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These letters between Remsburg and Dr. D. S. Dinsmore and Mark E. Zimmerman discuss archaeological projects and finds in Doniphan County, Kansas. This collection is an excellent source of information on the Kickapoo Indians since Remsburg concentrated mainly on that tribe in his studies. Multiple pages have been hidden from view for the protection of several archaeological sites within the county.

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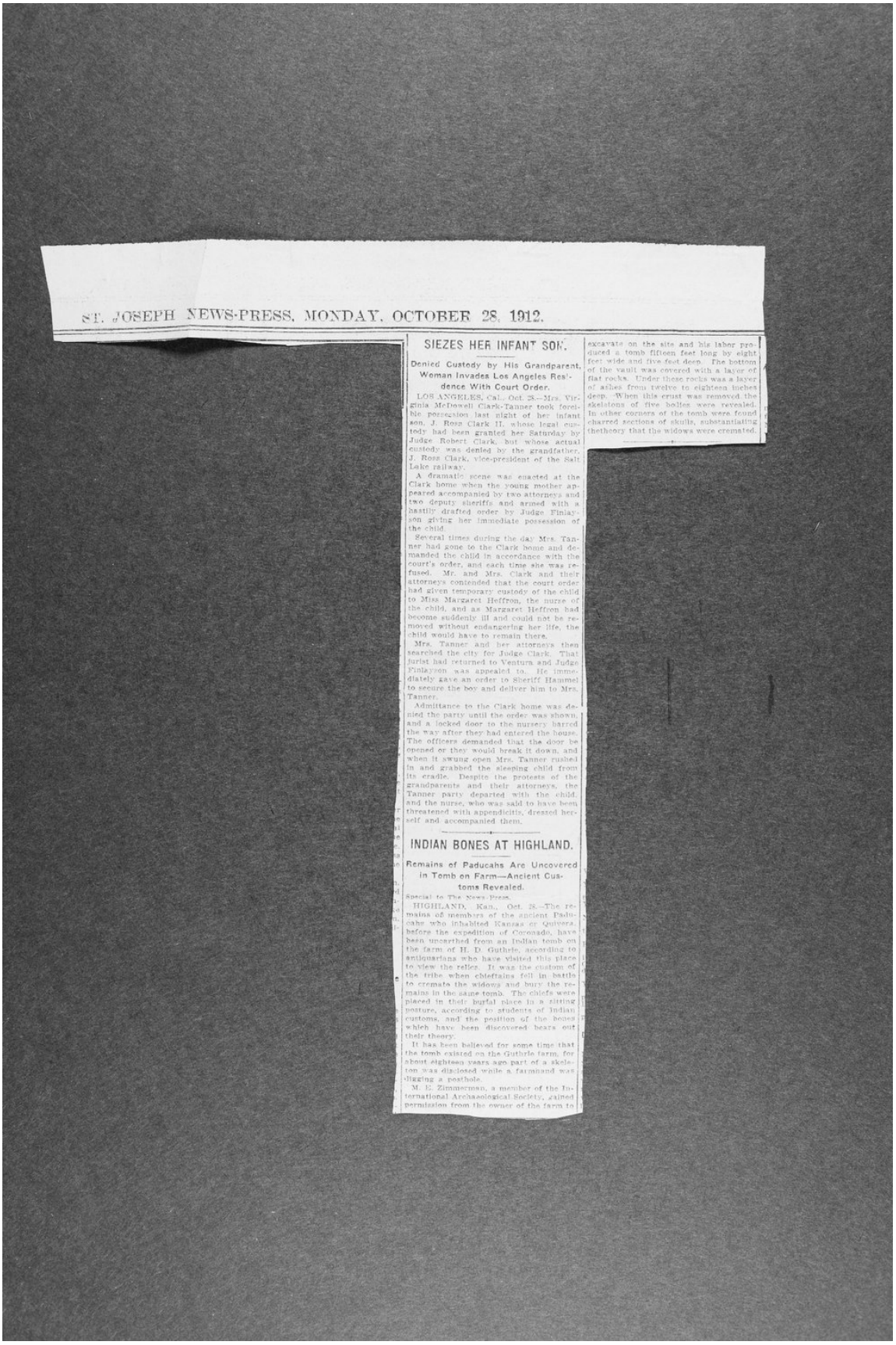
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ST. JOSEPH NEWS-PRESS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1912.

SIEZES HER INFANT SON.

Denied Custody by His Grandparent, Woman Invades Los Angeles Residence With Court Order.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 28.—Mrs. Virginia McDowell Clark-Tanner took forcible possession last night of her infant son, J. Ross Clark II, whose legal custody had been granted her Saturday by Judge Robert Clark, but whose actual custody was denied by the grandfather, J. Ross Clark, vice-president of the Salt Lake railway.

A dramatic scene was enacted at the Clark home when the young mother appeared accompanied by two attorneys and two deputy sheriffs and armed with a hastily drafted order by Judge Finlayson giving her immediate possession of the child.

Several times during the day Mrs. Tanner had gone to the Clark home and demanded the child in accordance with the court's order, and each time she was refused. Mr. and Mrs. Clark and their attorneys contended that the court order had given temporary custody of the child to Miss Margaret Heffron, the nurse of the child, and as Margaret Heffron had become suddenly ill and could not be removed without endangering her life, the child would have to remain there.

Mrs. Tanner and her attorneys then searched the city for Judge Clark. That jurist had returned to Ventura and Judge Finlayson was appealed to. He immediately gave an order to Sheriff Hammel to secure the boy and deliver him to Mrs. Tanner.

Admittance to the Clark home was denied the party until the order was shown, and a locked door to the nursery barred the way after they had entered the house. The officers demanded that the door be opened or they would break it down, and when it swung open Mrs. Tanner rushed in and grabbed the sleeping child from its cradle. Despite the protests of the grandparents and their attorneys, the Tanner party departed with the child, and the nurse, who was said to have been threatened with appendicitis, dressed herself and accompanied them.

INDIAN BONES AT HIGHLAND.

Remains of Paducahs Are Uncovered in Tomb on Farm—Ancient Customs Revealed.

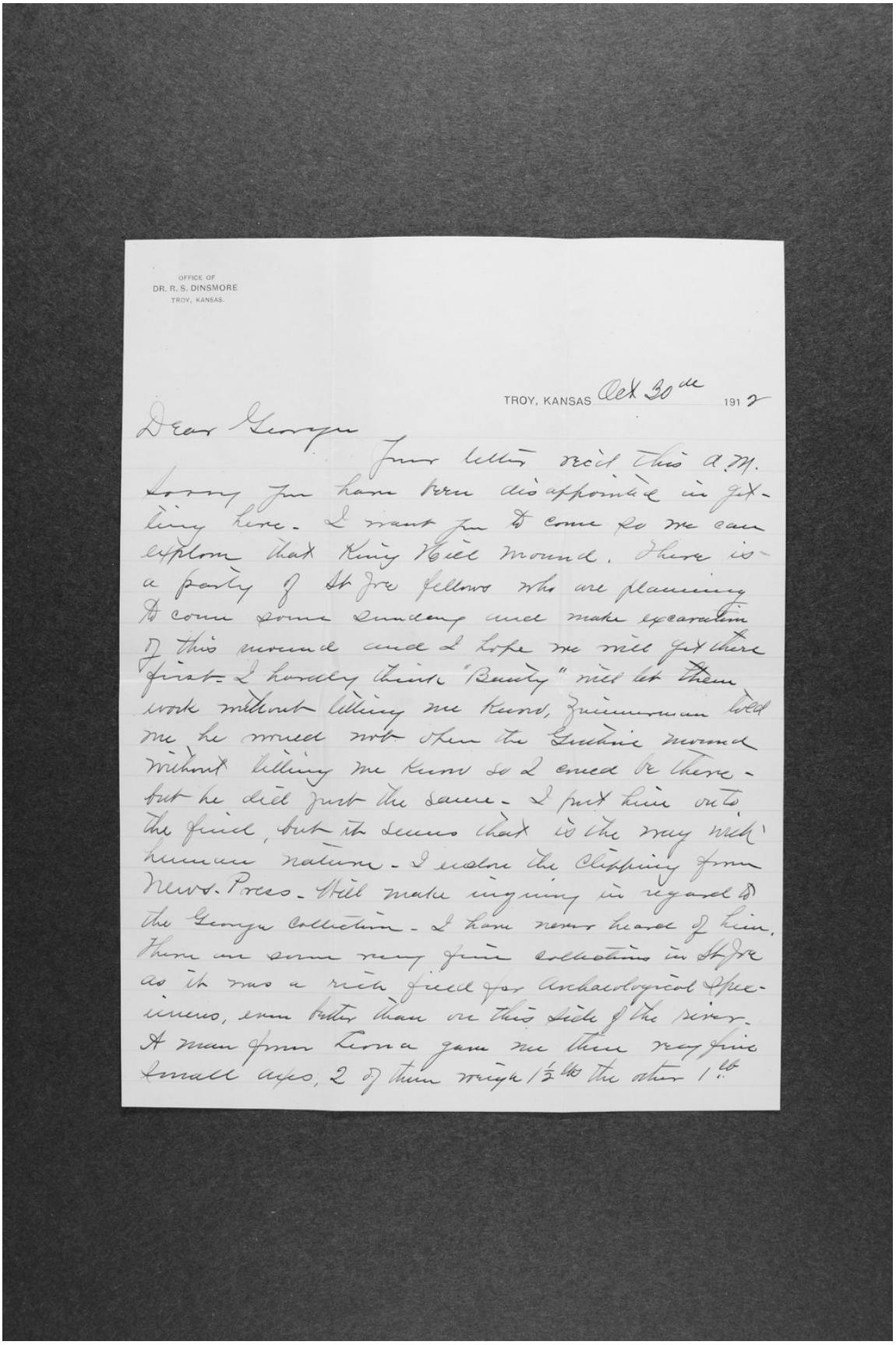
Special to The News-Press.

HIGHLAND, Kan., Oct. 28.—The remains of members of the ancient Paducahs who inhabited Kansas or Quivera, before the expedition of Coronado, have been unearthed from an Indian tomb on the farm of H. D. Guthrie, according to antiquarians who have visited this place to view the relics. It was the custom of the tribe when chieftains fell in battle to cremate the widows and bury the remains in the same tomb. The chiefs were placed in their burial place in a sitting posture, according to students of Indian customs, and the position of the bones which have been discovered bears out their theory.

It has been believed for some time that the tomb existed on the Guthrie farm, for about eighteen years ago part of a skeleton was disclosed while a farmhand was digging a posthole.

M. L. Zimmerman, a member of the International Archaeological Society, gained permission from the owner of the farm to excavate on the site and his labor produced a tomb fifteen feet long by eight feet wide and five feet deep. The bottom of the vault was covered with a layer of flat rocks. Under these rocks was a layer of ashes from twelve to eighteen inches deep. When this crust was removed the skeletons of five bodies were revealed. In other corners of the tomb were found charred sections of skulls, substantiating the theory that the widows were cremated.

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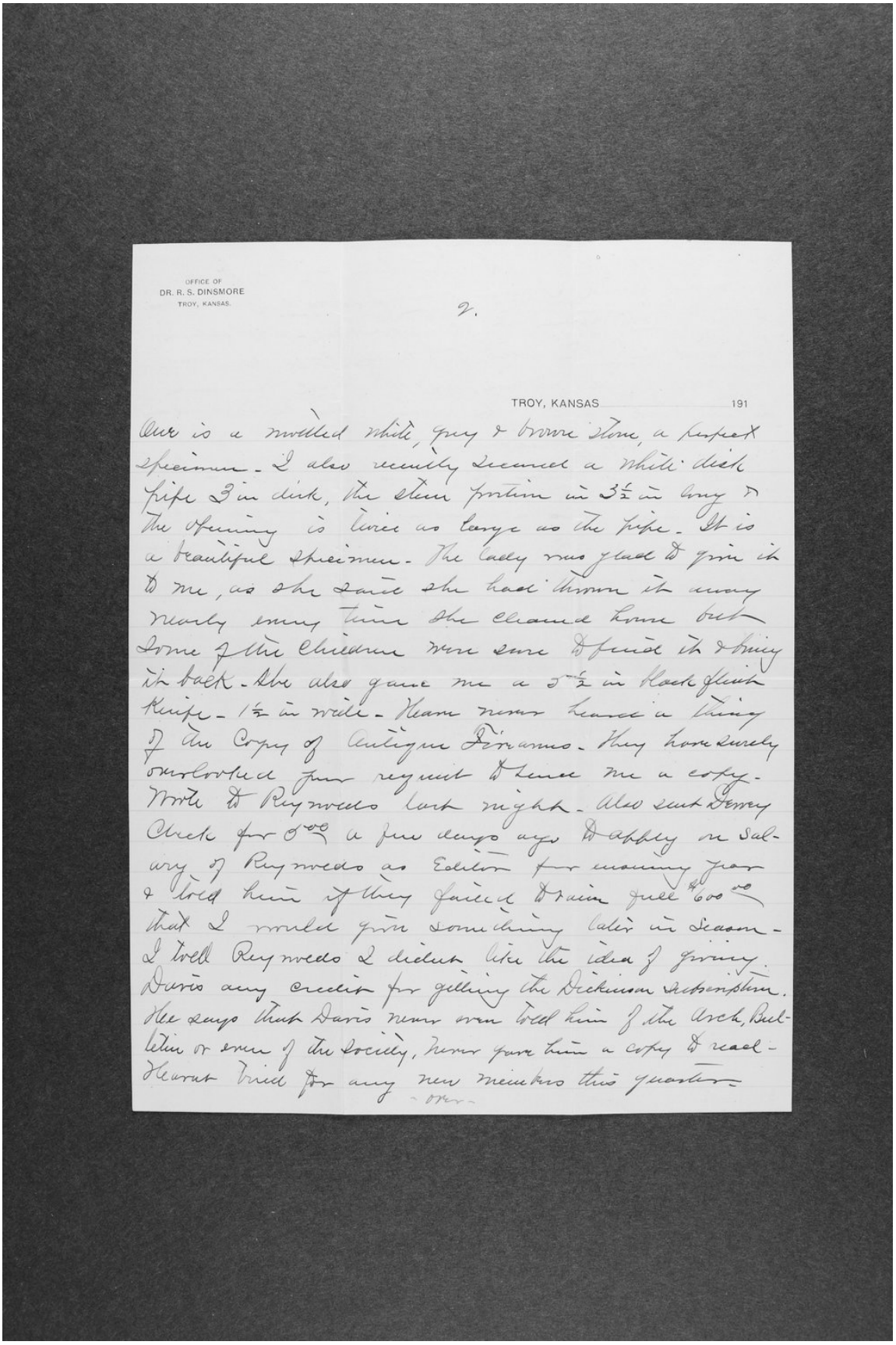
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TROY, KANSAS Oct 30th 1912

Dear George

Your letter rec'd this a.m. Sorry you have been disappointed in getting here. I want you to come so we can explore that King Hill mound. There is a party of St Joe fellows who are planning to come some Sunday and make excavation of this mound and I hope we will get there first. I hardly think "Bandy" will let them work without letting me know, Zimmerman told me he would not when the Gushie mound without letting me know so I could be there - but he did just the same - I put him onto the find, but it seems that is the way with human nature - I enclose the clipping from News-Press - Will make inquiry in regard to the George collection - I have never heard of him. There are some very fine collections in St Joe as it was a rich field for archaeological specimens, even better than on this side of the river. A man from Leona gave me three very fine small axes, 2 of them weigh 1½ lbs the other 1 lb.

