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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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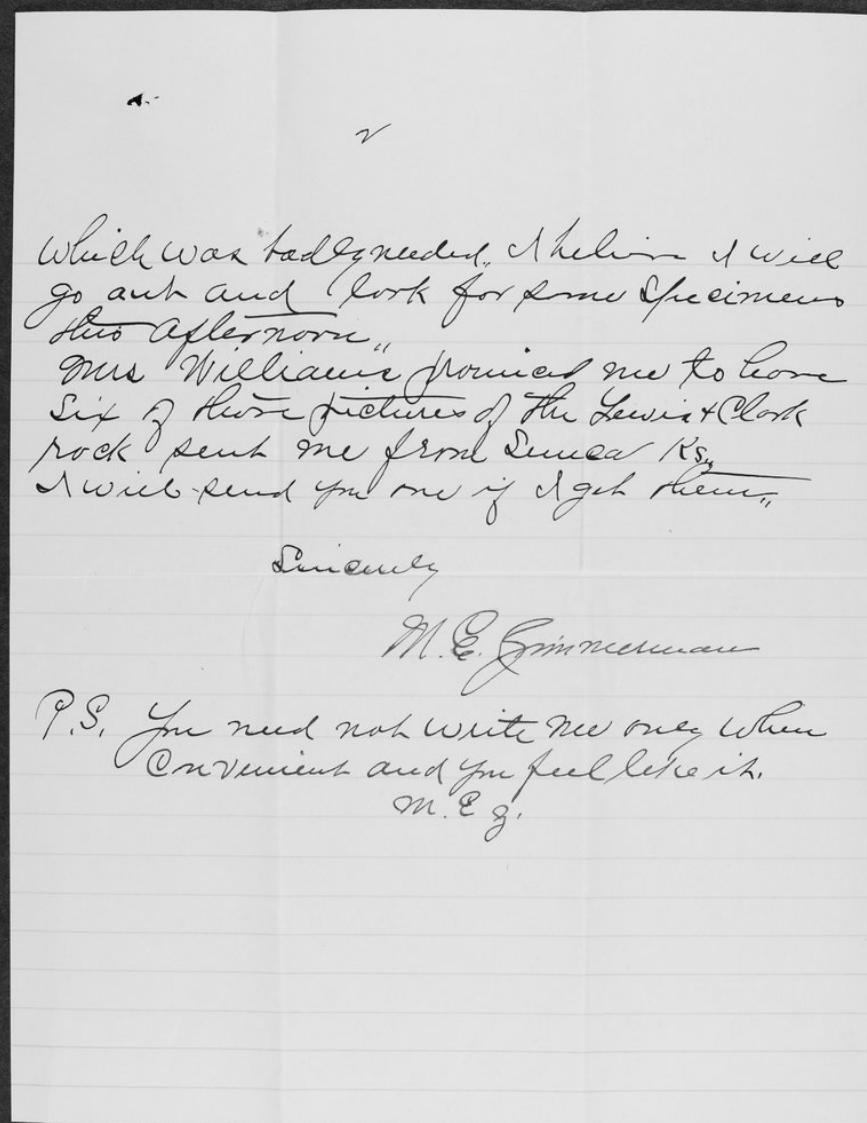
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which was badly needed. I believe I will go out and look for some specimens this afternoon.

Mrs. Williams promised me to leave six of those pictures of the Lewis & Clark rock sent me from Denver R.S. I will send you one if I get them.

Sincerely

M.E. Grinneman

P.S. You need not write me once when convenient and you feel like it.

M.E.G.

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OFFICE OF
DR. R. D. DINSMORE
TROY, KANSAS.

TROY, KANSAS June 29 1913

Dear George.

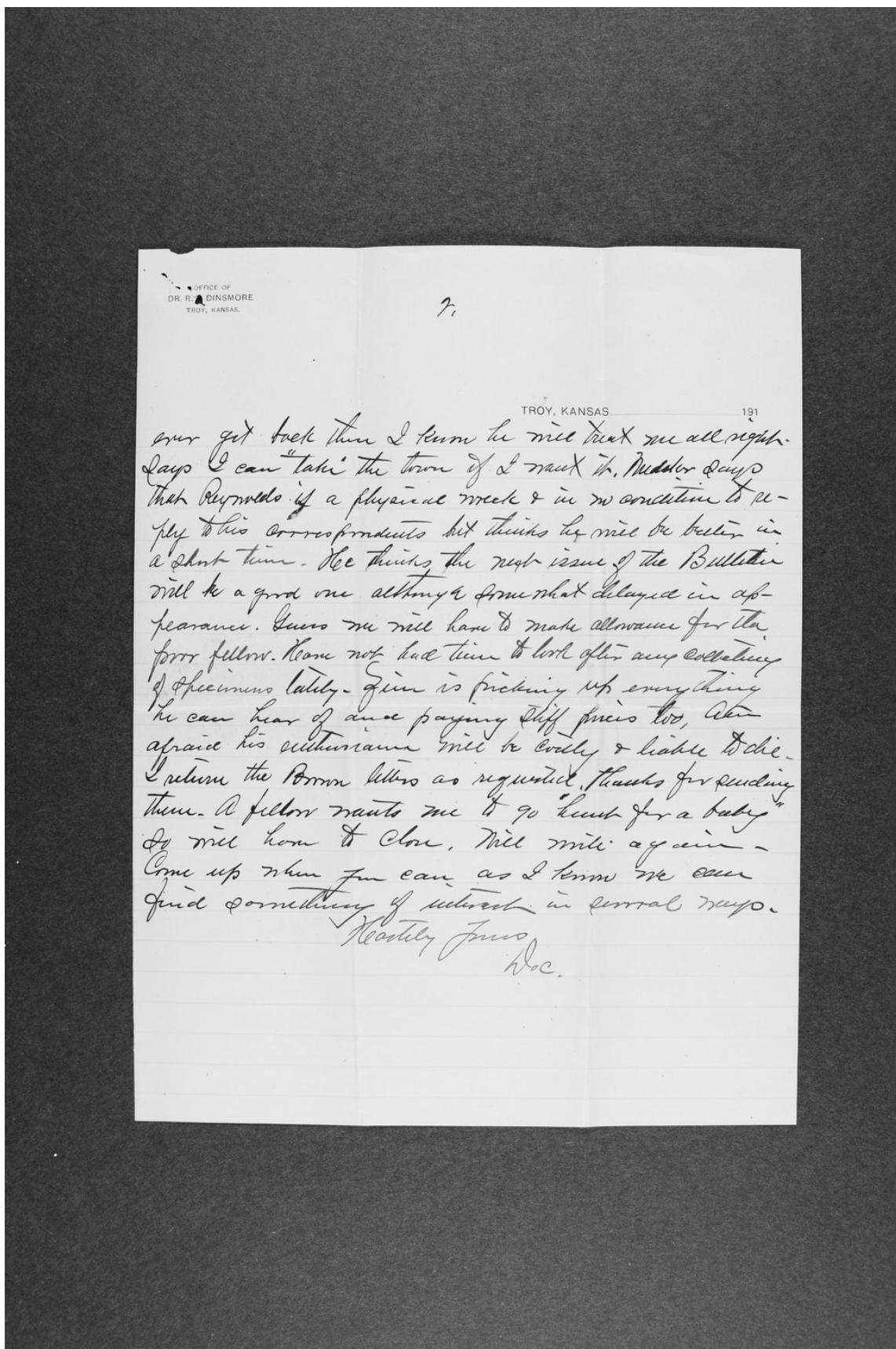
I have been too busy this week to answer your truly welcome letter. We have had company and business has been good. When evening comes we generally go out for a drive as the roads are good & since the rain there has been no dust. You sent my coat yesterday but it is too hot to wear it - Two days ago I went back to the Old Kelly field to see what I could find as a friend Prof Merrill wanted to see if he could find something for his fathers collection. He picked up about 7 or 8 pieces of the broken pottery, with a great variety of designs. It was the best bunch of stuff we have found, also two nice pieces of hematite, two fine mano stones one filled on each side, several arrow heads, three nice flint knives & a number of pieces of flint flakes. We were only on the ground half an hour as we had to come back for a supper engagement. I gave him the contents of the find as his father is an enthusiastic Archaeological "Crack" & a good friend of mine. He is Chief of Police in Damas Mass. If I

