

## Eugene Ware correspondence

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This is a series of correspondence to and from Eugene Fitch Ware (1841-1911). Ware moved to Fort Scott, Kansas, after the Civil War and became employed at the Fort Scott Monitor. In 1879, Ware began the first of three terms in the Kansas State Senate. During his terms of office, Ware introduced bills concerning railroads, life insurance, militia, and relief and support of the poor as well as bills of a more local nature. Ware moved to Topeka in 1893 to become a partner with Charles Gleed and his brother, James, forming the law firm of Gleed, Ware and Gleed. In addition to journalism, law, and politics, Ware used the pseudonym, Ironquill, for his literary and poetic achievements. His works include "Neutrialia" and "The Rhymes of Ironquill". For a complete contents list of the papers of Eugene Fitch Ware, see the External Links below.

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W. W. PADGETT,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

*Topeka, Kan., May 22nd, 1897.*

Hon. E. F. Ware,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter containing the sheriff's deed. I will have it executed and recorded. In reference to the suit against Amzi Dodd, have made a complete abstract of all the tax proceedings from the assessment to the issuing of the tax deed. I have examined all the records, all the publications, etc. I find several errors which will vitiate the deed, any one of them would vitiate it. I will not draw up a petition, however, in the case until week after next, as there is plenty of time to get the case into the next term of the court. Our court is not through yet and will last all of next week.

Yours very truly,

*W W Padgett*



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OFFICES } Arkansas City, Kan.  
          } Winfield, Kan.

Pollock & Lafferty,  
LAWYERS.

J. C. Pollock,  
Winfield.  
J. T. Lafferty,  
Arkansas City.

Winfield, Kansas, May 22, 1897.

Hon. E. F. Ware,  
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Ware:--

What has become of that brief? Understand will have  
court in Wichita in June. Let me have a copy as soon as possible  
and oblige.

Yours truly,

*Pollock*





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Merchants National Bank,

TOPEKA.

C. K. HOLLIDAY, Pres't. R. L. THOMPSON, Vice Pres't.  
F. G. WILLARD, Cashier. W. M. MACFERRAN, Asst. Cashier.

Topeka, Kansas, May 22nd, 1897.

E. F. Ware, Esq.,

Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Mr. Ware:-

I did not have the pleasure of participating in the banquet given last evening at the Hotel Throop by the Commercial Club, for the very good reason that I was not sufficiently urged to be present. I should have been pleased to have been present on account of the gastronomical possibilities, but especially would I have been pleased to have been able to have heartily applauded the sentiments expressed in your speech.

I want to congratulate you with all my heart for the fortitude and nerve displayed in fearlessly expressing your real thoughts and views in the presence of an assembly, in the majority of whose hearts I thoroughly believe there exists the same convictions and thoughts as expressed by you, but whose moral courage is of such a quality that they dare not publicly express them; who have not the courage to face the "public finger."

The Capital's editorial of your speech is a pleasant revelation of a fact of which the business community has been heretofore in ignorance and I think a vote of thanks is due the Capital from the business community for making and so thoroughly proving the statement that this is one of the most prosperous states in the Union and that we are in so much better financial condition than our sister states, and that the elements producing prosperity in a business way are round and among us, and that the possibilities of profit are on every hand.

Those who have been in touch with the business pulse have evidently been laboring under an egregious and mistaken idea that times were



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and are hard, that people were close run and that business and trade enterprises were experiencing considerable difficulty in making expenses to say nothing of profits.

The amounts charged off to profit and loss by the various banks in this City alone within the past few years would be a very strong argument in the hands of the Capital as an evidence of the prosperous condition that they mention. The amounts so charged off don't represent dishonesty or thievery, but do represent simply hardupness and depreciation.

None of those most prominently identified with the rigorous enforcement of the prohibitory law, with but one or two exceptions, have been able, to the best of my knowledge and belief, to count themselves among the fairly well to do in this world's goods, nor have they been able to accumulate and pile up large quantities of dollars out of a business connection with the prosperous condition as depicted by the Capital in answer to your speech; and if those who can count themselves among the fairly well to do had had their business operations confined to the limits of the State, I doubt if they would be much better off than the others.

I don't pose as a large tax payer myself, but I am in daily contact with those who are and I am heartily tired of having people who don't pay taxes and who have nothing in the State to speak of, lay down lines upon which the City government must be operated and under which I think it is susceptible of proof the City is losing from twenty-five to fifty thousand dollars annually of revenue, and with no better condition of morals than at Leavenworth, Atchison, Wichita and other Cities where different conditions exist. I am thoroughly of the opinion that if the majority of the business people would speak out their true beliefs as you have fearlessly and with the courage of their convictions, a very different condition would exist both in our City and State. Again congratulating you, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,



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Hiattville  
May 22/97  
Dear Eugene:-  
I returned  
from Ft. Scott last  
night & Amelia and I  
are going to take the  
6:10 train for Rochester  
this evening. I came to  
the conclusion to explain  
that note of Holman's  
as you said I could  
sell it at any time.  
Mr Holman wanted it  
to run for five years

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with the "privilege of  
paying at any interest  
payment". Mr. Hornaday  
drew up the extension  
~~and~~ with coupons, and  
attached to the original  
note, and sent them on  
for signatures, subject to  
my approval. The papers  
came back signed all  
right, but there was this  
clause in the extension  
that I do not like very  
well and want to know  
if it will make the note  
the less ~~liable to~~ desirable  
for any one to purchase.  
This is the clause, "It is



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agreed and understood  
that one hundred (\$100.00)  
dollars or any multiple  
thereof, may be paid on  
the principal at any  
interest payment, and  
the interest shall ease upon  
amounts so paid".