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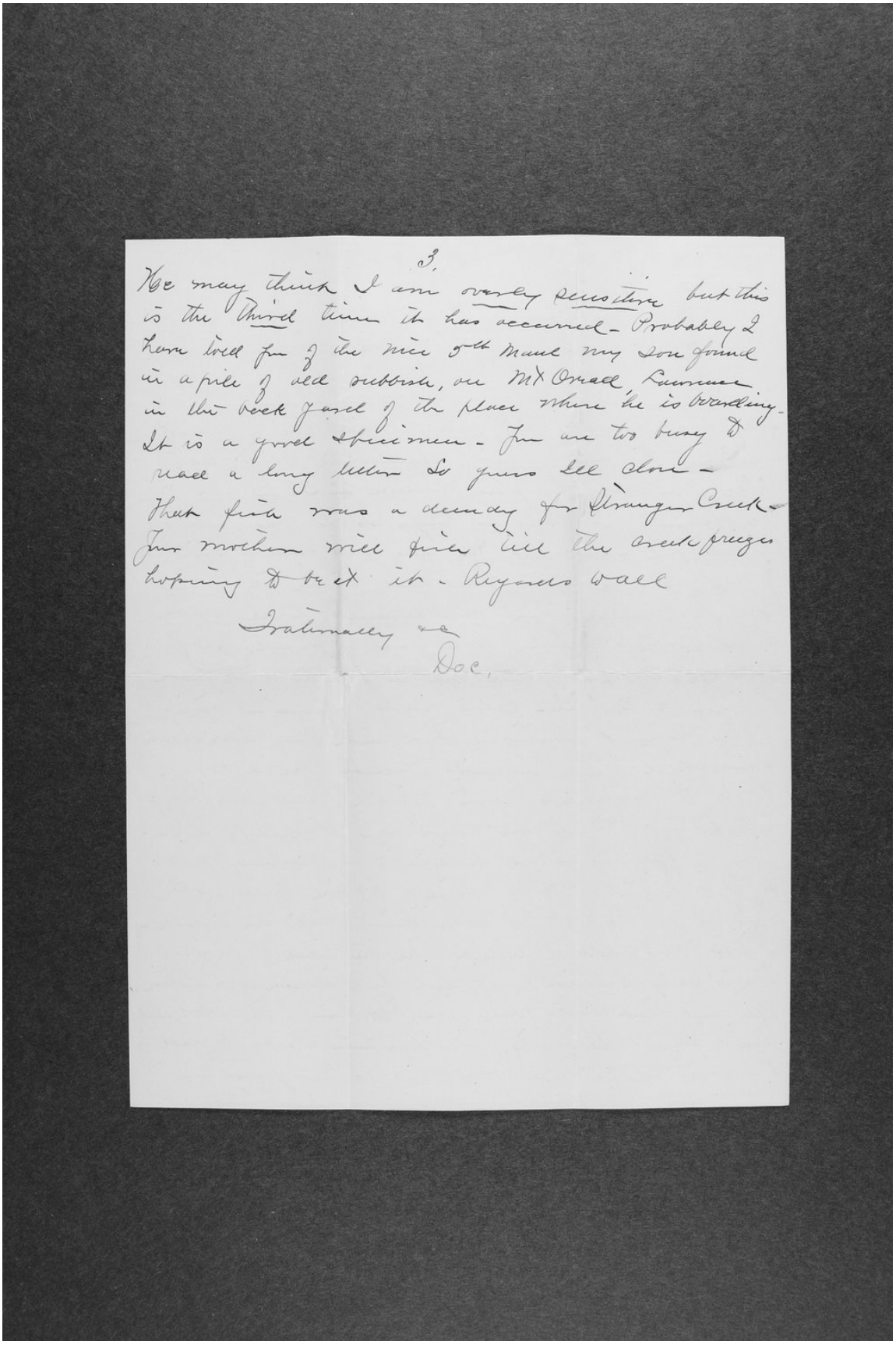
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Axe is a mottled white, grey & brown stone, a perfect specimen - I also recently secured a white disk pipe 3 in diak, the stem portion is 3½ in long & the opening is twice as large as the pipe. It is a beautiful specimen. The lady was glad to give it to me, as she said she had thrown it away nearly every time she cleaned house but some of the children were sure to find it & bring it back. She also gave me a 5½ in black flint knife - 1½ in wide - Have never heard a thing of the Copy of Antiquus Diranus. They have surely overlooked your request to send me a copy. Wrote to Reynolds last night. Also sent Dewey Check for $5.00 a few days ago & Abbey re Salary of Reynolds as Editor for ensuing year & told him if they failed to raise full $600.00 that I would give something later in season - I told Reynolds I did not like the idea of giving Davis any credit for getting the Dickinson subscription. He says that Davis never even told him of the Arch. Bulletin or even of the society, never gave him a copy & read - Have not tried for any new members this quarter -

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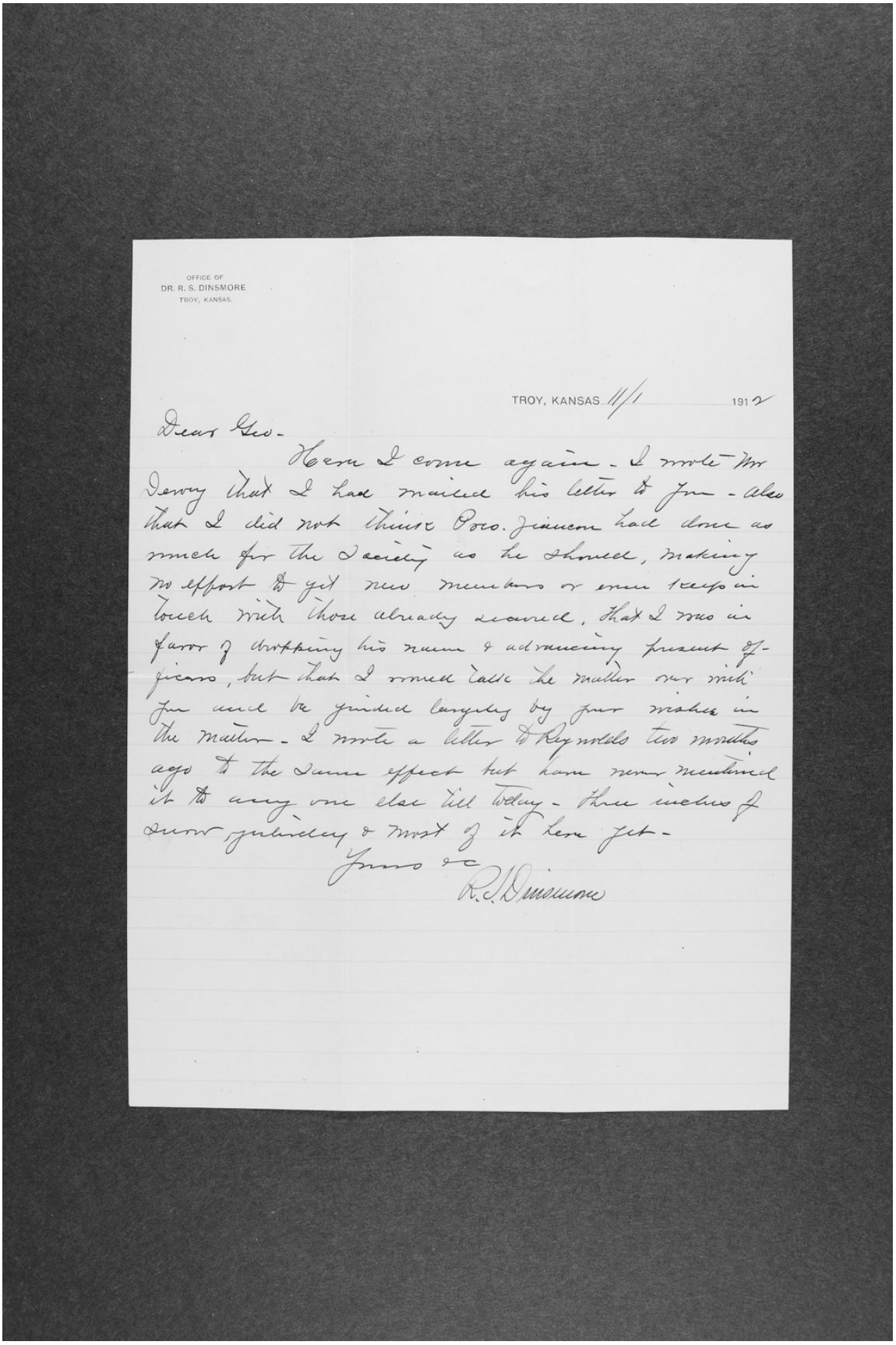
We may think I am overly cautious but this is the third time it has occurred - Probably 2 hours work for 2 the men & Mark my son found in a pile of old rubbish, on Mr Oneal Lumbers in the back yard of the place where he is boarding. It is a good specimen - Jim we too busy to read a long letter so guess see close -

That fish was a dandy for Stranger Creek - Jim mother will fish till the creek freezes hoping to beat it - Regards all

Fraternally

Doc.

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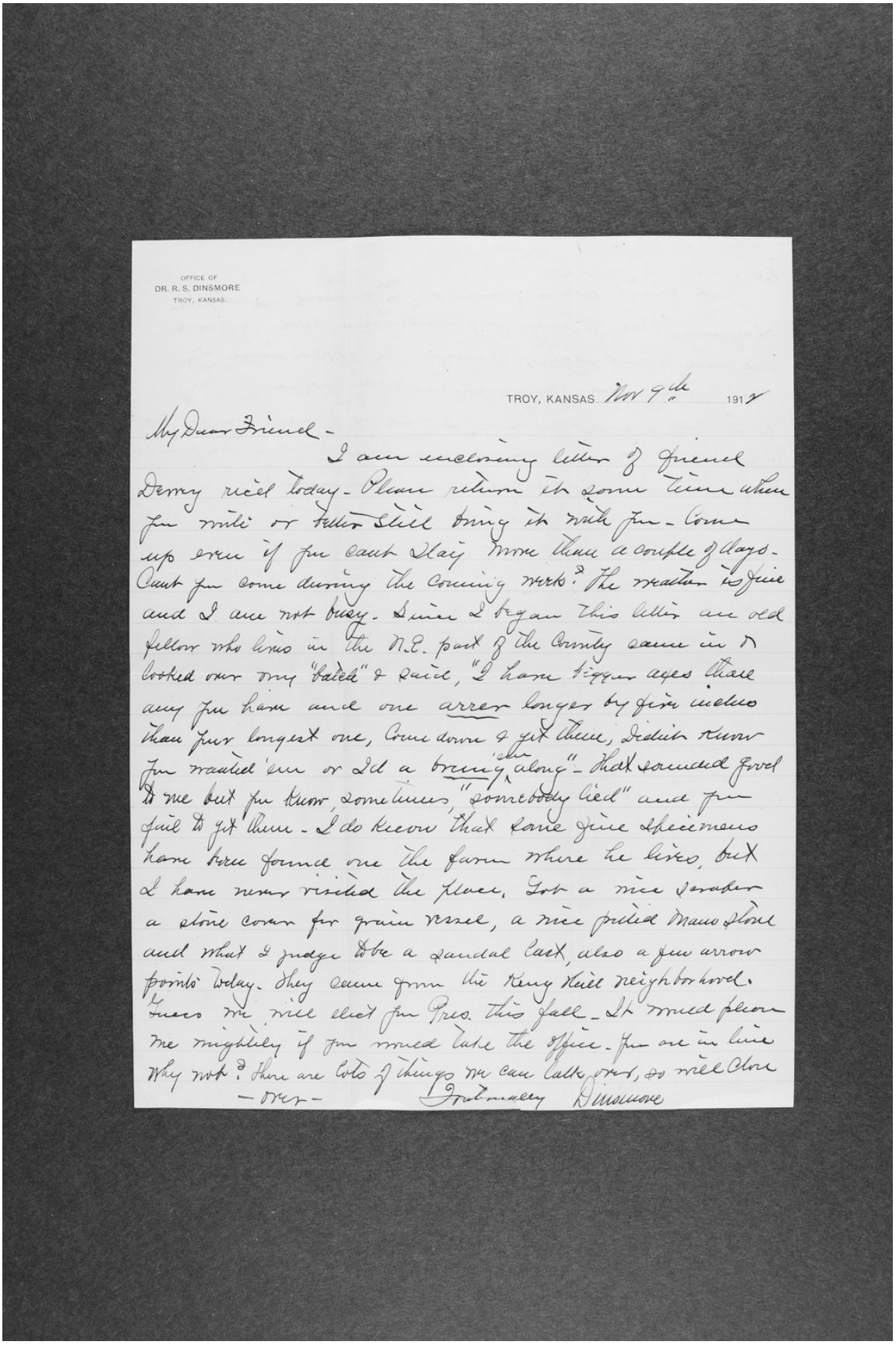
Dear Geo-

Here I come again - I wrote Mr Dewey that I had mailed his letter to you - also that I did not think Pres. Jewett had done as much for the Society as he should, making no effort to get new members or even keep in touch with those already secured, that I was in favor of dropping his name & advancing present officers, but that I would take the matter up with you and be guided largely by your wishes in the matter - I wrote a letter to Reynolds two months ago & the same effect but have never mentioned it to any one else till today - Three inches of snow yesterday & most of it here yet -

Yours &c

R. S. Dinsmore

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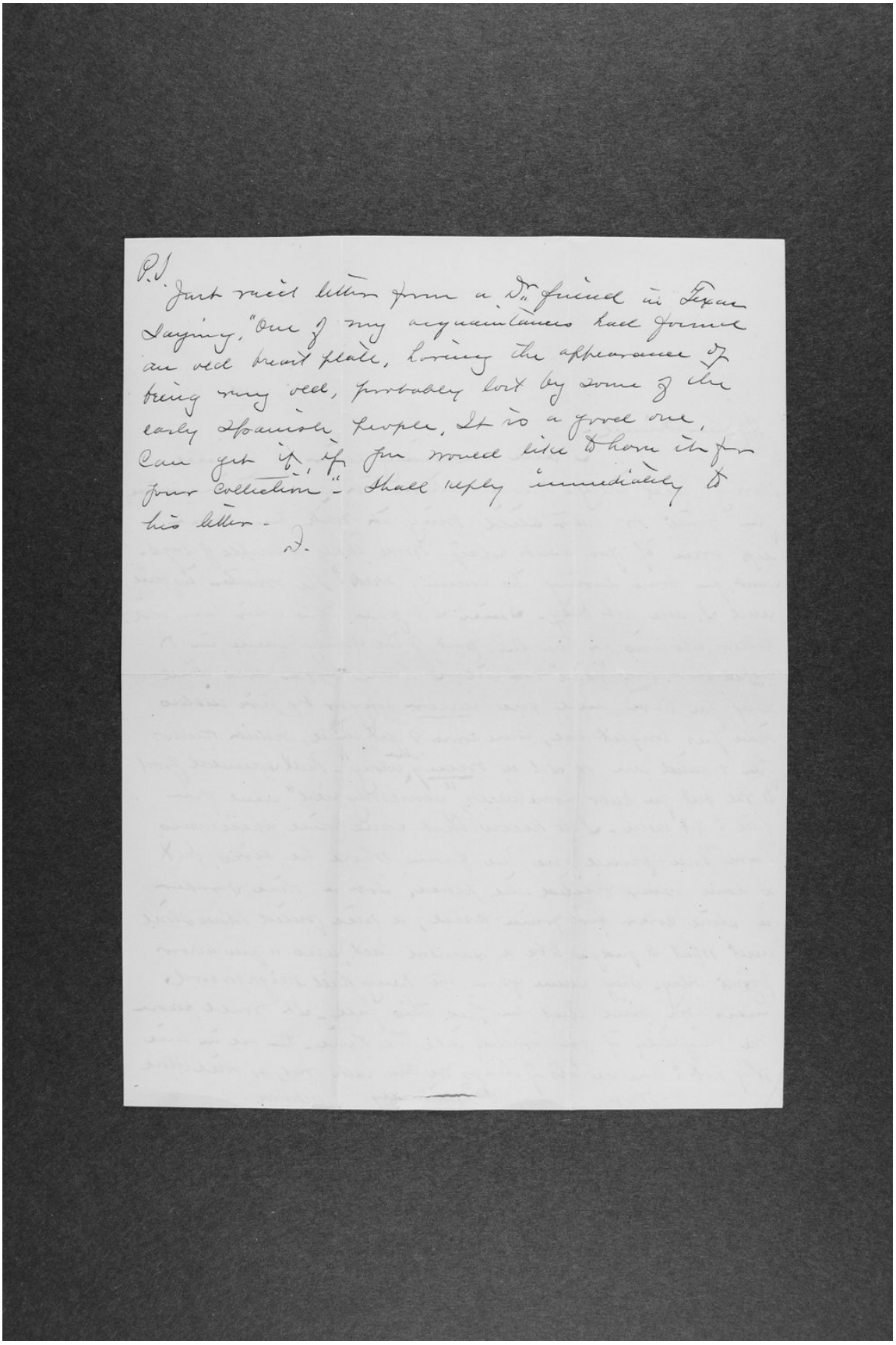
My Dear Friend -

I am enclosing letter & friend Dewey rec'd today. Please return in some time when you write or better still bring it with you. Come up even if you can't stay more than a couple of days. Can't you come during the coming week? The weather is fine and I am not busy. Since I began this letter an old fellow who lives in the N.E. part of the county came in & looked over my "relics" & said, "I have bigger ages than any you have and one arrer longer by five inches than your longest one, Come down & get them, didn't know you wanted 'em or I'd a brung 'em along". That sounded good to me but you know, sometimes, "somebody lied" and you fail to get them - I do know that some fine specimens have been found on the farm where he lives, but I have never visited the place. Got a nice scraper a stone cover for grain vessel, a nice pitted Mano stone and what I judge to be a sandal last, also a few arrow points today. They came from the Kenny Hill neighborhood. Guess we will elect you Pres. this fall - It would please me mightily if you would take the office - You are in line Why not? There are lots of things we can talk over, so will close