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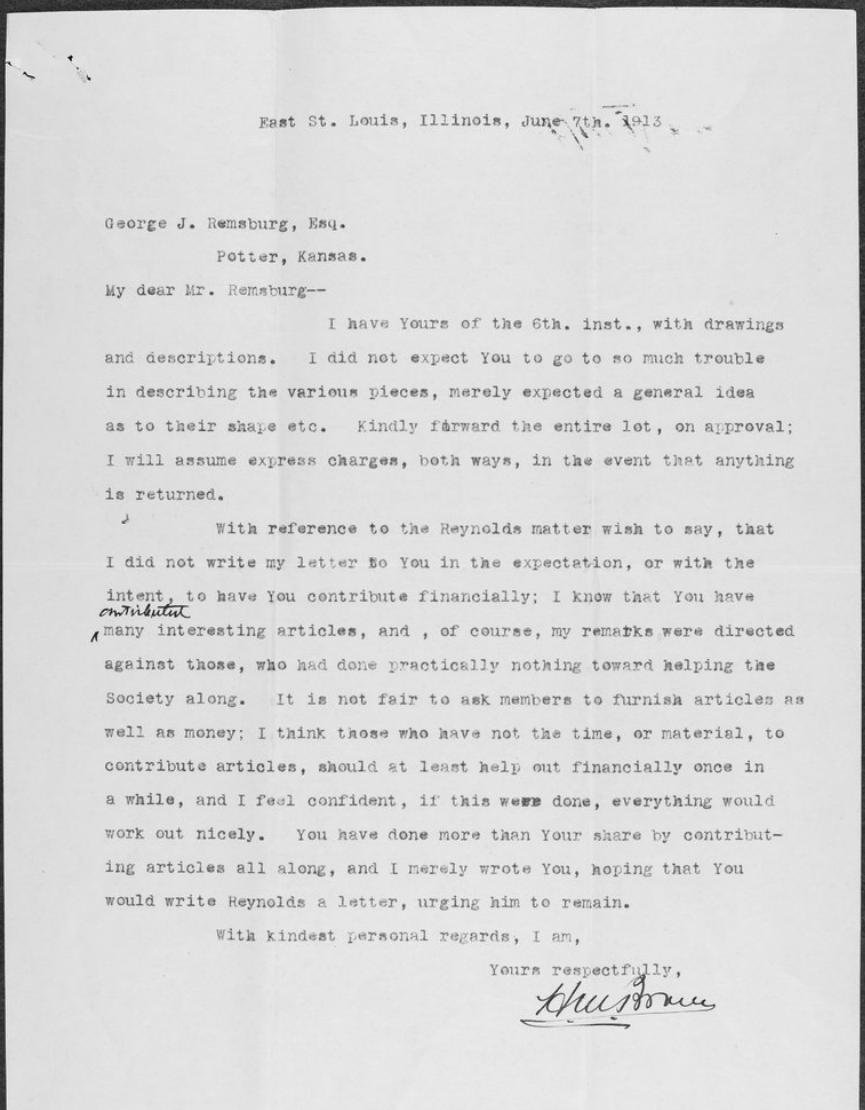


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George J. Remsburg, Esq.

Potter, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Remsburg--

I have Yours of the 6th. inst., with drawings and descriptions. I did not expect You to go to so much trouble in describing the various pieces, merely expected a general idea as to their shape etc. Kindly forward the entire lot, on approval; I will assume express charges, both ways, in the event that anything is returned.

With reference to the Reynolds matter wish to say, that I did not write my letter to You in the expectation, or with the intent, to have You contribute financially; I know that You have ~~contributed~~ many interesting articles, and, of course, my remarks were directed against those, who had done practically nothing toward helping the Society along. It is not fair to ask members to furnish articles as well as money; I think those who have not the time, or material, to contribute articles, should at least help out financially once in a while, and I feel confident, if this ~~were~~ done, everything would work out nicely. You have done more than Your share by contributing articles all along, and I merely wrote You, hoping that You would write Reynolds a letter, urging him to remain.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours respectfully,

Thos. Brown

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East St. Louis, Illinois, June 4th. 1913

George J. Remsburg, Esq.
Potter, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Remsburg--

I have Your letter of the 3rd. inst., relative to pottery from N. M., two Kickapoo Indian skulls, and one 16 inch copper needle; I will ask that You kindly send the two skulls and the copper needle from Illinois. For the present will only ask You to forward those specimens, which I am most likely to keep. I do not want to ask You to send a lot of fragile pieces, such as pottery, unless there is considerable likelihood of my keeping them. If You will kindly send me a more explicit description of the pottery, will be pleased to advise You further. For instance, please state whether they are bowls, plates, or jugs--some times called water-bottles--or whatever else they might be, or whether they are decorated by pigments, or otherwise. Upon receipt of a little more detail from You, will be able to judge more intelligently as to whether there is any use sending them, as I do not want to put You to the trouble of boxing them, merely to satisfy my curiosity. Of course, the copper needle and the skulls need no further description, and therefore will ask that You kindly send them on; will either remit promptly, or return them without delay; however, feel almost sure that I will keep them, unless they should prove exceedingly imperfect.

I presume You have read in the latest "Bulletin" the announcement that our friend Reynolds desires to be relieved. Poor Reynolds, he has labored hard, and has received very poor encouragement. I sincerely regret to see him quit, for I do not believe that we can find a better man for the work. I think that some arrangement should have been made, by which Reynolds could have been paid out of the Society's fund, the nominal sum of \$600.00 per annum. With our present membership it would not amount to more than \$1.00 each. Mr. Reynolds has stated that he has asked to be relieved on or about August 1st; I have written him a letter, asking him to reconsider his intention, and to defer his resignation until after the convention in September. It seems to me that something might be done when we meet in September, at any rate, I think we should try to make some arrangement by which he could be retained at a nominal salary, such as he has indicated. No one can afford to donate his services absolutely; the society has grown, and so has the work connected therewith. If You agree with my views, will thank You if You will likewise write Mr. Reynolds, urging him to remain until our meeting in September. I have personally tendered Mr. Reynolds round-trip transportation to St. Louis, which, of course, please consider confidential. Unless some definite arrangement can be made with our fellow-members, fixing a salary, I fear that our society will go up into smoke, like many have gone before it. Reynolds is a whole-soul fellow, and certainly deserves some consideration at our hands.

With kindest personal regards, I am,
Yours respectfully,

Wm. Brewster

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Mr. Geo. J. Remsburg.

Dear friend:- Your letter came this morning. I did not intend to buy any more from Spoff. but as you have owned them Specimens they would be more valuable to me than any others. Send the lot and I will tell you what I will do.

I sent for the History of the Cherokee tribe. I have a list of Chiefs given me by Adeline Bonnado one of the tribe.

I will enclose it to you.

Friends Park was at Troy a few days ago. While there was looking at Dr. Simmons' Collection. Doctor told him he was owing out \$7⁵⁰ on his collection not counting his time. I saw quite an article on Coronado in the Oklahomean Champion of July 1st. Written by C. G. Davis, Viola, Kansas. Anti-Pak - very sarcastic. Hoping you are feeling better than ever, sincerely yours.