Mr. Annaday misunderstood  
the letter of Mr. Holman's  
or I misinterpretate the  
letter. J. H. Holman wrote  
the letter. These are his  
words "He wants to renew  
for five years with privilege  
of paying at any interest  
payment" I take it that  
he means, pay the principal.



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at any instant payment.  
I can send the papers  
back from Rochester for  
correction if you think  
it is necessary. We shall  
probably want to sell the  
note a little before the 1<sup>st</sup>  
of Sept.

In both of my visits to  
H. Scott I managed to  
evade Alice + George until  
yesterday after-noon I  
met Alice on the street  
and she wanted I should  
come down to the house -  
she wanted to have a talk  
with me or someone.

When she found that I  
had an engagement for

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that evening, and was going  
back to Hiattville on the  
mid-night train and was  
going to start for Rochester  
this evening, she said "you  
do not want I should  
have a talk with you but  
I am bound to have it"

In regard to your letter  
to Ward; I am willing  
to take the \$2000. for  
my share of the estate  
aside from my legacy  
and what I paid out for  
funeral expenses, provided  
I am entitled to them.

Ward and Amelia will  
write for them selves.  
Please write me soon at  
Rochester, Yours. Cal.



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BEREMAN & RITNER,  
**DRUGS,**  
BOOKS AND STATIONERY,  
403 Commercial Street.