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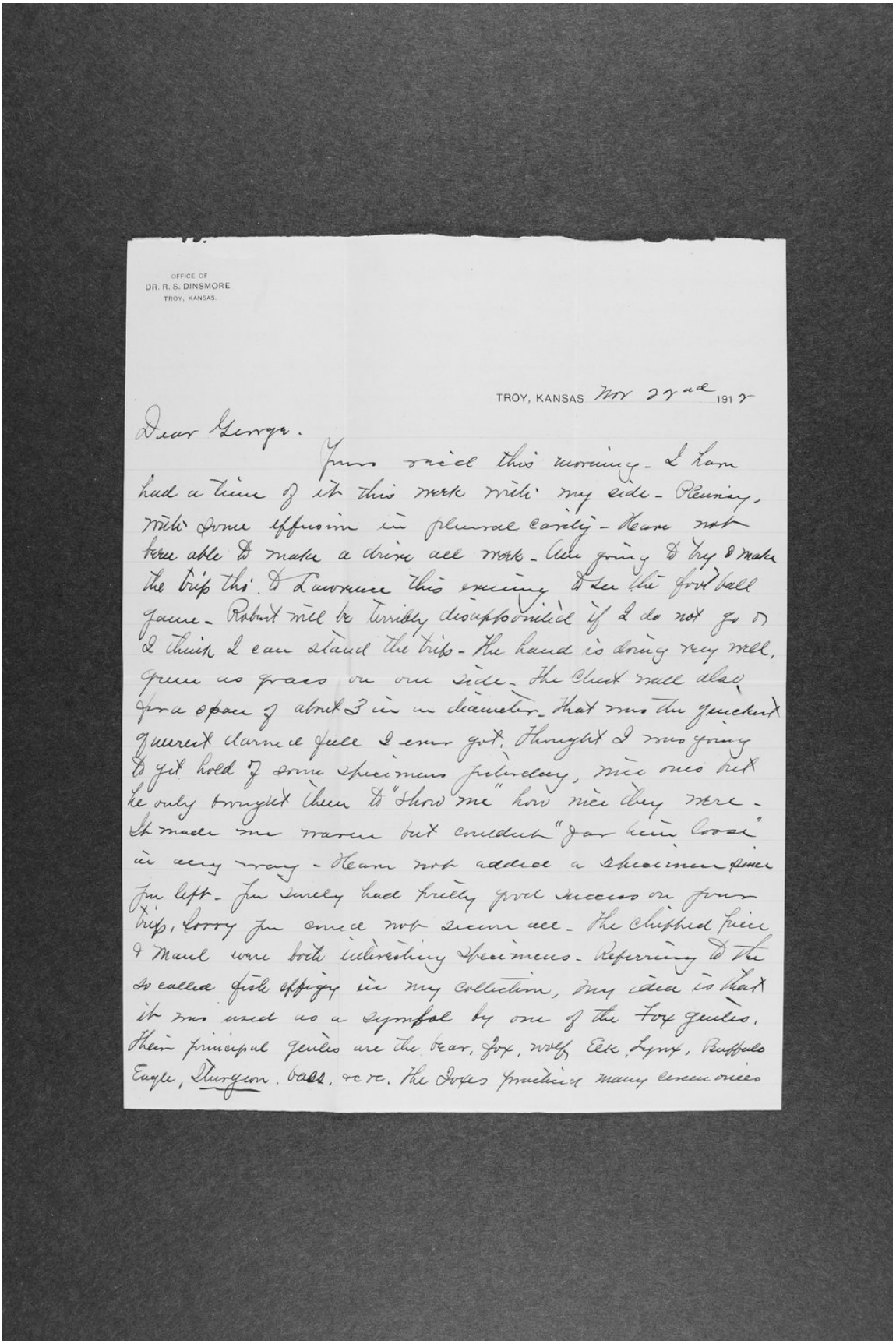
Fraternally Dinsmore

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P.S. Just recd letter from a Dr. friend in Texas saying, "One of my acquaintances had found an old brass plate, bearing the appearance of being very old, probably lost by some of the early Spanish people. It is a good one. Can get it if you would like to have it for your collection." Shall reply immediately to his letter.
J.

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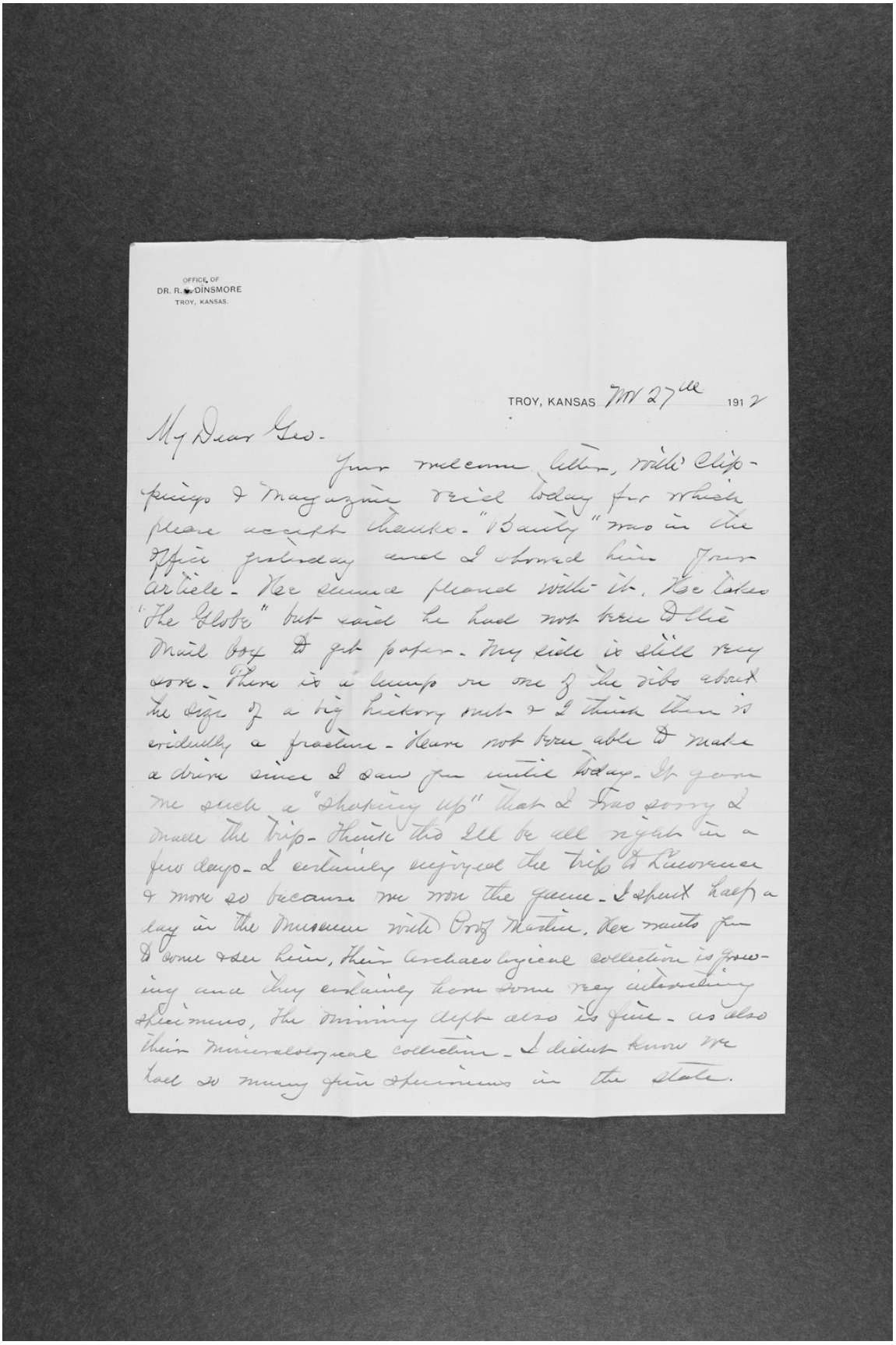
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TROY, KANSAS Nov 22nd 1917

Dear George.

Yours recd this morning. I have had a time of it this week with my side. Pleurisy, with some effusion in pleural cavity. Have not been able to make a drive all week. Am going to try & make the trip this P.M. Lawrence this evening to see the foot ball game. Robert will be terribly disappointed if I do not go & I think I can stand the trip. The hand is doing very well, green as grass on one side. The chert nodule for a space of about 3 in in diameter. That was the quickest quarrel darned fuss I ever got. Thought I was going to get hold of some specimens fairly, nice ones but he only brought them to "show me" how nice they were. It made me warm but conducted "far from coarse" in every way. Have not added a specimen since you left. You surely had pretty good success on your trip, sorry you once not secure all. The chipped piece & maul were both interesting specimens. Referring to the so called fish effigy in my collection, my idea is that it was used as a symbol by one of the Fox gentes. Their principal gentes are the Bear, Fox, Wolf, Elk, Lynx, Buffalo Eagle, Sturgeon, Bass, &c &c. The Foxes practiced many ceremonies

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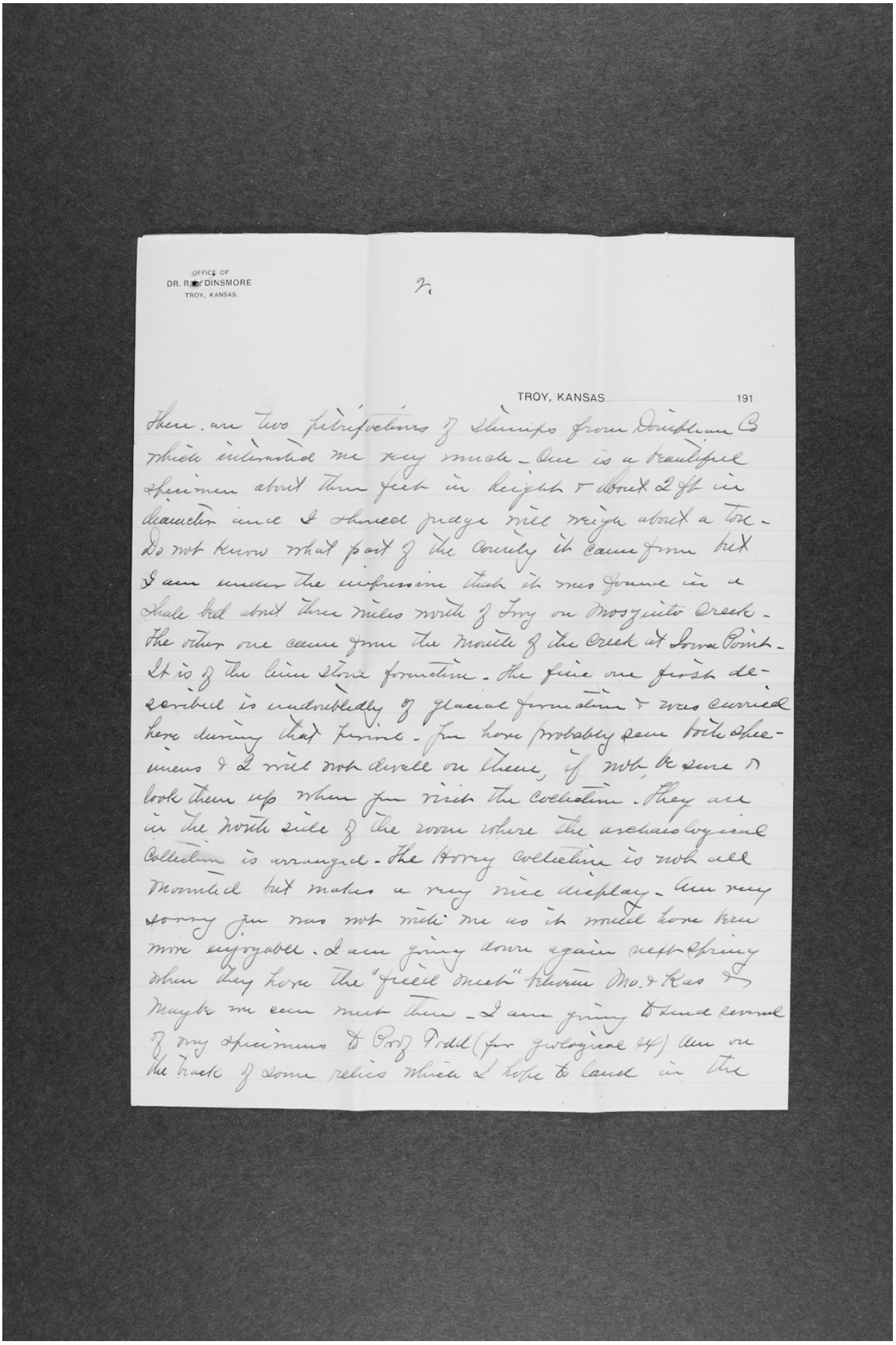
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My Dear Geo.

Your welcome letter, with clippings & magazine reid today for which please accept thanks. "Barly" was in the office yesterday and I showed him your article. He seemed pleased with it. He takes "The Globe" but said he had not been able to get the Mail boy to get paper. My side is still very sore. There is a lump on one of the ribs about the size of a big hickory nut & I think there is evidently a fracture. Have not been able to make a drive since I saw you until today. It gave me such a "shaking up" that I was sorry I made the trip. Think this will be all right in a few days. I certainly enjoyed the trip to Lawrence & more so because we won the game. I spent half a day in the Museum with Prof Martin. He wants you to come & see him, their Archaeological collection is growing and they certainly have some very interesting specimens, the mining dept also is fine. as also their Mineralogical collection. I didn't know we had so many fine specimens in the state.

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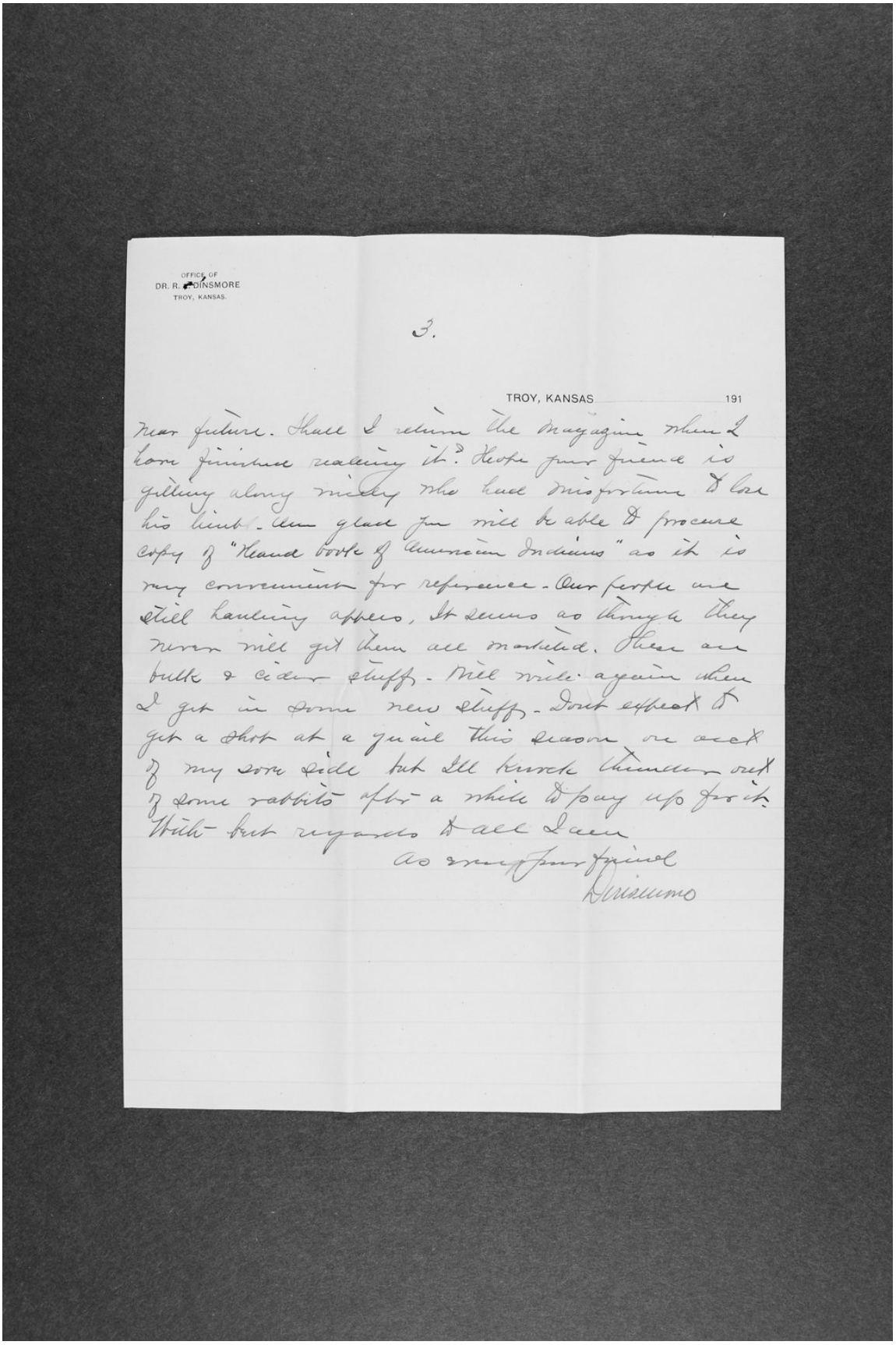
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there are two petrifactions of stumps from Doniphan Co which interested me very much. One is a beautiful specimen about three feet in height & about 2 ft in diameter and I should judge will weigh about a ton. Do not know what part of the county it came from but I am under the impression that it was found in a shale bed about three miles north of Troy on Mosquito Creek. The other one came from the mouth of the Creek at Iowa Point. It is of the lime stone formation. The fine one finish described is undoubtedly of glacial formation & was carried here during that period. You have probably seen both specimens & I will not dwell on them, if not be sure & look them up when you visit the collection. They are in the north side of the room where the archaeological collection is arranged. The Ivory collection is not all mounted but makes a very nice display. Am very sorry you was not with me as it would have been more enjoyable. I am going down again next Spring when they have the "great meet" between Mo. & Kas & maybe we can meet there. I am going to send several of my specimens to Prof Prdd (for geological 4) Am on the track of some relics which I hope to land in the