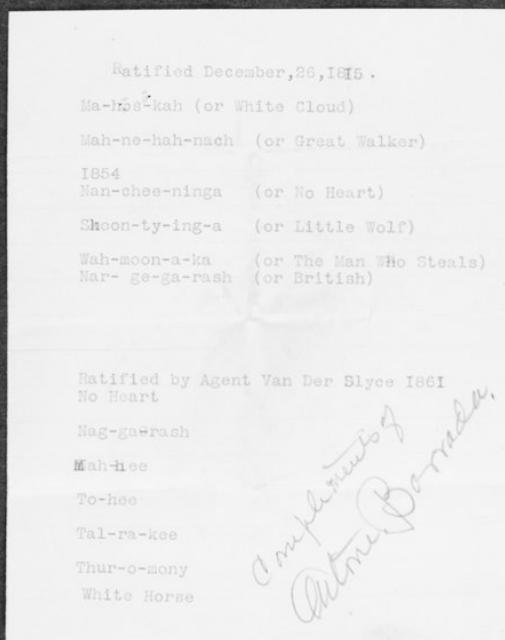
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White Cloud, Ks July 10th 1913
Mr Geo J Remsburg.
~~Dear friend:-~~

The box of axes came and are O.K.
Also the little box of Indian stuff.
I was pleased to get it as I
can compare ~~them~~ ^{them} ~~get~~ ^{get} by with the
History I find here. I do not know
who made any of it, but there is
such found on Cedar Creek..

It is not the same as that found
on the Nebraska. I also got the little
"History" and it is surely not very
large. I will enclose check for
ten dollars for the Axes, and I
do not know how much you want
for the other box?

I have not been feeling very well:
my reason for not writing sooner.

If you have any Indian stuff
Boro Park might buy it. Sincerely
M. E. Zimmerman

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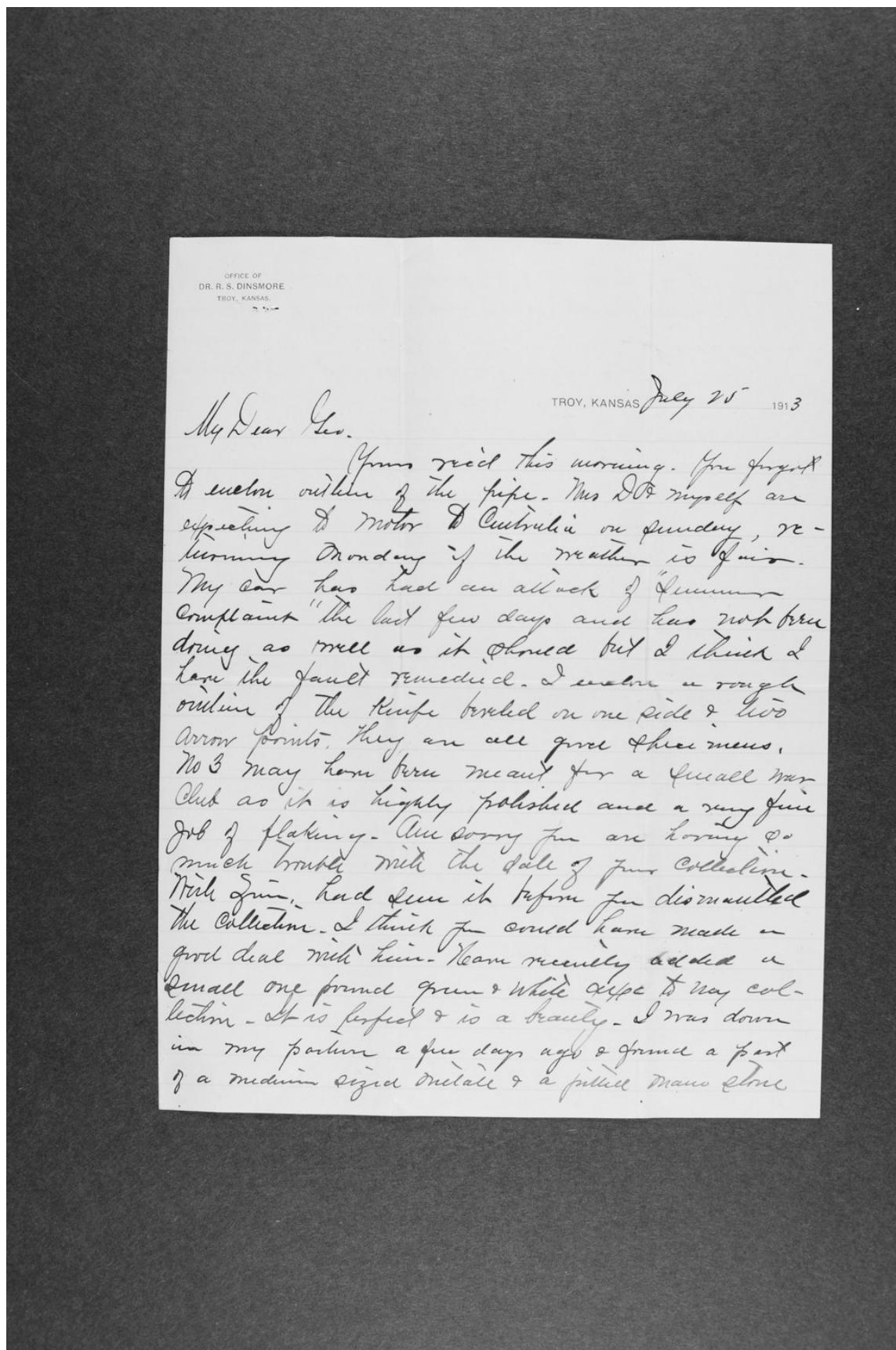
Dear Friends:- I
am enclosing another letter from
Mr. Baileck Klein; it may be of some benefit
to you. While I consider him my friend
I feel that I owe more to you than
I do to him. Possibly Dr. Wadley is
trying to sell him part of your collection.
I do not care to write him until I
know more about the matter.
Very truly yours,
M. E. Zimmerman

