account stands

Subs'n to Jany 28. 1895. 5 yrs @ $1.50 $7.50

but in consideration of the fact that the subscription price of the paper has been reduced to $1.00 a year to subscribers who pay in advance, I will make you the same rate for back subscription if paid in advance to Jany 28. 1896 = $6.00

If you hold receipts for payments during the time charged, you will of course be entitled to credit for same, or will satisfy me that you have made payment. credit will be allowed.

Fraternally Yours H. Kuhn

Jany 12

Pres't Hinchliff & Co
Pres't
State Agr'l College.

Dear Sir:

I have before me your Circular dated Jany 10th inst. announcing a Course of Lectures for January, beginning Friday 5th inst with your own on "Intellectual growth in Farm Homes"

Will publish the programme and would be pleased to profit by an opportunity to attend the Course, if possible.

You will pardon me in respectfully inviting your notice of an Article to appear in the coming February number of Improvement, by Fred Perry Powers, not altogether foreign to the subject announced for the opening lecture of the Course.

I send you this week a copy of the Times containing an extract under the caption "Whither" which may be in advance of the appearance of the Magazine.

Very respectfully
H. Kuhn

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Messrs Alden & Fearn
66 & 68 W. 3rd St
Cincinnati.

May 2

Gentlemen:

Under contract with you accepted Jany 30. 94 for the H. P. Harrison & Co, Electro Mfr, 72 insertions for 50" News Ink, there was no express stipulation as to time of payment.

On September last I wrote you requesting shipment of Ink, and on Oct 20. you replied "Wait until the middle or latter part of November."

The number of insertions is not yet complete but will continue to run, until the terms of the contract are fully complied with.

I would thank you if you will have the 50" Ink shipped at once by Express. I am entirely out and will have to buy in my market nearer home unless you can oblige me by prompt attention to this not very unreasonable request.

Very Truly Yours
H. Kuhn

Feby 2

Wells Bro's
Emporia, Kans

Gentlemen:

Intending to have returned from Emporia my business at Lear & Atchison directed my route to Alexander and together with "Haggard" delayed me a week over time.

For S.W. 28. [illegible] of which I made enquiry as you may perhaps remember. I submit the following offer.

$1200 for the quarter, [illegible] cash $200 for 3 years, at 7 per cent interest payable semi-annually, and bind myself to improve the land, [illegible] and break out the current year.

Please advise me at an early date, if you accept said obligation

Respty yours
H. Kuhn