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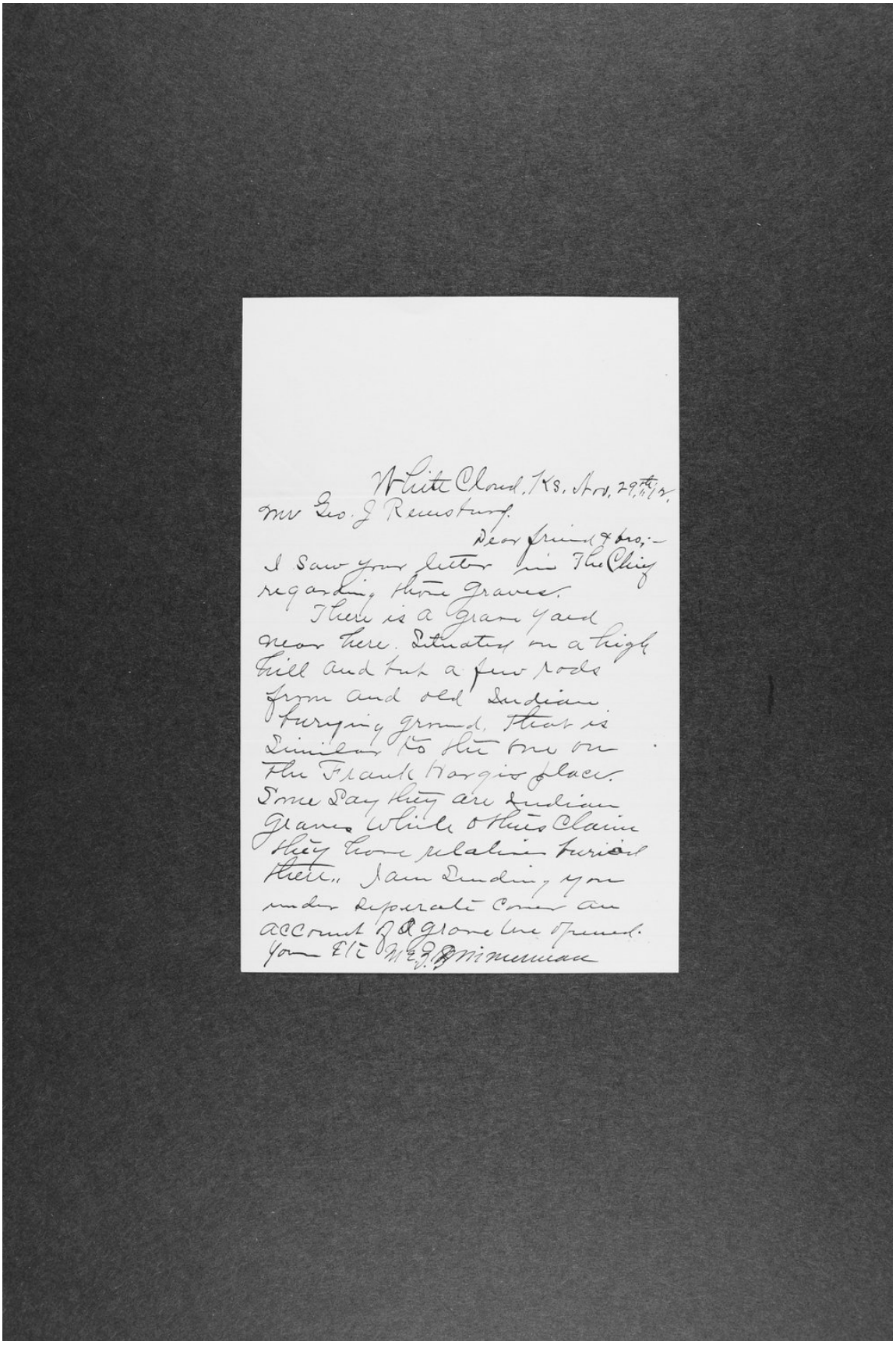
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near future. Shall I return the magazine when I have finished reading it? Hope your friend is getting along nicely who had misfortune to lose his limb. Am glad you will be able to procure copy of "Hand book of American Indians" as it is very convenient for reference. Our people are still hauling apples. It seems as though they never will get them all marketed. These are bulk & cider stuff. Will write again when I get in some new stuff. Don't expect to get a shot at a quail this season we are x of my corn fields but I'll knock them over x some rabbits after a while. Pay up for it. With best regards to all I am

As ever your friend
Robinsmore

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White Cloud, Kas, Nov. 29th 1875.

Mr Geo. J Remsburg.

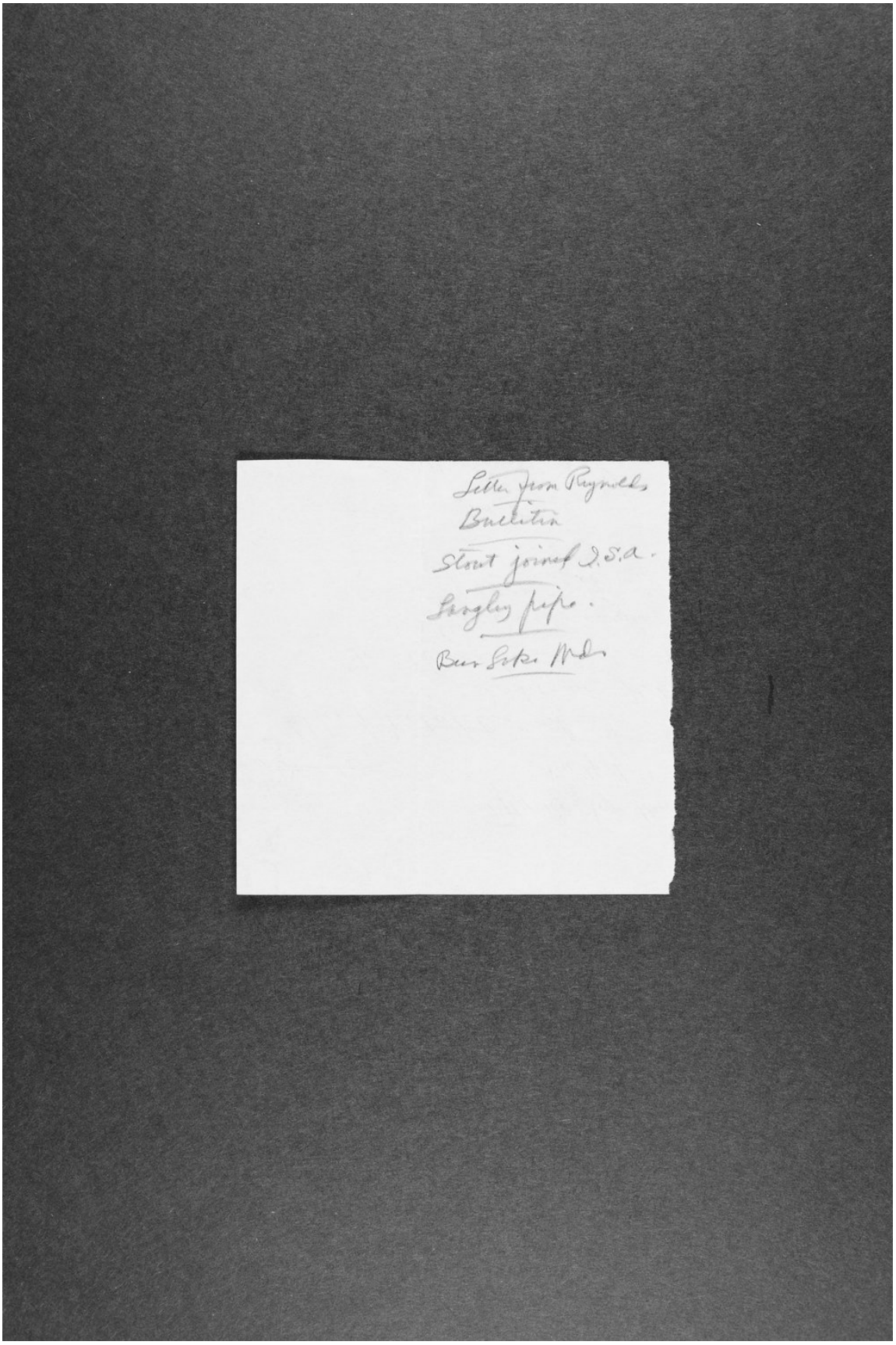
Dear Friend & Bro,-

I Saw your letter in The Chief regarding those Graves.

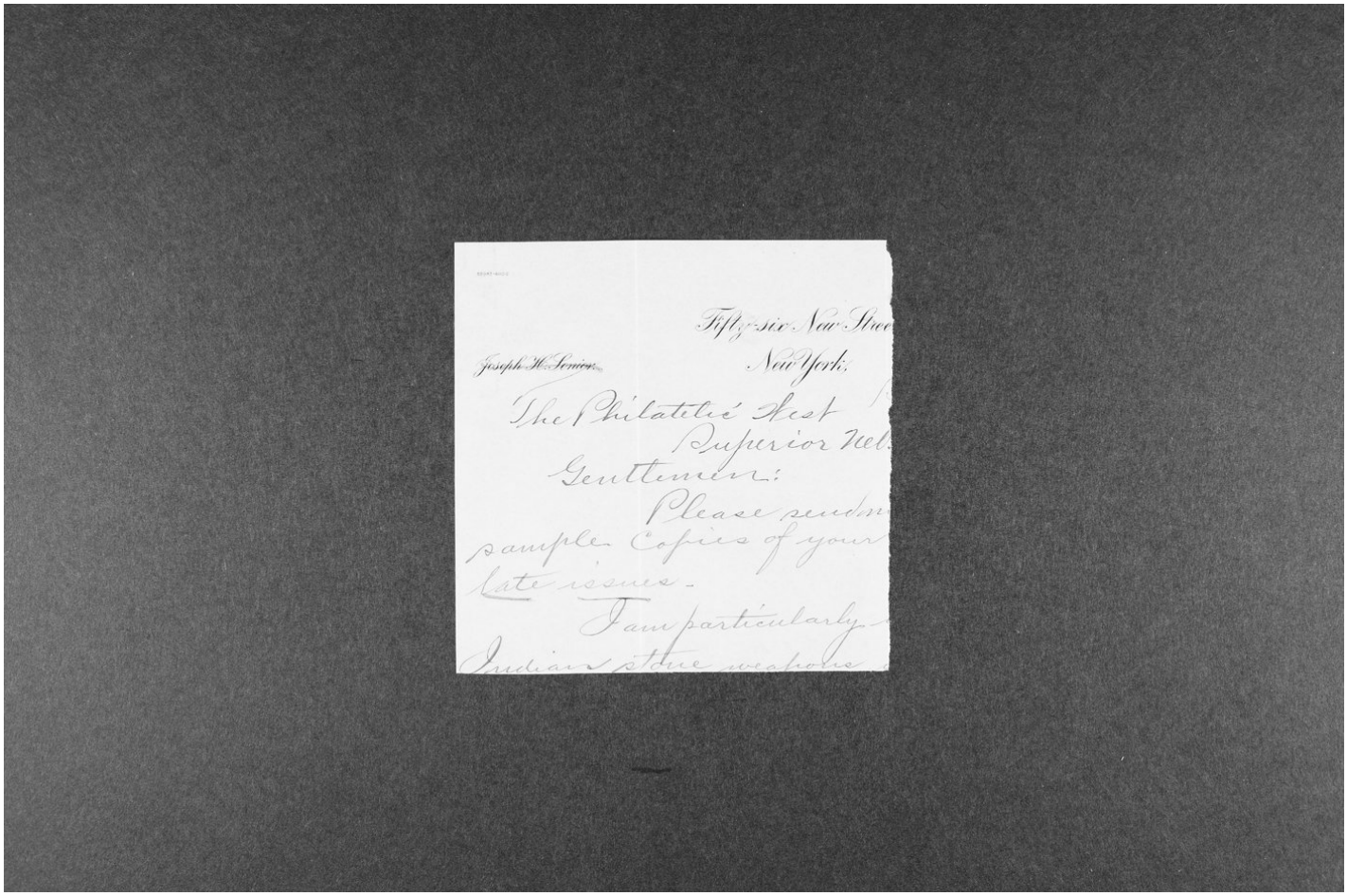
There is a Grave yard near here. Situated on a high hill and but a few rods from and old Indian burying ground. That is Similar to the one on the Frank Hargis place. Some Say they are Indian Graves while others Claim they were reliable burials there. I am Sending you under Separate Cover an account of Stone Implements found.

Your Ete W. J. Simmons

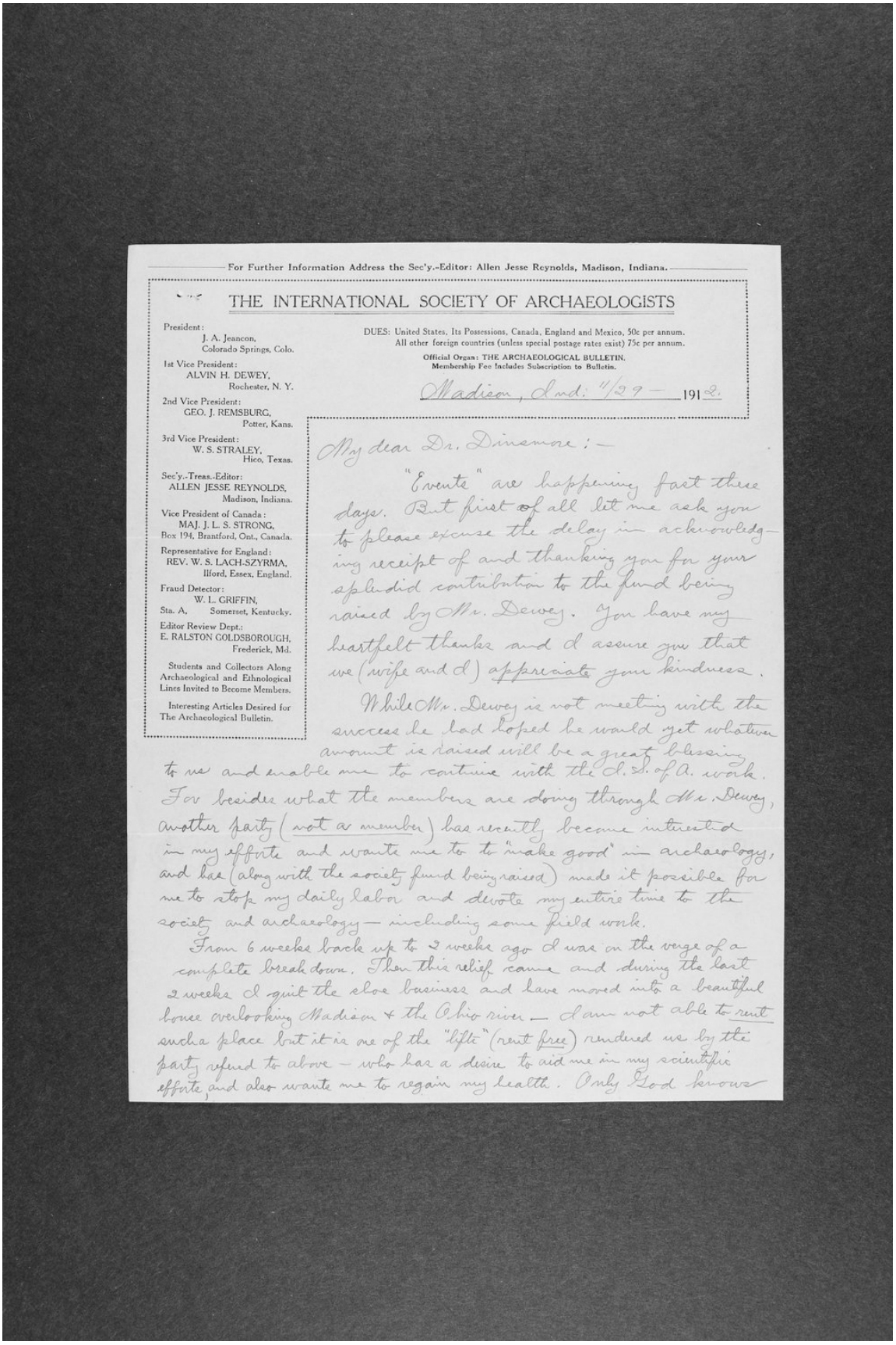
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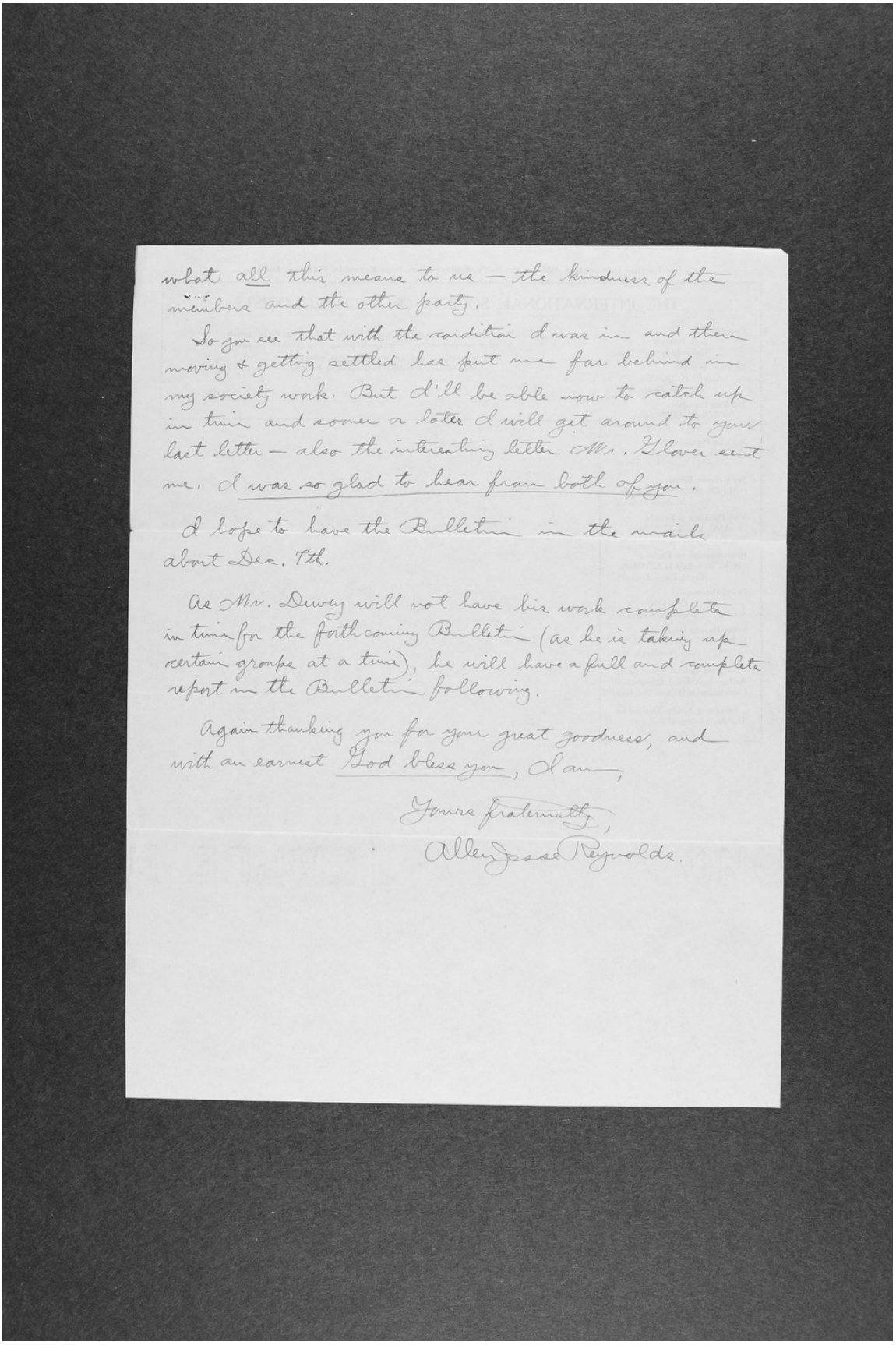
My dear Dr. Dinsmore: —