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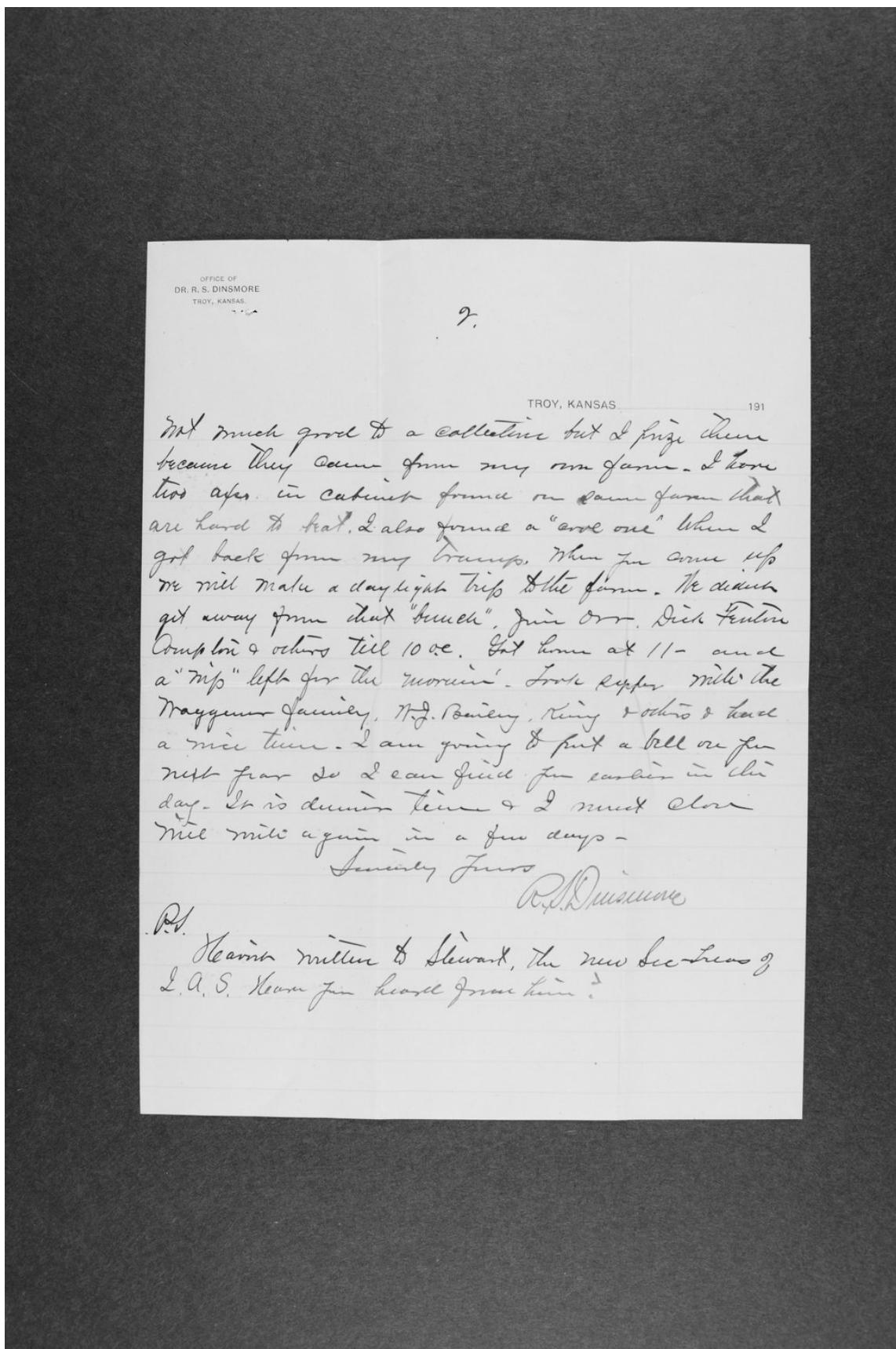


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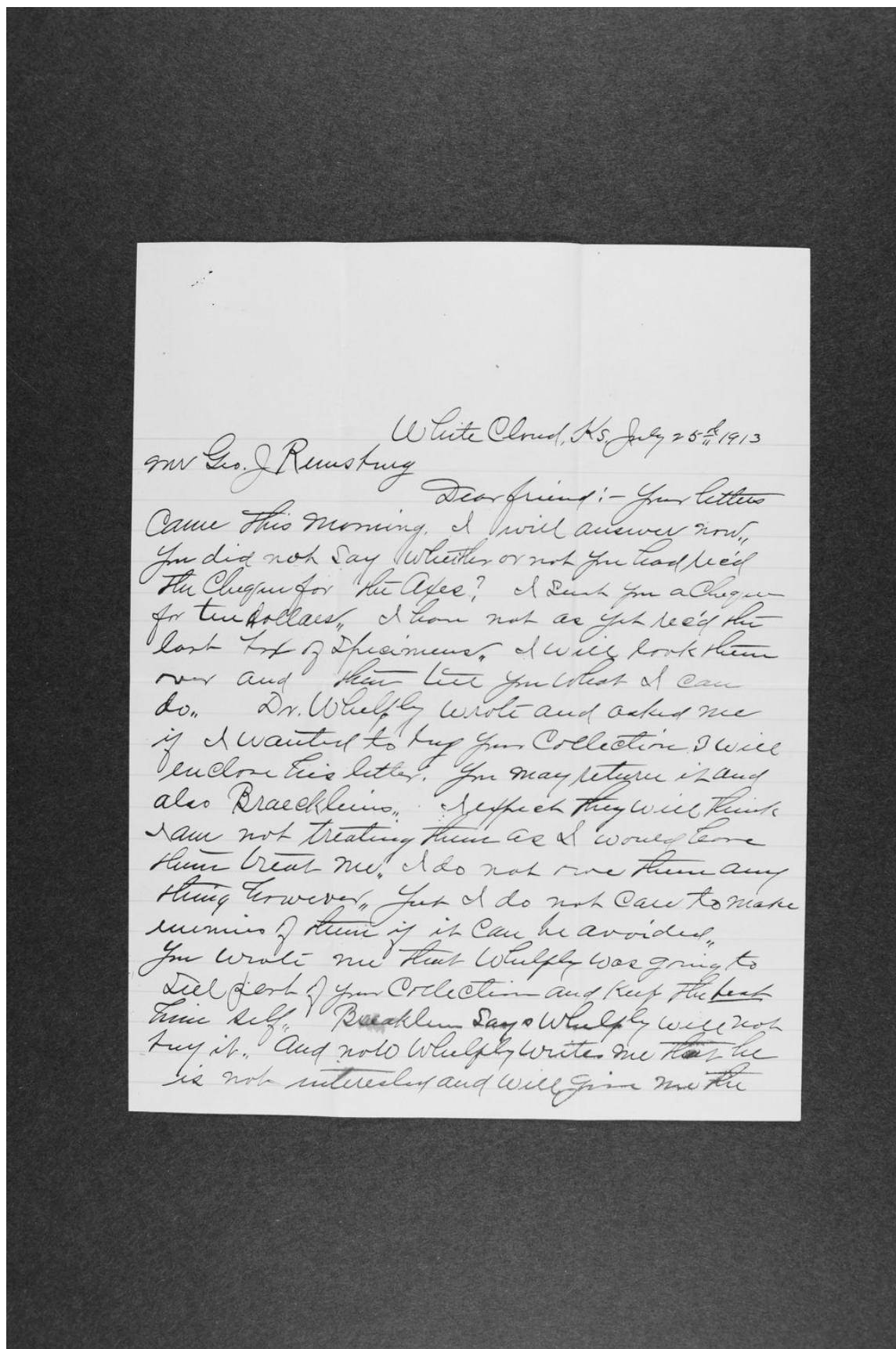


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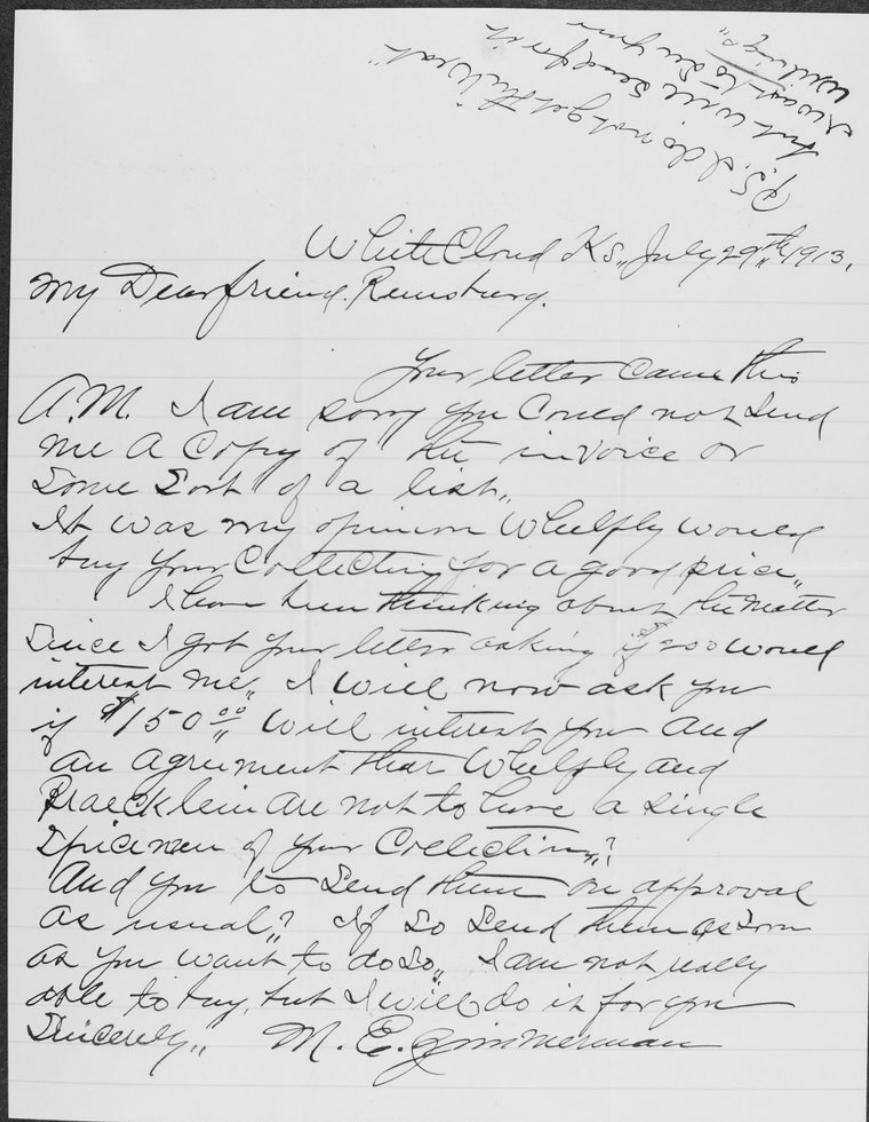
first chance at them,
if it was able to do it I
would have you send them to me,
but I do not feel that I can offer
to buy now. They are trying to find
out that very thing, I have not written
Mr Bracklein or the Dr. I will wait
until I hear further from you.
Send me a list of the Specimens
you sent to W Culp.
to of Apes. { Cache Specimens etc,
" " Cello. { etc etc Pottery,
If you turn a copy of the invoice send
that and I will return it.
Between you and I, I can not think of
trying all your Collection but possibly
they may think I will and try it to
sell to me. If I thought I could
find a buyer anyways soon. I would then
you send it to me and try to sell it for
you.

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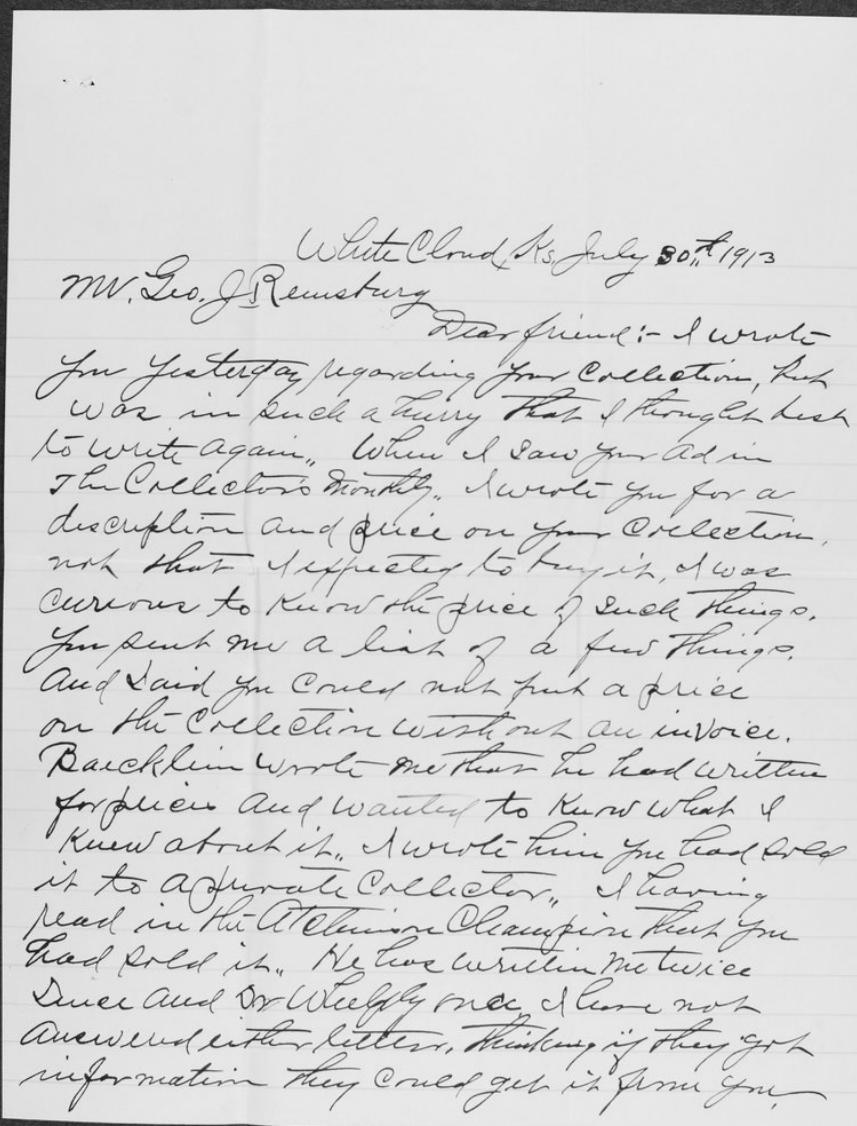


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March 20th 1876

Dear friend George Remsburg

I have never thought of buying it until I got your letter wanting to know if one I had in for two hundred,

If I had thought I could have offered it I would have bought it long ago. After all things have been considered I decided to try to keep them & let you get them. It may be that I have paid more for the specimens I have bought from you than I can get for them. If so I can keep them as long as I live. But to buy more might make it impossible to keep all of them. Try from now on with that end in view. I have no experience in selling specimens, I have heard of the value for sometime that they are not very valuable. If you decide to send them to me do not feel Wholly or Blameless the price, it being none of their business what I have in my collection. Write as soon as possible & we can make arrangements for the money if I am to try to buy. Yours sincerely M. E. Garrison

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White Cloud, Ks., Aug. 6th 1913.
Mr Geo. J. Remsburg.
Dear friend, — Your
letter came saying you would have
Dr. W. slip the Specimens to me,
I have also rec'd two Cards from him
The first one said he would slip the
Boxes you sent him Sat. or Mo., also
that he hoped you would let me have
the Specimens which you had preserved.
The Card that A. M. said he had
sent by Express the list of Specimens.
He did not say anything about
the freight or Express Charge.
I will write you as soon as
every thing gets here.
If you can send me the No. of their
large Spear that the Doctor particularly
wanted I would like to have it.
Just as soon as I get the list and
data I will open the boxes which I may
have some. Yours sincerely
M. E. G.