"Events" are happening fast these days. But first of all let me ask you to please excuse the delay in acknowledging receipt of and thanking you for your splendid contribution to the fund being raised by Mr. Dewey. You have my heartfelt thanks and I assure you that we (wife and I) appreciate your kindness.

While Mr. Dewey is not meeting with the success he had hoped he would yet whatever amount is raised will be a great blessing to us and enable me to continue with the I. S. of A. work. For besides what the members are doing through Mr. Dewey, another party (not a member) has recently become interested in my efforts and wants me to "make good" in archaeology, and has (along with the society fund being raised) made it possible for me to stop my daily labor and devote my entire time to the society and archaeology — including some field work.

From 6 weeks back up to 2 weeks ago I was on the verge of a complete breakdown. Then this relief came and during the last 2 weeks I quit the shoe business and have moved into a beautiful house overlooking Madison & the Ohio river — I am not able to rent such a place but it is one of the "lifts" (rent free) rendered me by this party referred to above — who has a desire to aid me in my scientific efforts and also wants me to regain my health. Only God knows

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what all this means to me — the kindness of the members and the other party.

So you see that with the condition I was in and then moving & getting settled has put me far behind in my society work. But I'll be able now to catch up in time and sooner or later I will get around to your last letter — also the interesting letter Mr. Glover sent me. I was so glad to hear from both of you.

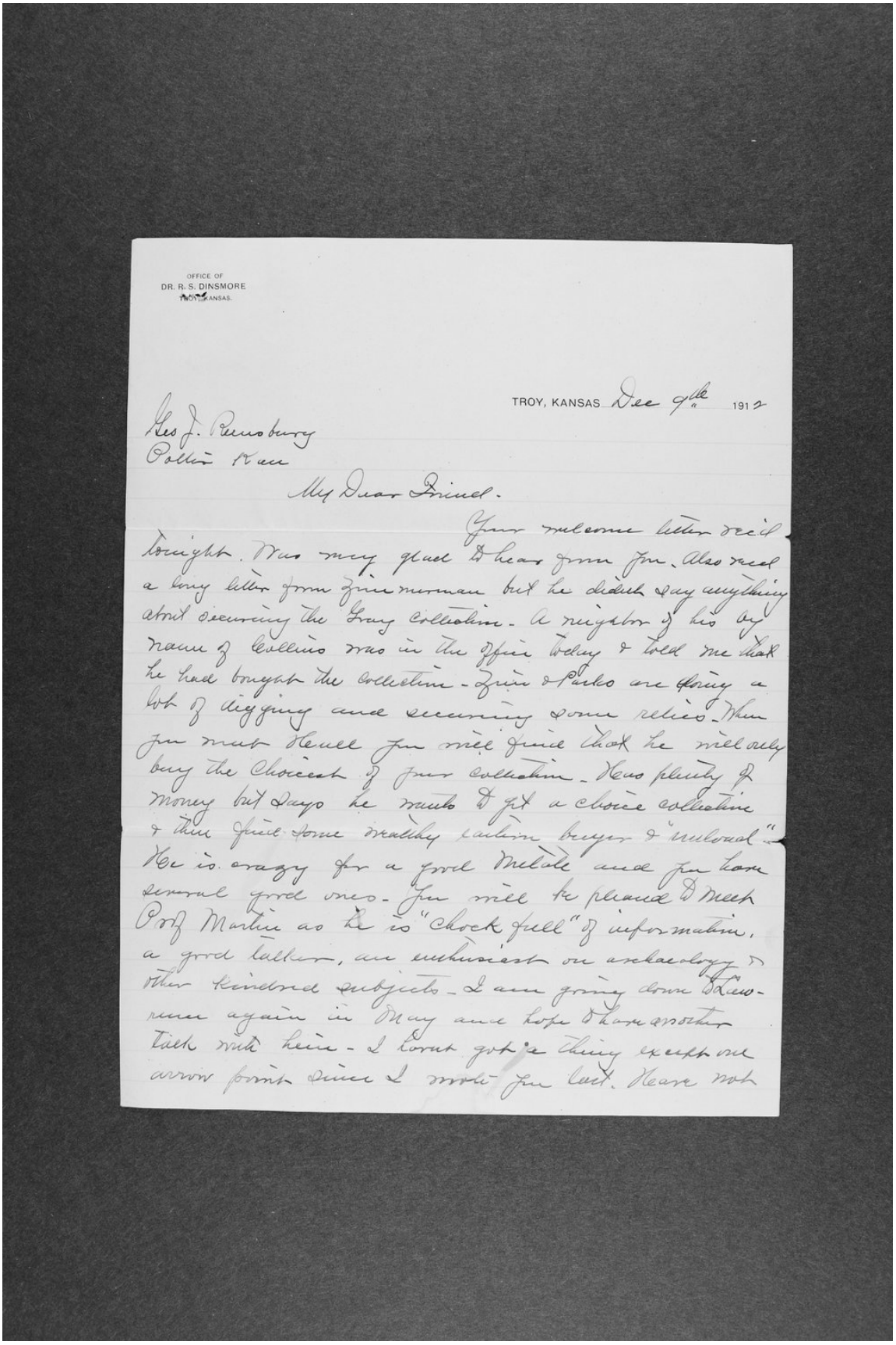
I hope to have the Bulletin in the mails about Dec. 7th.

As Mr. Dewey will not have his work complete in time for the forthcoming Bulletin (as he is taking up certain groups at a time), he will have a full and complete report in the Bulletin following.

Again thanking you for your great goodness, and with an earnest God bless you, I am,

Yours fraternally,
Allen Jesse Reynolds.

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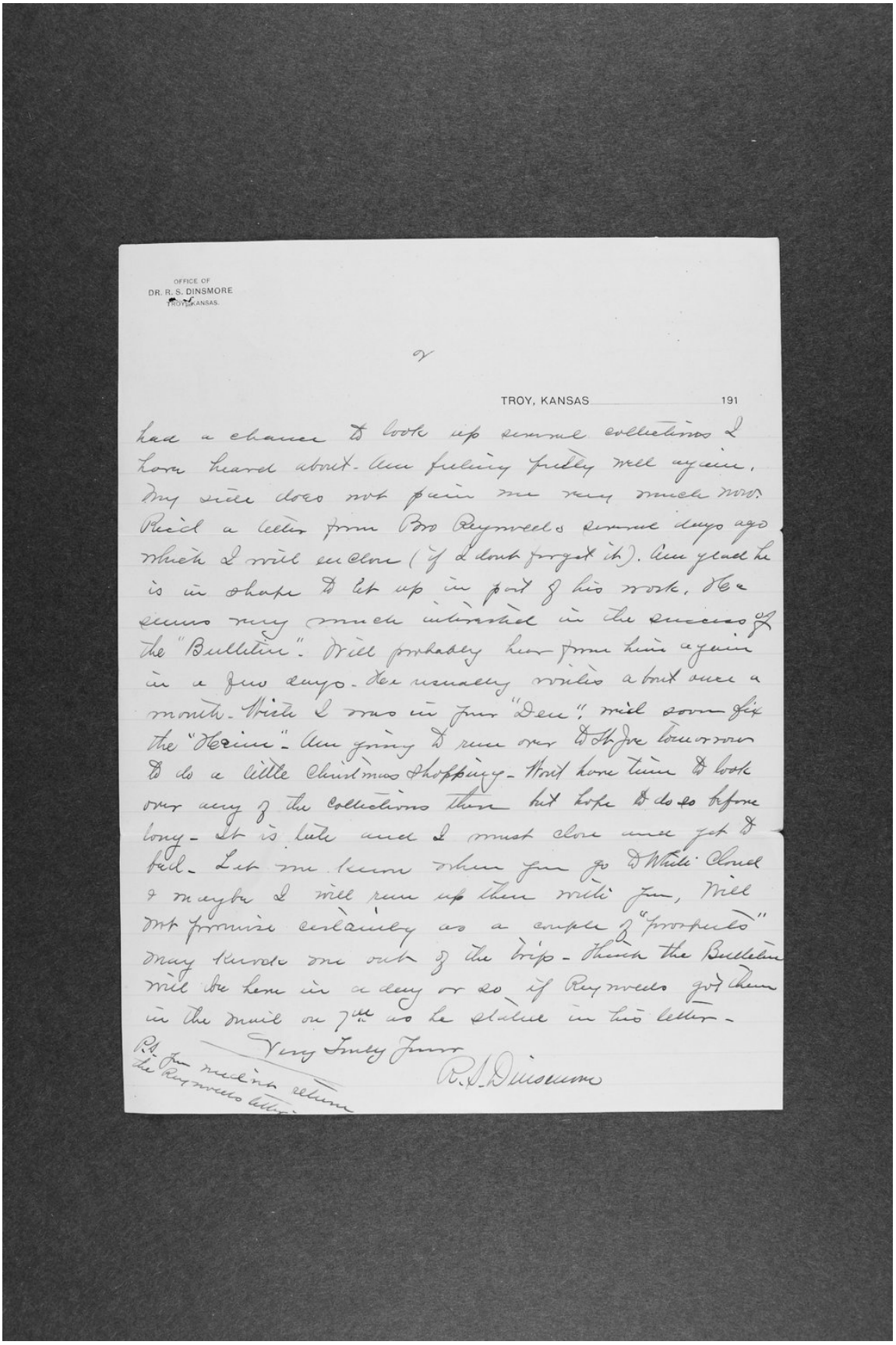
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Geo J. Remsburg
Collins Kan

My Dear Friend.

Your welcome letter recd tonight. Was very glad to hear from you. Also recd a long letter from Jim Norman but he didn't say anything about securing the Long collection. A neighbor of his by name of Collins was in the office today & told me that he had bought the collection - Jim & Parks are doing a lot of digging and securing some relics. When you next Herald you will find that he will only buy the choicest of your collection. Has plenty of money but says he wants to get a choice collection & then find some wealthy eastern buyer & "unload". He is crazy for a good Metate and for some unusual good ones. You will be pleased to meet Prof Martin as he is "chock full" of information, a good talker, an enthusiast on archaeology & other kindred subjects. I am going down to Lawrence again in May and hope to have another talk with him. I don't get a thing except one arrow point since I wrote you last. Have not

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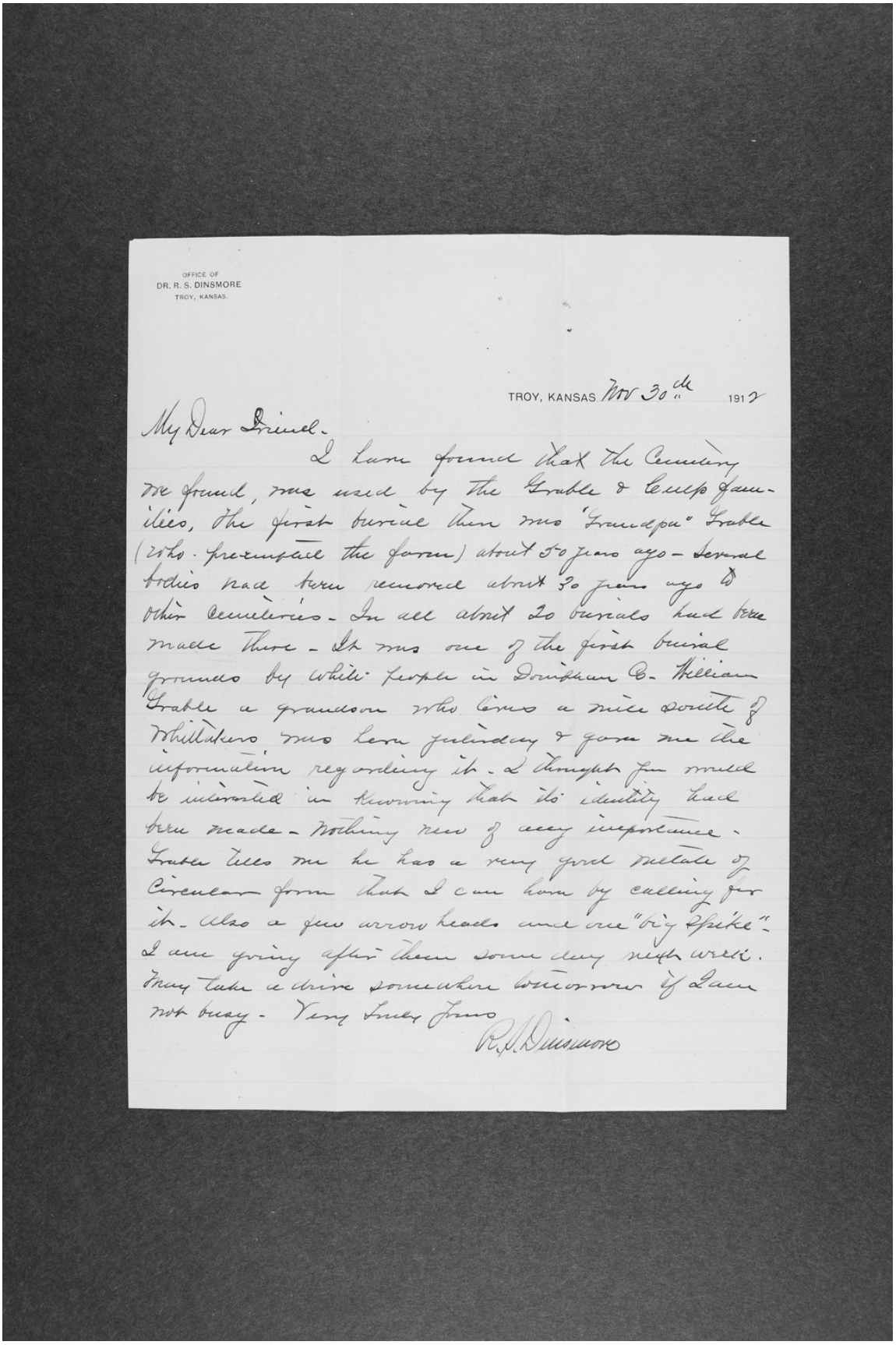
had a chance to look up several collections I have heard about. Am feeling pretty well again. My side does not pain me very much now. Rec'd a letter from Bro Reynolds several days ago which I will enclose (if I don't forget it). Am glad he is in shape to let up in part of his work. He seems very much interested in the success of the "Bulletin". Will probably hear from him again in a few days. He usually writes about once a month. Wish I was in Jun "Dem" and could see the "Heim". Am going to run over to Hope tomorrow to do a little Christmas shopping. Must have time to look over any of the collections there but hope to do so before long. It is late and I must close and get to bed. Let me know when you go to White Cloud & maybe I will run up there with you, will not promise certainly as a couple of "prospects" may knock me out of the trip. Think the Bulletin will be here in a day or so if Reynolds got them in the mail as he states in his letter.