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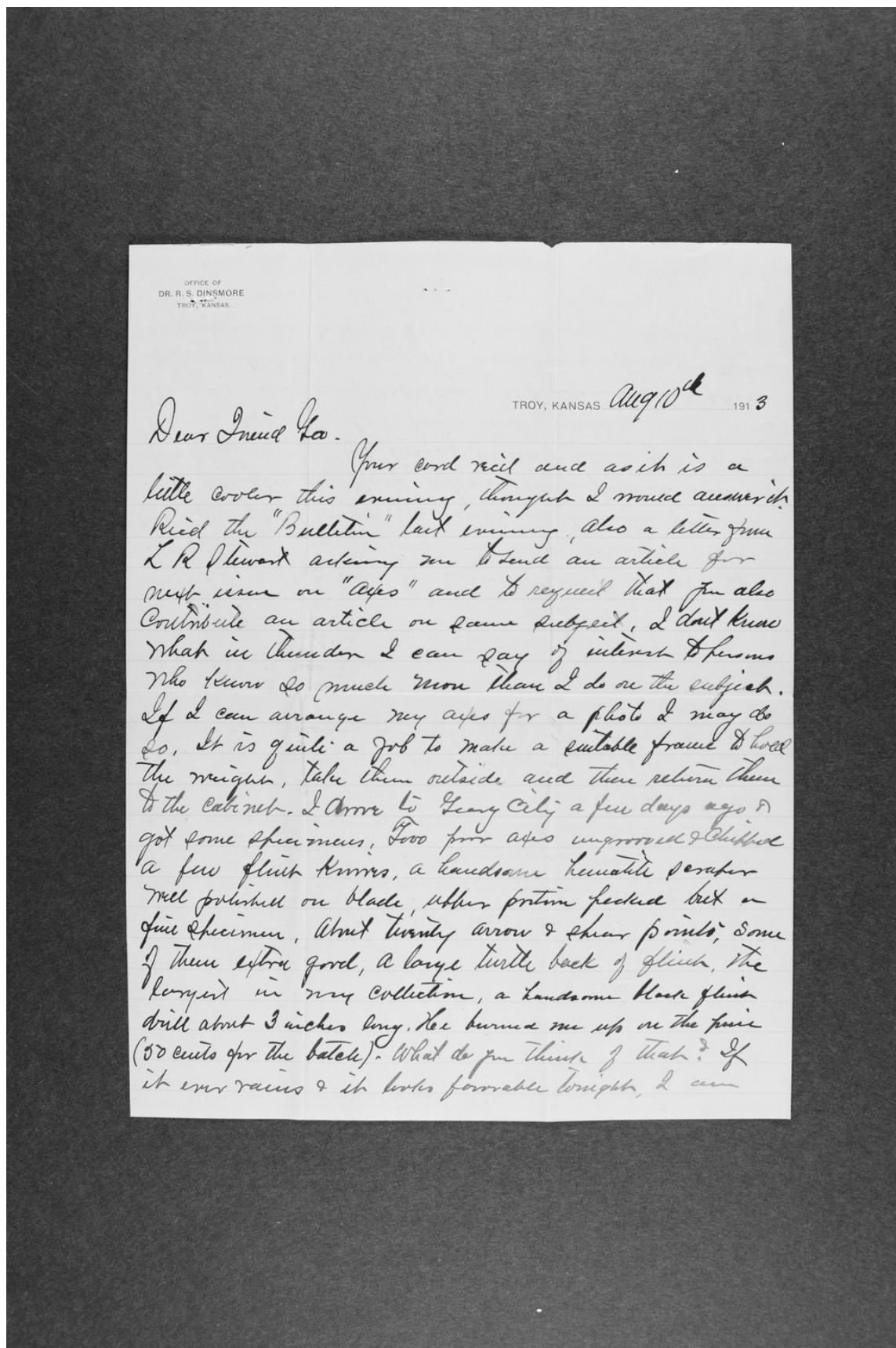
White Cloud, Ks Aug 9th 1913
Mr Fred Remsburg. Dear friend - The
box came yesterday but the list and
data have not got here yet. Whelby
said he sent it by express Monday.
I will open the box as soon as it
comes. I got your letter today.
I can not go beyond \$150 for Specimens
and had I known it was to be so day
and discouraging I would not have
spent that much just now.
I am hoping the Specimens will suit
me just fine if they do I will
Send you a Check sometime soon.
When you wrote me that you would send
the Specimens for \$200. You said the other
little box and some other things would
go in. I wrote you \$150 & would off.
So I forgot to say I had rec'd the
little box. I have just wrote Whelby
to find out when the ship went.
Yours truly M. E. B.

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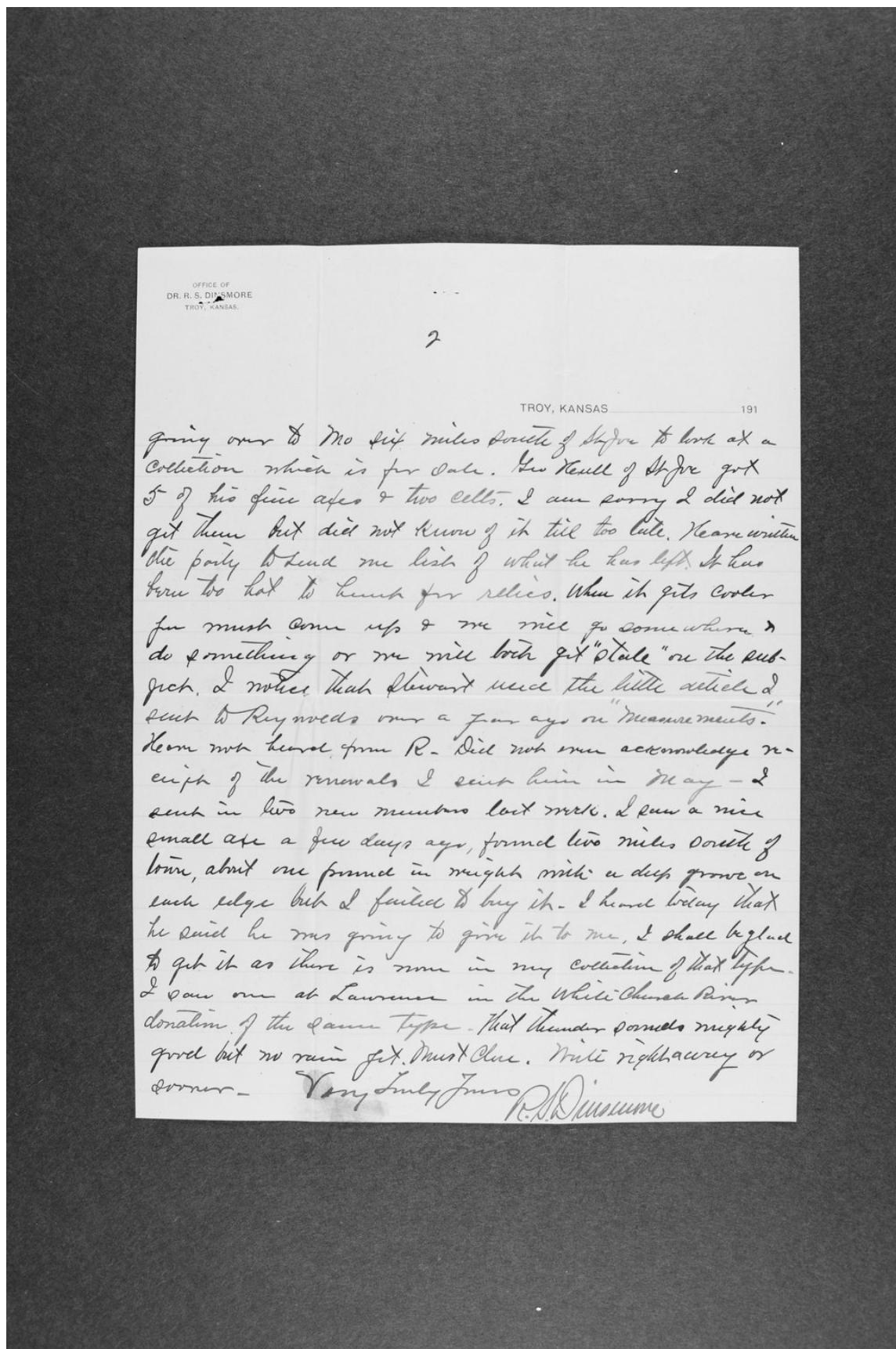


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White Cloud Ks. Aug. 12th 1913
Mr Geo. J. Remsburg,

Dear friend:- I expect you are anxious to know what I think of the Specimens? I have looked them over carefully and found them in fairly good shape. The largest bowl was broken and the large pitchfork head had been mended was broken also. All the pieces which had been broken and mended had come apart again. Therefore they were in good shape. And since you wish me you were going to let me have that "Idol" I will make you this offer. I will pay the freight on the Collection from ~~I think for the collection~~ and freight or Express on idol.