Very Truly Yours

R. S. Dinsmore

P.S. Am sending along the Reynolds letter.

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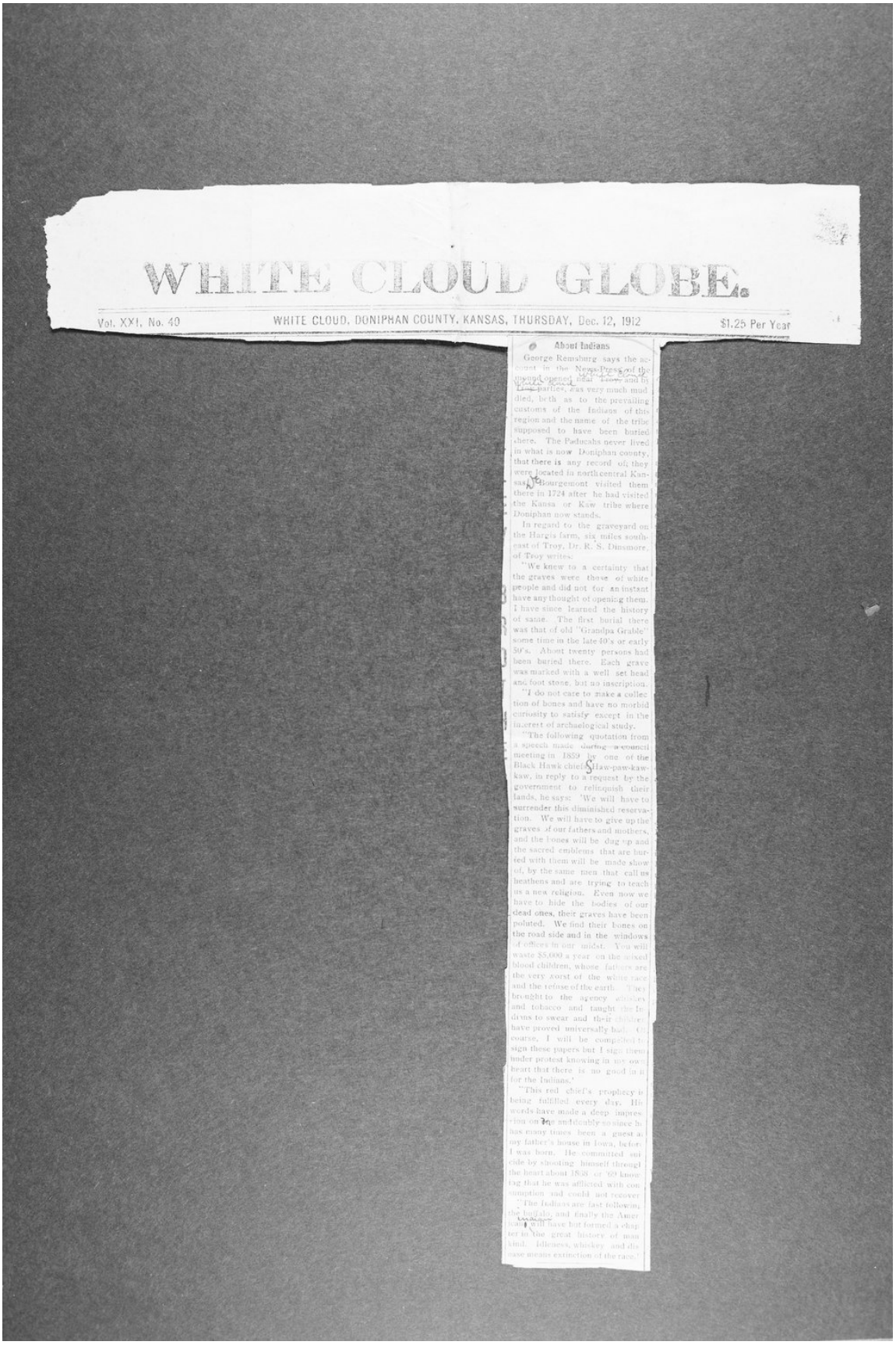
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My Dear Friend.

I have found that the Cemetery we found, was used by the Grable & Crump families, the first burial there was "Grandpa" Grable (who preempted the farm) about 50 years ago - Several bodies had been removed about 20 years ago to other cemeteries - In all about 20 burials had been made there - It was one of the first burial grounds by white people in Doniphan Co. William Grable a grandson who lives a mile south of Whitehurst was here yesterday & gave me the information regarding it - I thought you would be interested in knowing that its identity had been made - Nothing new of any importance - Grable tells me he has a very good mistake of Circular form that I can have by calling for it - Also a few arrow heads and one "big Spike" - I am going after them some day next week. May take a drive somewhere with you if I am not busy - Very truly Yours

R. S. Dinsmore

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WHITE CLOUD GLOBE.

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About Indians

George Remsburg says the account in the News-Press of the unwarranted [illegible] and [illegible] parties, was very much mud died, both as to the prevailing customs of the Indians of this region and the name of the tribe supposed to have been buried there. The Paducahs never lived in what is now Doniphan county, that there is any record of; they were located in north central Kansas. Bourgemont visited them there in 1724 after he had visited the Kansa or Kaw tribe where Doniphan now stands.

In regard to the graveyard on the Hargis farm, six miles southeast of Troy, Dr. R. S. Dinsmore, of Troy writes:

"We knew to a certainty that the graves were those of white people and did not for an instant have any thought of opening them. I have since learned the history of same. The first burial there was that of old 'Grandpa Grable' some time in the late 40's or early 50's. About twenty persons had been buried there. Each grave was marked with a well set head and foot stone, but no inscription.

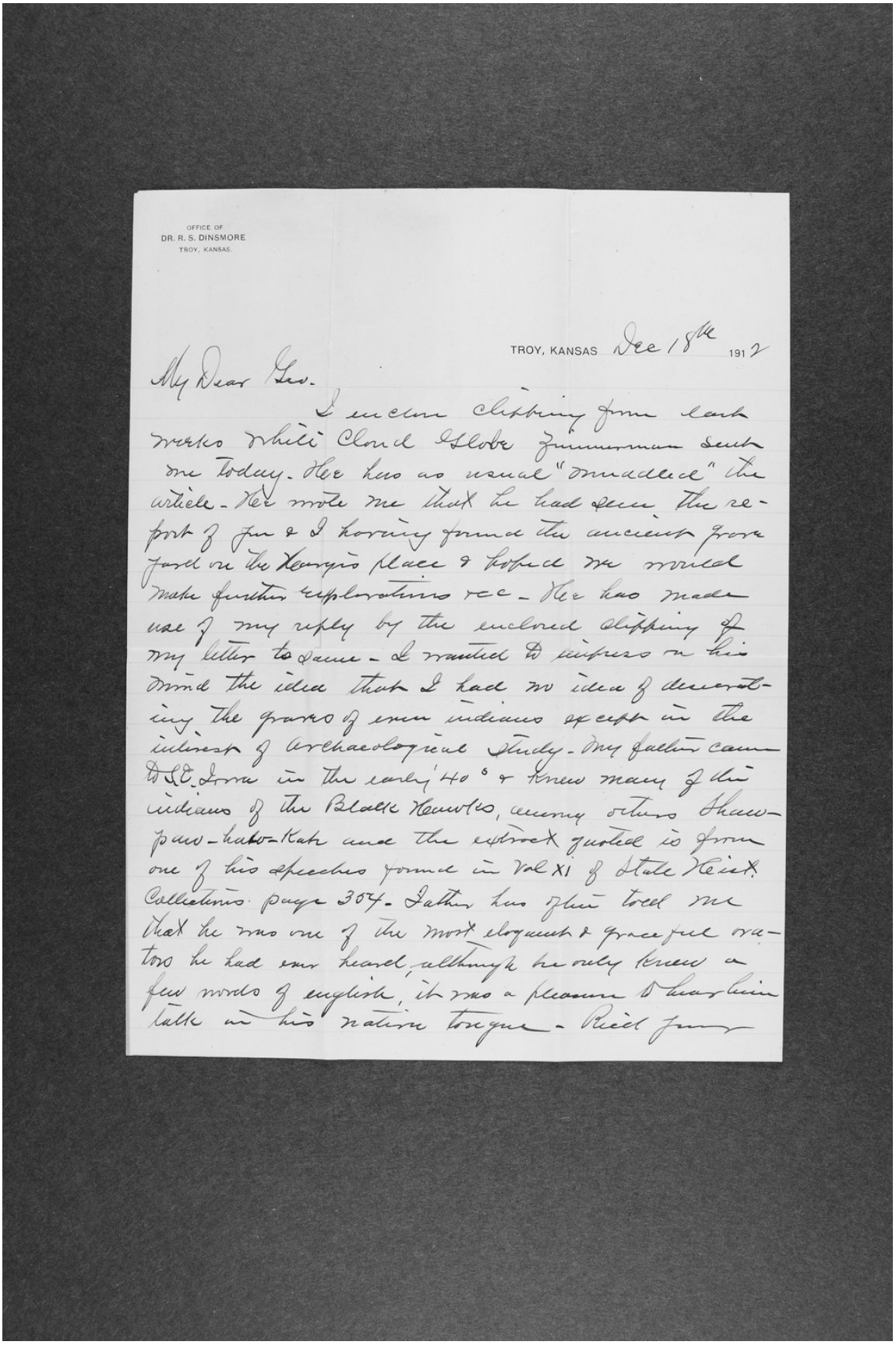
"I do not care to make a collection of bones and have no morbid curiosity to satisfy except in the interest of archaeological study.

"The following quotation from a speech made during a council meeting in 1859 by one of the Black Hawk chiefs, Shaw-paw-kaw-kaw, in reply to a request by the government to relinquish their lands, he says: 'We will have to surrender this diminished reservation. We will have to give up the graves of our fathers and mothers, and the bones will be dug up and the sacred emblems that are buried with them will be made show of, by the same men that call us heathens and are trying to teach us a new religion. Even now we have to hide the bodies of our dead ones, their graves have been polluted. We find their bones on the road side and in the windows of offices in our midst. You will waste $5,000 a year on the mixed blood children, whose fathers are the very worst of the white race and the refuse of the earth. They brought to the agency whiskey and tobacco and taught the Indians to swear and their children have proved universally bad. Of course, I will be compelled to sign these papers but I sign them under protest knowing in my own heart that there is no good in it for the Indians.'

"This red chief's prophecy is being fulfilled every day. His words have made a deep impression on me and doubtless so since he has many times been a guest at my father's house in Iowa, before I was born. He committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart about 1850 or 60 knowing that he was afflicted with consumption and could not recover.

"The Indians are fast following the bufalo, and finally the American will have but formed a chapter in the great history of mankind. Idleness, whiskey and disease means extinction of the race."

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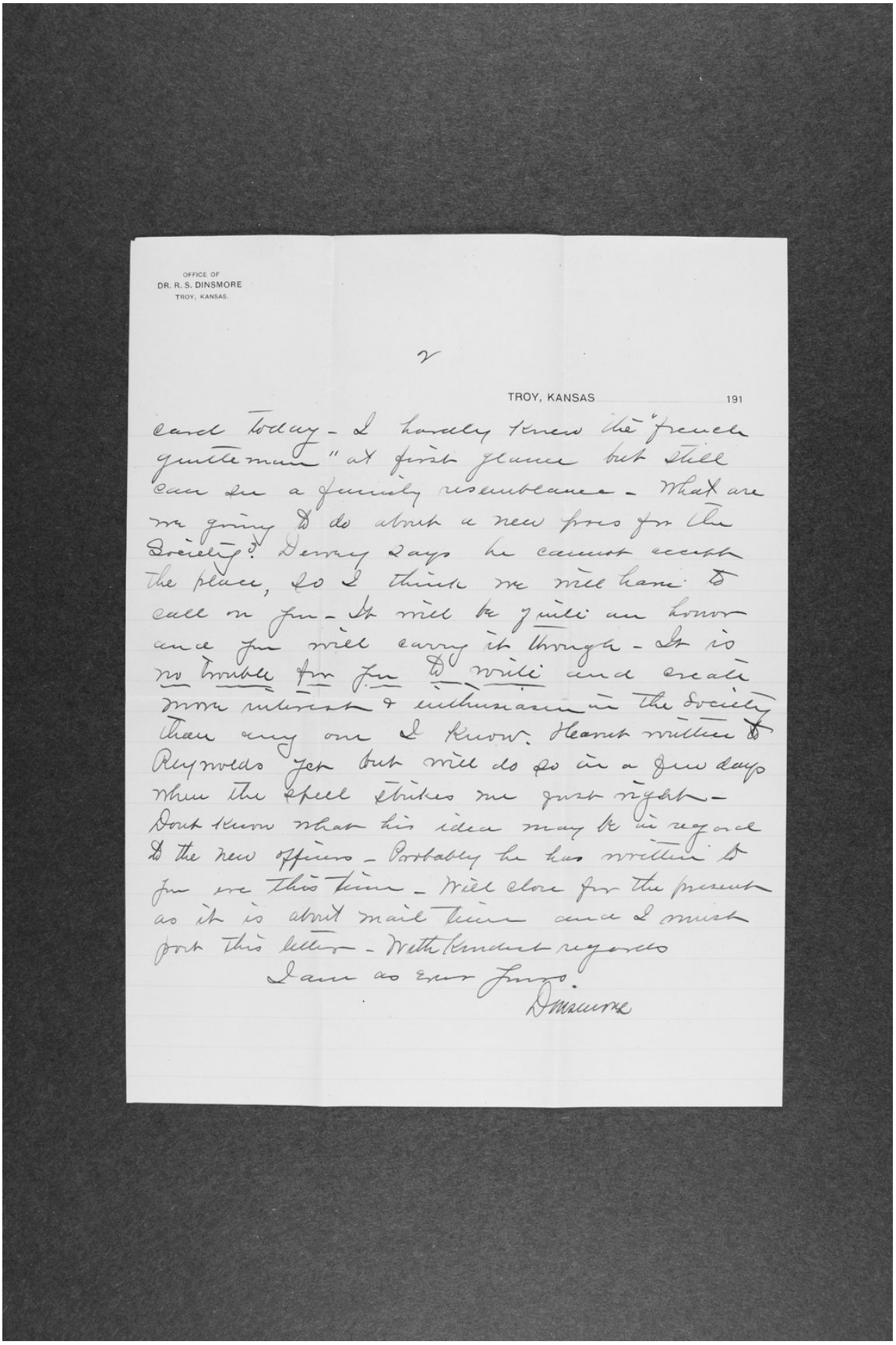
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TROY, KANSAS Dec 18th 1912

My Dear Geo.

I enclose clipping from last weeks Weekly Globe Democrat sent me today. Her has as usual "muddled" the article - Her wrote me that he had seen the report of Jim & I having found the ancients graveyard on the Kenyon place & hoped we would make further explorations &c - Her has made use of my reply by the enclosed clipping of my letter to same - I wanted to impress on his mind the idea that I had no idea of desecrating the graves of even indians except in the interest of archaeological study - My father came to S.C. Iowa in the early 40's & knew many of the indians of the Black Hawks, among others Shawpaw - Kabo - Kate and the extract quoted is from one of his speeches found in Vol XI of State Hist. Collections page 304 - Father has often told me that he was one of the most elegant & graceful orators he had ever heard, although he only knew a few words of english, it was a pleasure to hear him talk in his native tongue - Reed from

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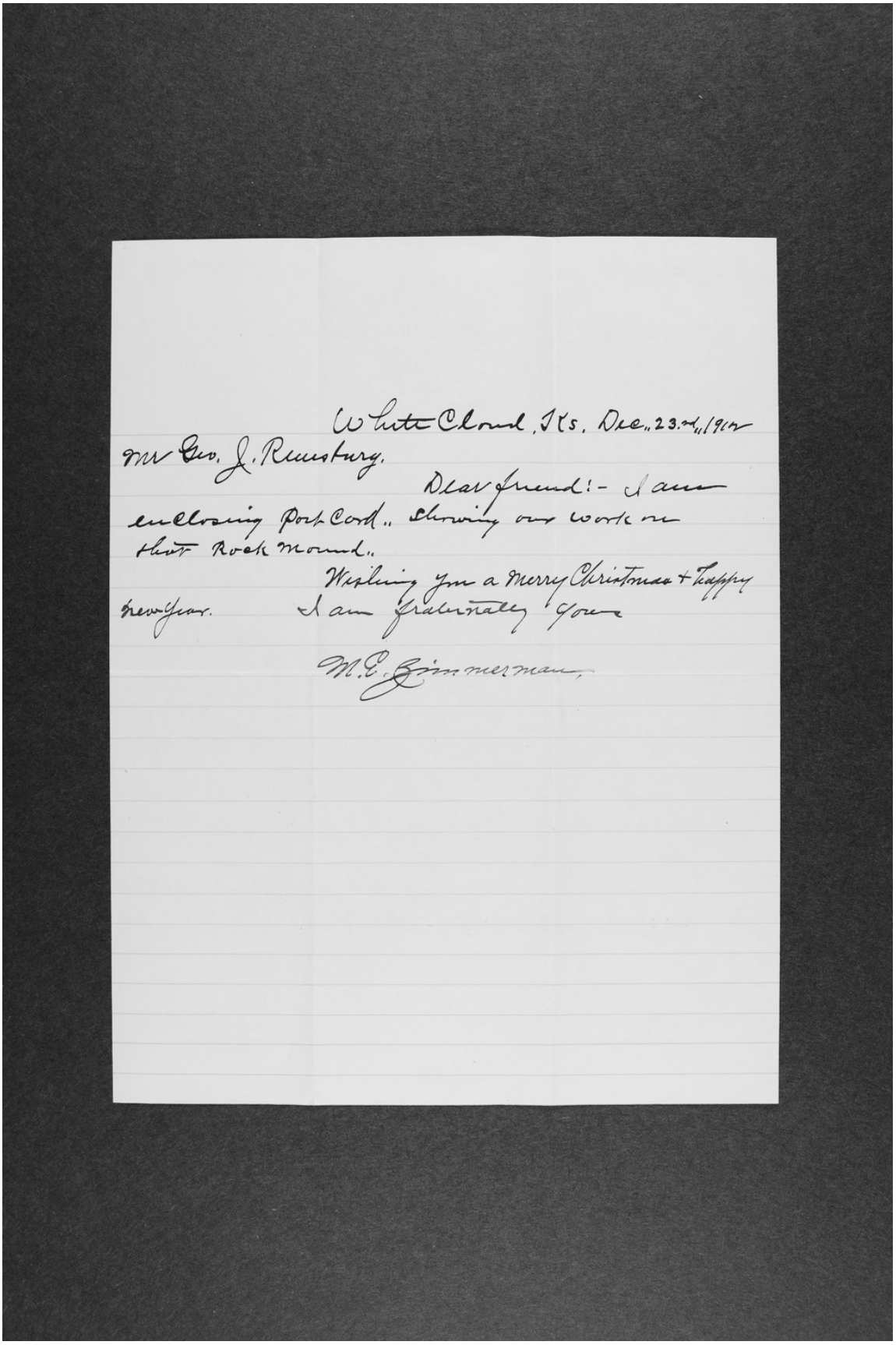
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card today - I hardly knew the "French gentleman" at first glance but still can see a family resemblance - What are we going to do about a new press for the Society? Denny says he cannot locate the place, so I think we will have to call on Jim - It will be quite an honor and Jim will carry it through - It is no trouble for Jim to write and create more interest & enthusiasm in the Society than any one I know. Heard nothing of Reynolds yet but will do so in a few days when the spell strikes me just right - Don't know what his idea may be in regard to the new officers - Probably he has written to Jim re this time - Will close for the present as it is about mail time and I must post this letter - With kindest regards

I am as ever Yours.