And send you a Check for \$145⁰⁰
I shall find no fault with any thing and as I did not know what was in the Collection I can not do better than that. You wrote me last spring that you had 160 axes 40 pieces of pottery and several

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Hundreds of Specimens in all. There is not quite half of the Pottery and at most 1000 Specimens. I believe I have been fair with you in all the deals up to date. I find I have been paying more for Specimens than most people are paying or have paid. I have had Confidence in your judgment as a collector and have no room to complain of your honesty and fairness. The only thing that troubles me is whether I can ever find a buyer who would pay me for the Specimens what they have cost me?

Write me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely & truly

M. E. Grinneman

P.S. I expect I will get a letter from you in the next mail, but I did not care to keep you waiting longer

M. E. G.

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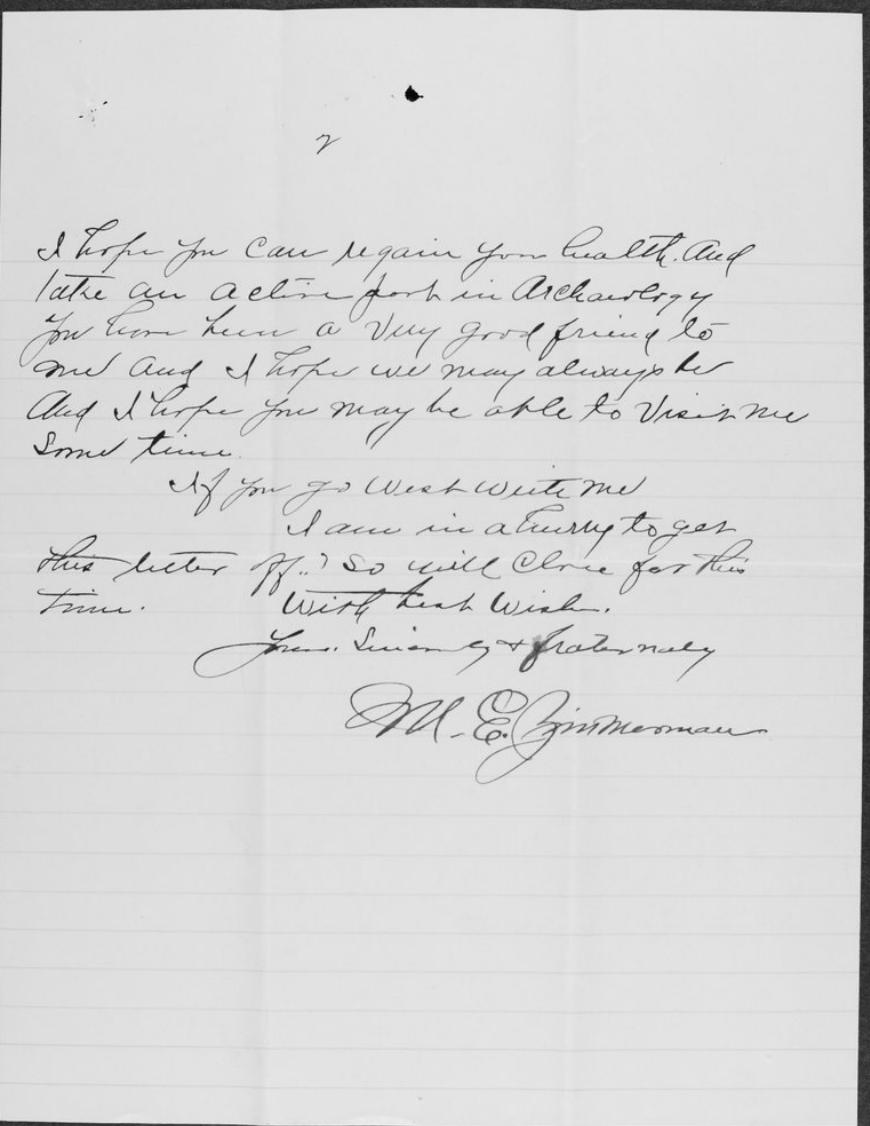
W.L.C. Doug. K.S. Aug. 18th 1913
Mr Geo. J. Remsburg.
Dear friend:- Your letter
came this G.M. And we will enclose Cheque
for (1~~16~~) One hundred and forty five dollars
for send the Idol when convenient.
I opened all the boxes. Every thing was
there that the list called for.
I do not think Dr. Whelby opened either
box. I did not know what he meant by
saying he hoped you would let me have the
specimens you had recovered. I think
however that he thought those vacant
places in the list were the subjects any
lost specimens. He said for me to write
him what I thought of the collection when
I found it up. But I have not done so.
I do not know why but I never have
taken any stock in him.
So, I do not care for any more crude
or broken artifacts. I shall try to
get rid of a lot I have.

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I hope you can regain your health and take an active part in Archaeology. You have been a very good friend to me and I hope we may always be. And I hope you may be able to visit me some time.

If you go West write me. I am in a hurry to get this letter off so will close for this time. With best wishes.

Yours sincerely & fraternally

M. E. Zimmerman

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White Cloud, Kansas, Aug. 28th 1893
Mr. G. J. Remsburg
Dear friend:-
The
idol got here in good shape. I have
been wondering if it were possible it
was a "fake" the case and now seem
to be of Indian workmanship. As they
are biconical drilling. It surely is a
curio. of the first order. I have a small
black idol that has silver eyes and
mouth. Supposed to be of Blackfeet origin.
It came from Montana. And is also a curio.
of the first magnitude. I have been
sorting my specimens and find I have
three good collections. I shall try
and sell two of them and keep
the others. I shall keep all the pieces
that you care for the most for.
I am wondering what kind of rice
you had on those "oil faces"?
I have 240 axes & celts which appears
a wonderful lot of pecking and grinding

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I wrote Reynolds this A.M. I am anxious to know how he is feeling and what he thinks in general of the outfit for the S.S. of 9. I expect the Society will get along after the Convulsion at St. Louis or arrangements will be made there for its future Welfare. It has been my opinion for some time that the Bulletin did not have much in it of interest. I wrote Dr. Dixson to be sure and send something in April for the next Bulletin. The Dr. Whelpe will have an article in it I presume.
Will you still write as usual? If you do not there will be but little in it worth reading. Dixson was wondering if the Stone Age people had a measuring tool. I wrote him they did and that they were cleaning their "air ships" before the flood. And that there was no need being under the dome.

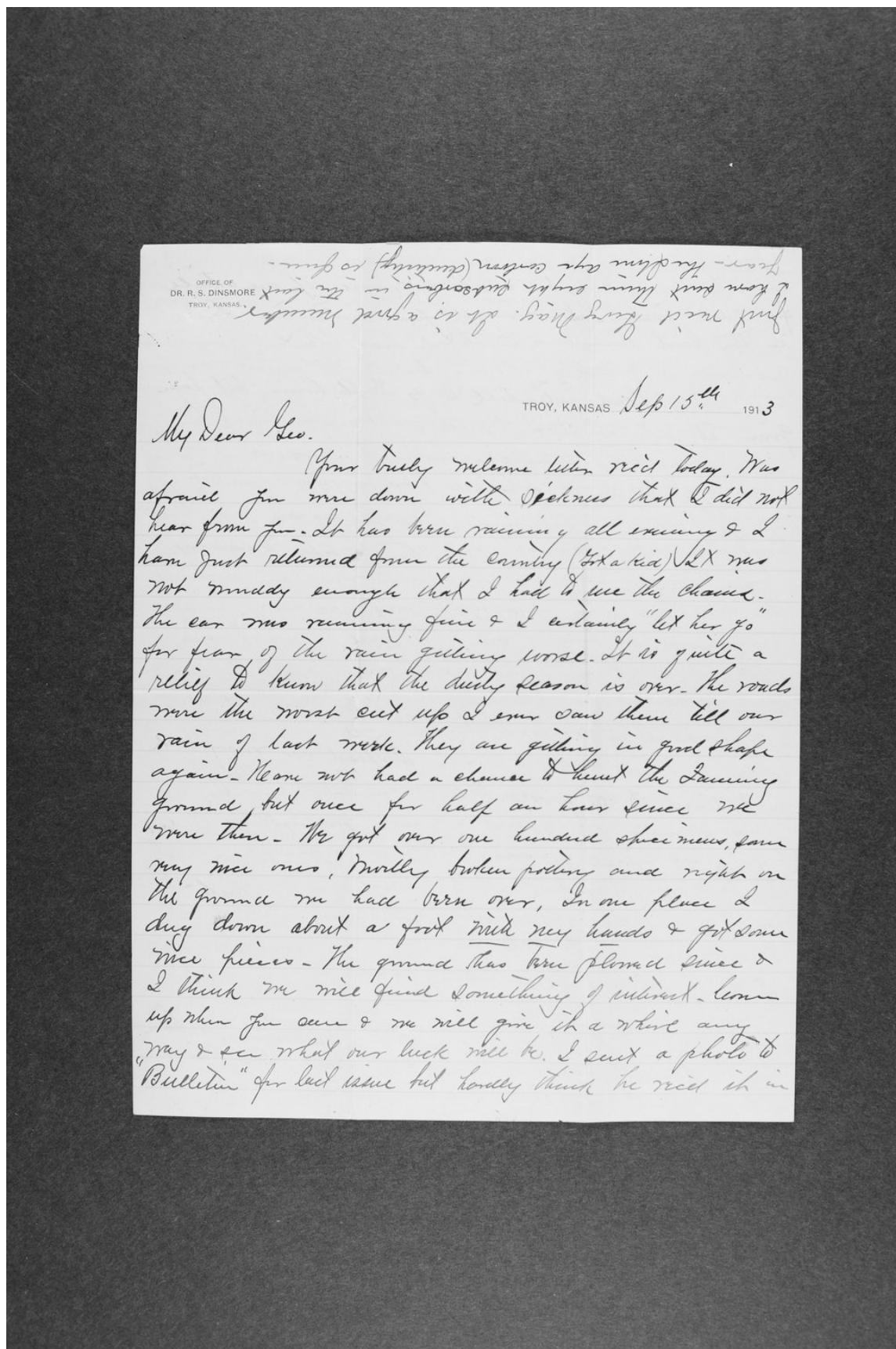
Ever hoping you are feeling better. I am yours sincerely M. L. Greenman

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time to use. May be we can frame up an article for next issue. I missed you writing thus in the last numbers. I think that Stewart wants to get out a good magazine but will have to have some help. Head intended to go to St Louis but have given it up at last. Could get transportation but that is only a small part of the expense of such a trip. I know I should enjoy it in many ways especially in seeing the fine collections of St. Louis. Another case & country so must close -

Good bye R.R.

Sep 16th

Head b'go to Wauhaha & had a fine ride as it only rained. Stopped on my back & listened to a good fox race, about a dozen good running dogs make music for me. Think I will go out again bright if it does not rain too much to go in the car. Let me know when to meet you. With kind regards to all I am

Very truly yours friend

R.S.

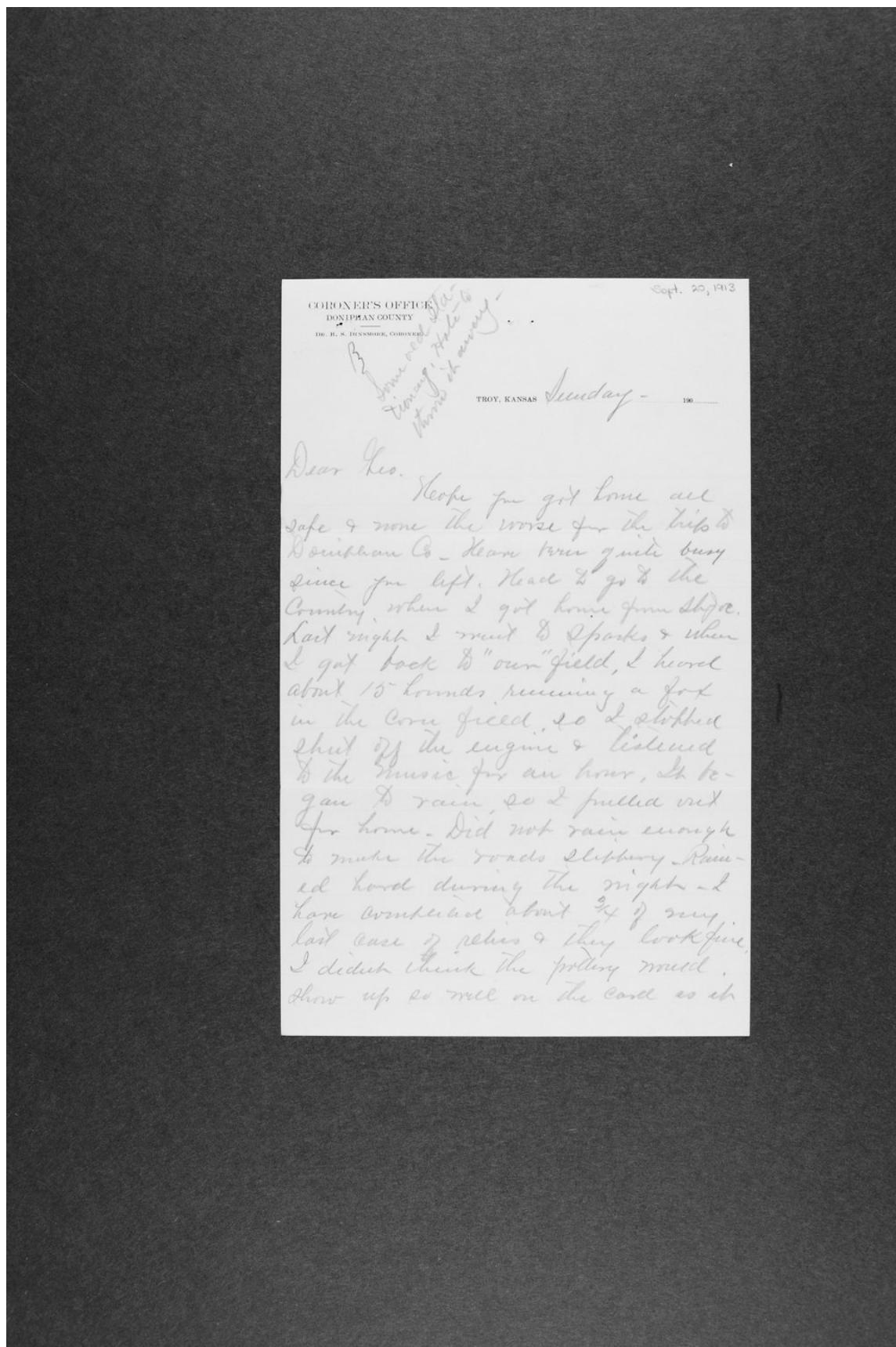
Robert goes back to school in the morning. He has certainly enjoyed his vacation & will miss him more than ever now. Ill stop here as my paper is gone.

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