D'Remsburg

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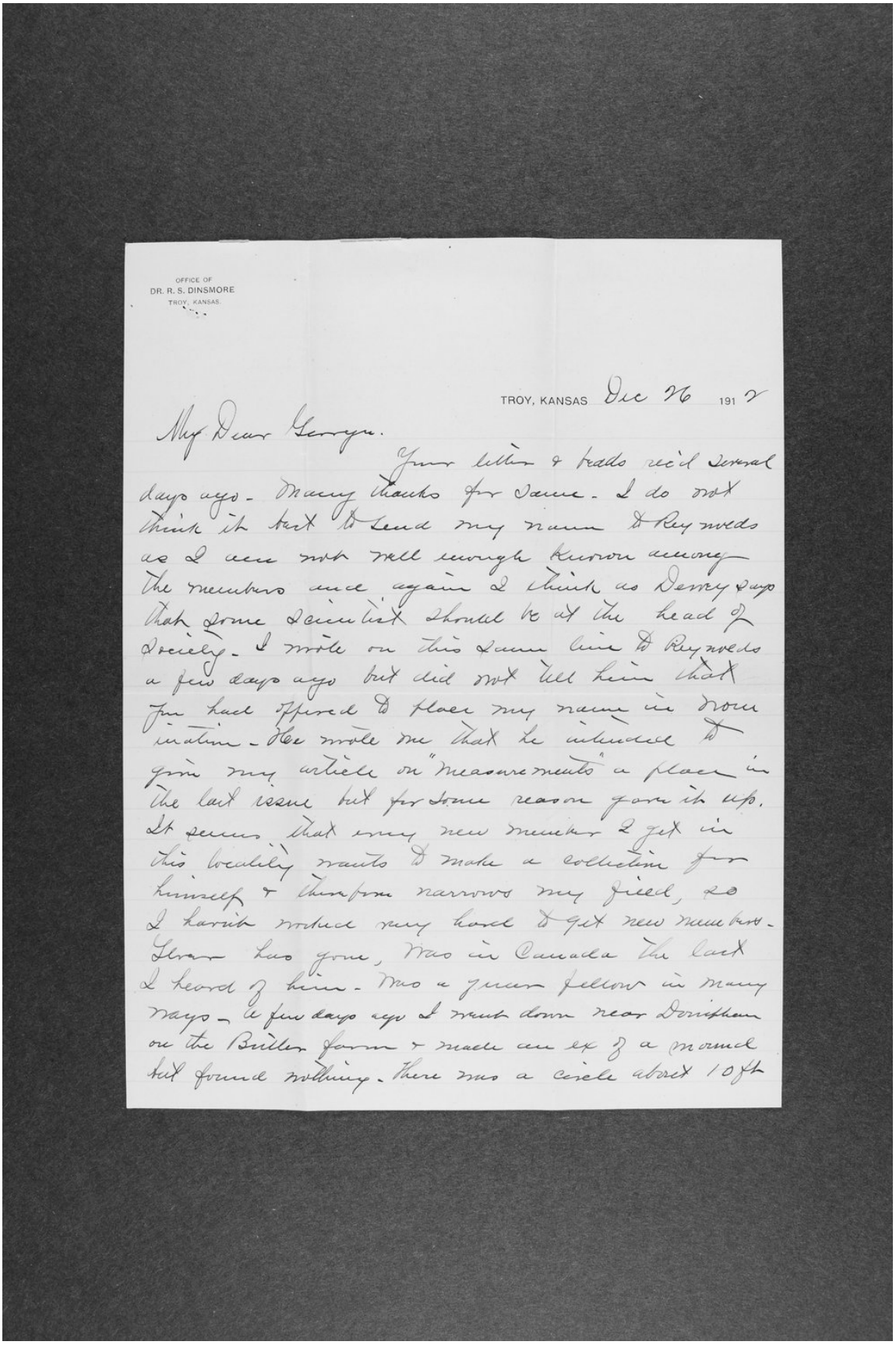
Mr Geo. J. Remsburg.

Dear friend!- I am enclosing Post Card, showing our work on Hurt Rock Mound.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. I am fraternally Yours

M. C. Zimmerman

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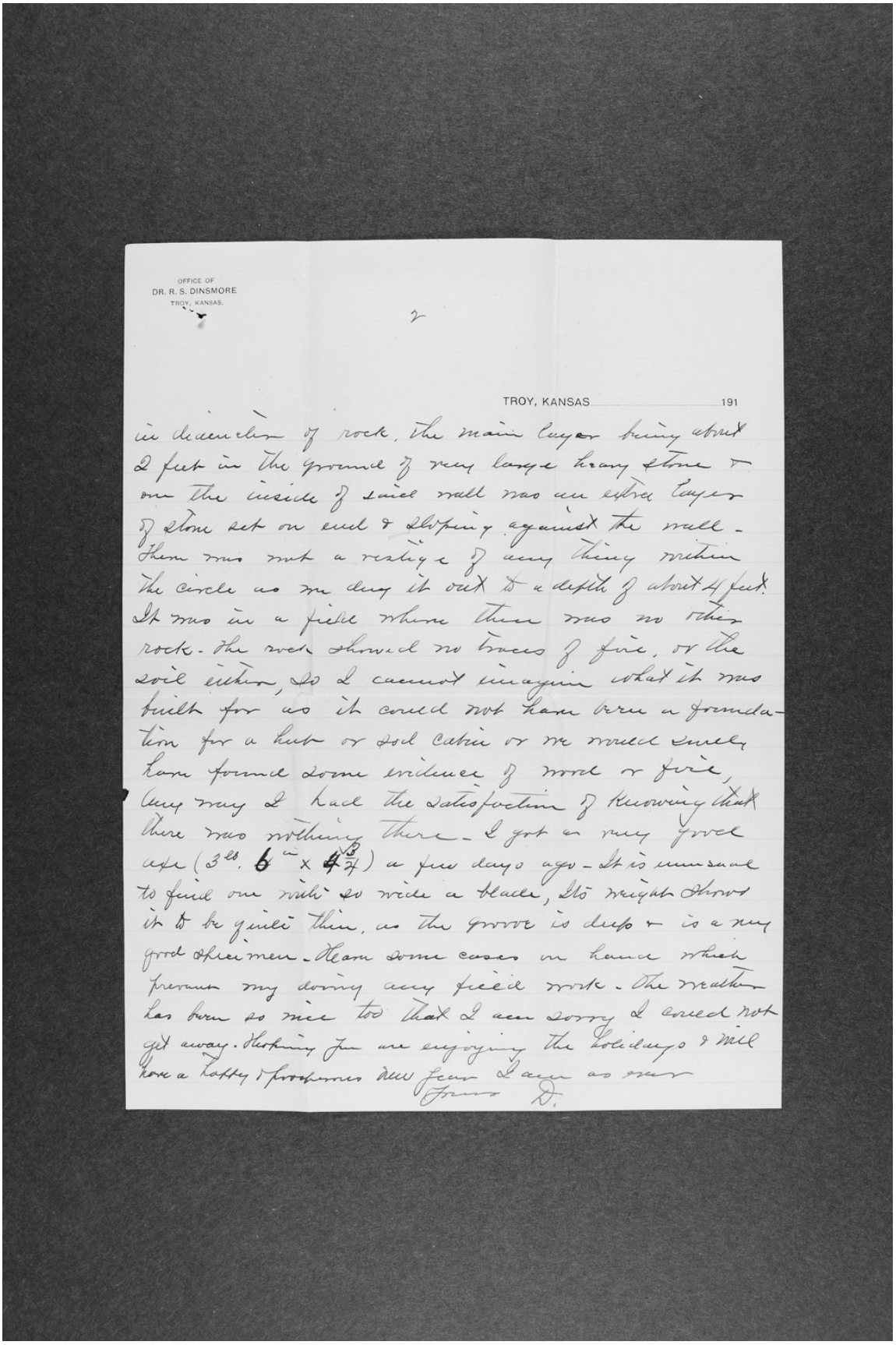
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My Dear George.

Your letter & cards recd several days ago. Many thanks for same. I do not think it best to send my name to Reynolds as I am not well enough known among the members and again I think as Dewey says that some scientist should be at the head of Society. I wrote on this same line to Reynolds a few days ago but did not tell him that you had offered to place my name in your nation. He wrote me that he intended to give my article on "Measurements" a place in the last issue but for some reason gave it up. It seems that every new member I get in this locality wants to make a collection for himself & thus you narrows my field, so I have to reduce my hand to get new members. Glenn has gone, was in Canada the last I heard of him. Was a queer fellow in many ways. A few days ago I went down near Doniphan on the Butler farm & made an ex & a mound but found nothing. There was a circle about 10 ft

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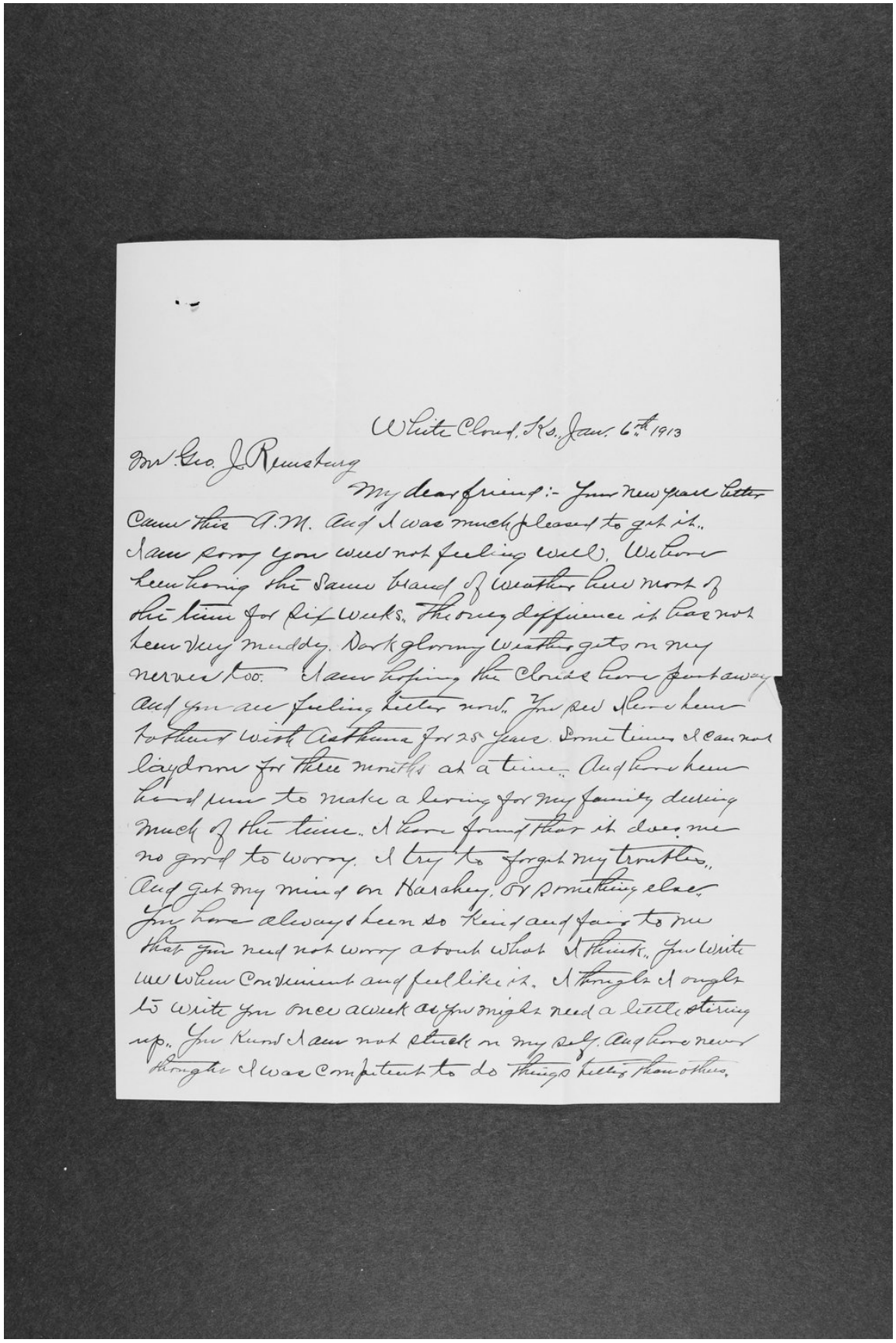
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in diameter of rock, the main layer being about 2 feet in the ground of very large heavy stone & over the inside of said wall was an extra layer of stone set on end & sloping against the wall. There was not a vestige of any thing within the circle as we dug it out to a depth of about 4 feet. It was in a field where there was no other rock. The rock showed no traces of fire, or the soil either, so I cannot imagine what it was built for as it could not have been a foundation for a hut or sod cabin or we would surely have found some evidence of wood or fire, but may I had the satisfaction of knowing that there was nothing there. I got a very good axe (3rd. 6" x 4 3/4") a few days ago. It is unusual to find one with so wide a blade, it might show it to be quite thin, as the groove is deep & is a very good specimen. Have some cases on hand which prevent my doing any field work. The weather has been so nice too that I am sorry I could not get away. Nothing for me enjoying the holidays & will have a lotty of good times till from I am as ever

Yours D.

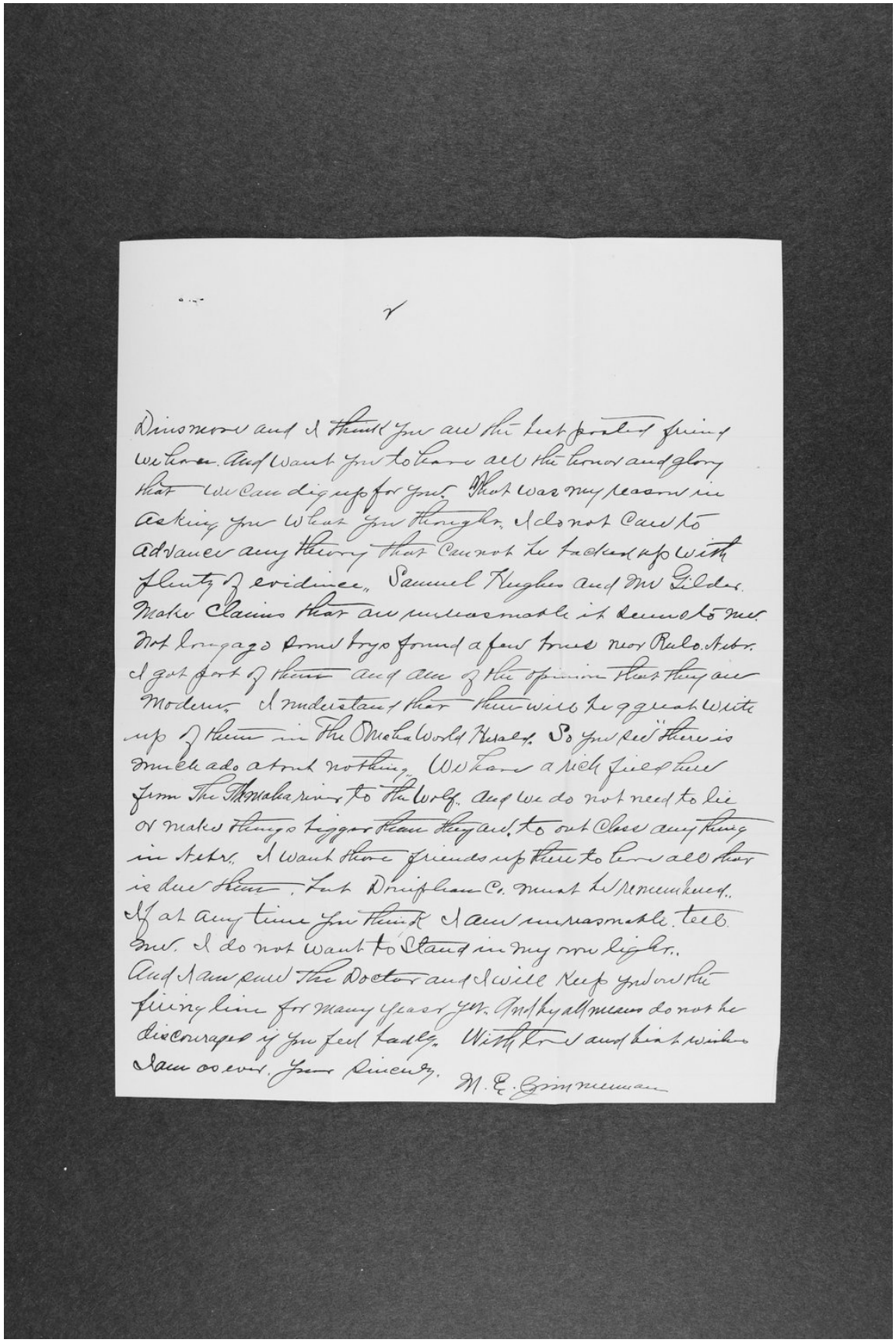
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White Cloud, Ks. Jan. 6th 1913

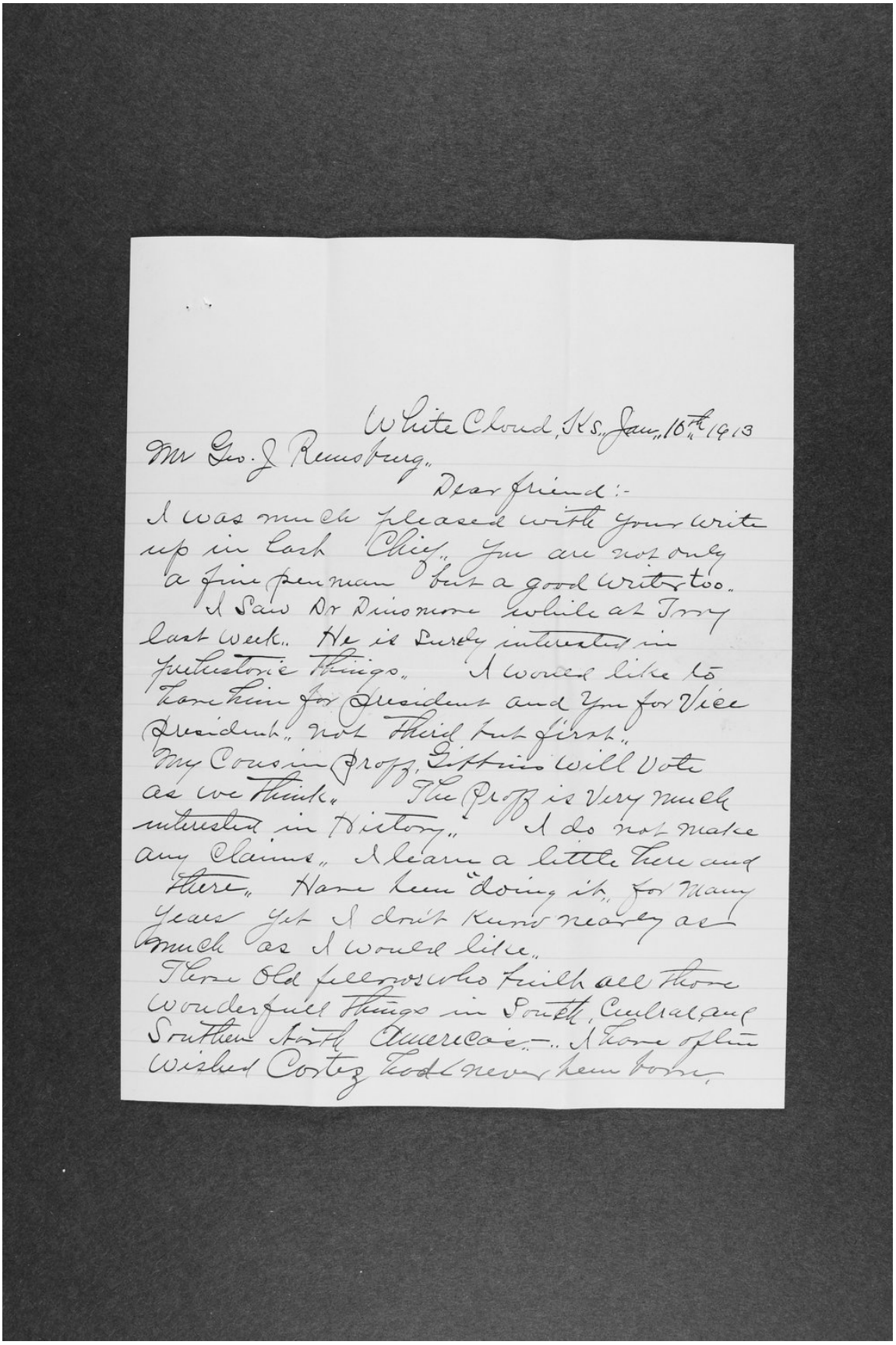
Gen. Geo. J. Remsburg

My dear friend:- Your New years letter came this A.M. and I was much pleased to get it. I am sorry you were not feeling well. We have been having the same kind of weather here most of the time for six weeks. The only difference is it has not been very muddy. Dark gloomy weather gets on my nerves too. I am hoping the clouds have gone away and you are feeling better now. I've been here bothered with Asthma for 28 years. Sometimes I can not lay down for three months at a time. And have been hard put to make a living for my family during much of the time. I have found that it does me no good to worry. I try to forget my troubles, And get my mind on Hershey, or Something else. You have always been so kind and fair to me that you need not worry about what I think. You write me when convenient and feel like it. I thought I ought to write you once a week as you might need a little stirring up. You know I am not stuck on my self. And have never thought I was competent to do things better than others.



Dinsmore and I think you are the last person living we know. And want you to have all the honor and glory that we can dig up for you. That was my reason in asking you what you thought. I do not care to advance any theory that cannot be backed up with plenty of evidence. Samuel Hughes and Mr Gilder. Make claims that are unreasonable it seems to me. Not long ago some boys found a few bones near Rulo Nebr. I got part of them and am of the opinion that they are Modern. I understand that there will be a great write up of them in The Omaha World Herald. So you see there is much ado about nothing. We have a rich field here from the Missouri river to the Wolf. and we do not need to lie or make things bigger than they are to out class anything in Nebr. I want those friends up there to have all that is due them. But Doniphan Co. must be remembered. If at any time you think I am unreasonable tell me. I do not want to stand in my own light. And I am sure the Doctor and I will keep you on the firing line for many years yet. And by all means do not be discouraged if you feel badly. With love and best wishes I am as ever. Yours Sincerely. M. C. Zimmerman

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White Cloud, Kas., Jan. 16th 1913

Mr Geo. J Remsburg.

Dear friend:-

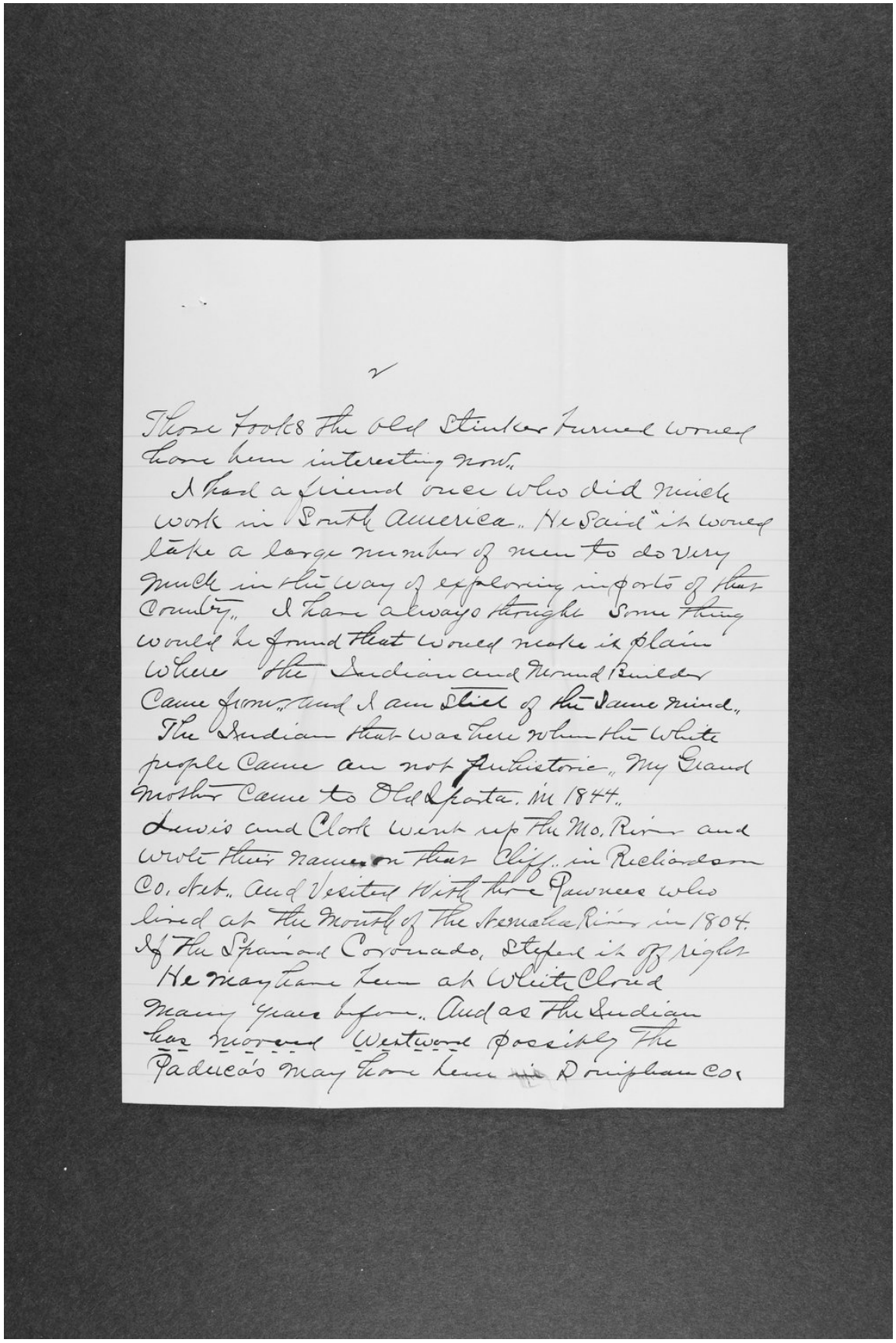
I was much pleased with your write up in last Chief. You are not only a fine penman but a good writer too.

I saw Dr Dinsmore while at Troy last week. He is surely interested in prehistoric things. I would like to see him for President and you for Vice President. not third but first.

My Cousin Prof. Gittings will vote as we think. The Prof is very much interested in History. I do not make any claims. I learn a little here and there. Have been "doing it" for many years yet I don't know nearly as much as I would like.

Those Old fellows who built all those wonderful things in South, Central and Southern North America.. I have often wished Cortez had never been born.

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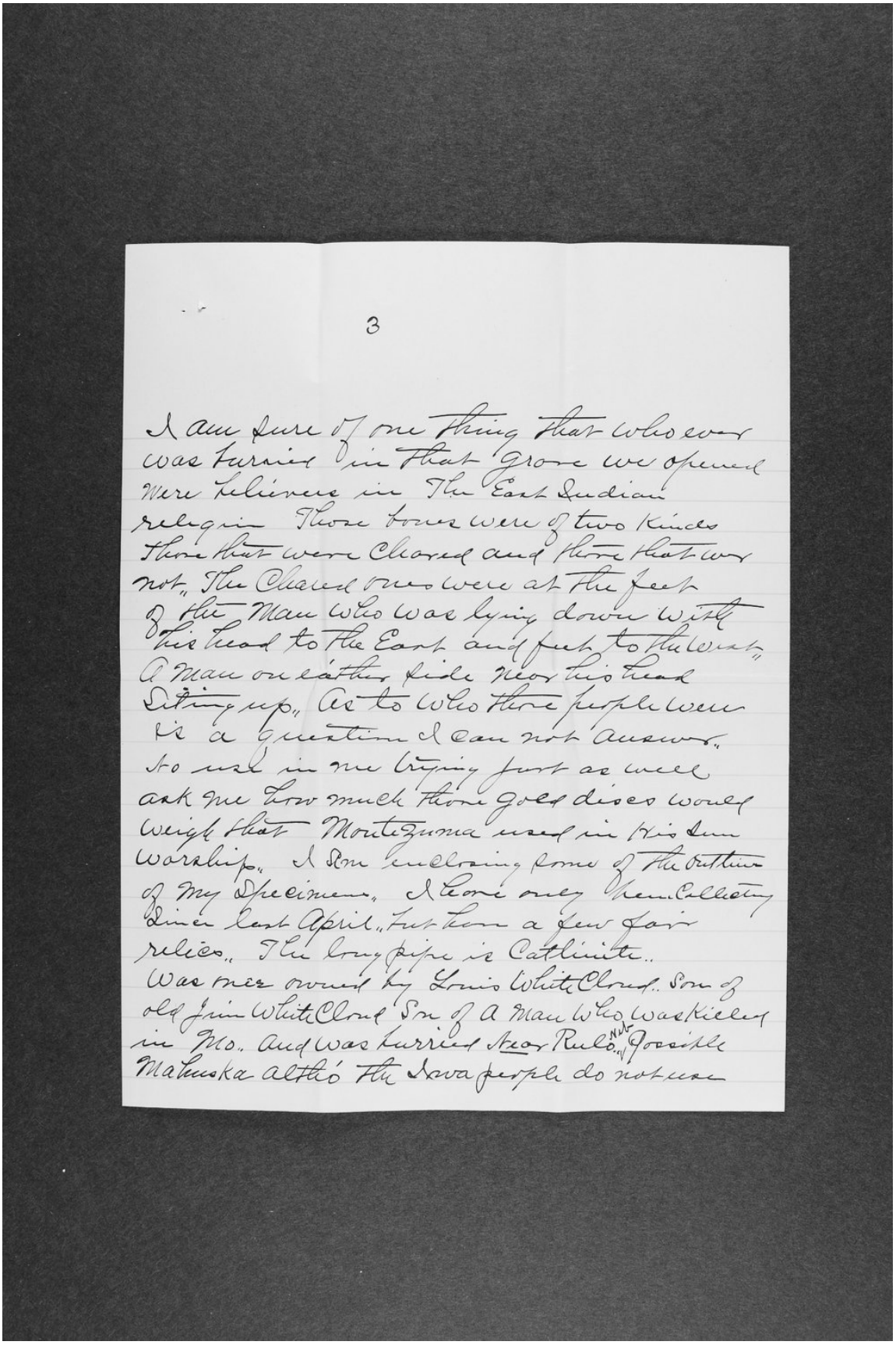


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Those Forts the old Stinker Turned Wonder have been interesting now.

I had a friend over who did much work in South America. He said "it would take a large number of men to do very much in the way of exploring in parts of that Country." I have always thought Some thing would be found that would make it plain Where the Indian and Mound Builder Came from, and I am Stuck of the Same mind. The Indian that was here when the White people came are not Prehistoric. My Grand Mother Came to Old Sporta. in 1844. Lewis and Clark went up the Mo. River and wrote their names on that Cliff. in Richardson Co. Neb. And Visited With the Pawnees who lived at the Mouth of the Nemaha River in 1804. If the Spaniard Coronado, Stayed it Right He may have been ah White Cloud many years before. And as the Indian has moved Westward possibly the Padueca's may have been in Doniphan Co.

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I am sure of one thing that who ever was buried in that grave we opened were believers in the East Indian religion Those bones were of two kinds those that were Charred and those that was not. The Charred ones were at the feet of the Man who was lying down with his head to the East and feet to the West. A Man on either side near his head Sitting up. As to who those people were it a question I can not answer. So wish in me trying just as well ask me how much those gold discs would weigh that Montezuma used in his sun worship. I am enclosing some of the pictures of my Specimens. I took only them Collected Since last April. Just a few fair relics. The long pipe is Catlinite. Was once owned by Louis WhiteCloud. Son of old Jim WhiteCloud Son of a Man who was killed in Mo. and was buried near Rulo. N.E. Possible Nebraska altho the Iowa people do not use