Atchison, Kan., May 22 1897

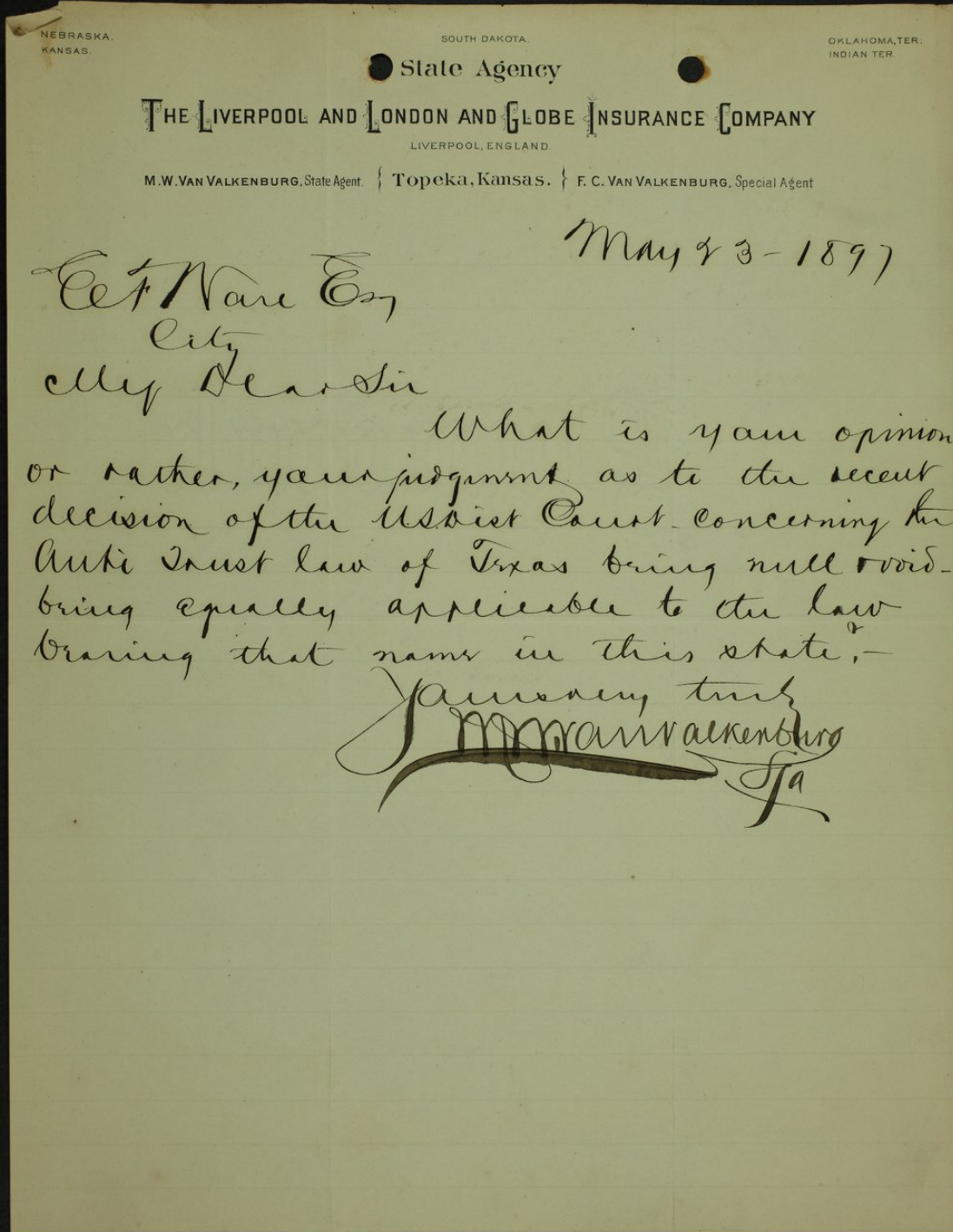
Eugene F. Ware  
Topeka Kansas

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have just read your few remarks to the Commercial Club, in the "Capital" this morning, and was very much pleased and amused thereof. This reminds me of a fact - which I am in no danger of forgetting however - that I had the honor of serving in the same Regiment with you - the Fourth Iowa Cavalry. It also reminded me of something else - which brings me to the point, and to which you are indebted for this letter. I am a candidate for appointment to the office of Post Master at this place, and while there "are others" - six or seven of them -

Winn Ks. May 23<sup>rd</sup> 97  
Hon. E. Ware  
Topeka Ks.  
My dear "Gus".  
Have just read  
your toast-toast in the  
Times.  
I congratulate you  
Very truly  
M. F. Sapp





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May 24, 1897

This paper represents a photostat copy of a manuscript  
which is filed in the photo. folder. The box containing the  
folder may be found at the end of the Ware collection.



## Eugene Ware correspondence

Topeka, Kansas. May 24, 1897.

Dear Calvin:

Your favor is at hand. I am afraid you are about to make a mistake on that Holman note. The way in which you are doing it will bring the note under a recent exemption law which <sup>will</sup> ~~shall~~ make it take about two years to get to the end of a foreclosure after you start your suit. I will fix it up for you at this end of the line if I can; don't know but what you have already got it in such shape that I cannot serve you.

Concerning the estate business, you have tied a string to your proposition that I cannot accept, and that is the funeral expenses. You perhaps know as well as I do that Uncle Elon would not consent to paying half of them. It is just this sort of thing that I want to endeavor to adjust in the settlement of the estate and in an agreement with Uncle Elon. I do not know before I get through but what Uncle Elon will want to have the money which you got in that thousand dollar check, applied upon the payment of your share. And that is the reason why any arrangement which is made can only be preliminary, for if these things have got to be litigated I do not desire to become responsible. Another thing which I entirely overlooked was a \$300 note signed by you and dated December 24, 1894, drawing 5% interest. This is among the assets of the estate, a fact which George Kennedy, John Bayless and Woller Chenault well know, for the two former took down a list of all the stuff belonging to the estate when it was opened up. All of this stuff, every dollar of it, must be accounted for, and from your legacy that \$300 must be deducted. Do not understand me as writing to you to urge your





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acceptance of the \$2000 proposition. I do not care a straw about it one way or the other, and it is quite possible that the matter will fail. There are three reasons why it may fail. The first reason is that as Tobacco stock seems to again have taken a downward shoot owing perhaps to the Illinois decision, the matter, might get in such shape that I could not pay that much, and under my reservation, having a right to withdraw, I should withdraw. Second, and one of the difficult branches of it, it might be that I could not get a contract with Uncle Elon that would be satisfactory. It will require a good deal of discussion and concession to put the matter in such a fluid shape that a settlement can be had of the estate without disorder or litigation. Third, something may happen at the last minute by which one of the heirs would see proper to revoke this, there being a reservation in their favor, and no contract to go through and no deal to be closed providing they revoke at any time before the deal with Uncle Elon is closed. If there is any lingering suspicion in your mind that you do not want to go into this deal, I beg of you not to do so. It is a matter which I do not care a straw about either way so far as I am personally concerned. There is no speculation in it and I am simply trying to do something of general utility to all concerned, because I think I can do it. But unless I receive a hearty cooperation from every person concerned in it, I do not care to bother with it. And in addition to that I do not desire <sup>that</sup> you to take hold of it unless you will write to Clark and Rube in regard to the matter and obtain their consent, likewise. You understand the situation as well as I do, and unless they will go into it willingly and unless you can willingly recommend them to go into it, my proposition <sup>is off.</sup> ~~can go.~~ And I want to hear from the matter all





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Attorney for Kansas.

Topeka, Kansas.

April 26, 1897.

To Agents of The St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Co. in Kansas:

Dear Sirs: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Eugene Ware, Attorney for Kansas.

Very truly yours,

Eugene Ware, Attorney for Kansas.

Enclosed for you are two copies of a report of the Kansas State Board of Railroad Commissioners.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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round as soon as possible. If Uncle Elon's death should take place there would be no possibility of the estate being wound up except in the court of law.

The carrying out of this plan rests entirely with you. And unless it has your active support and active agency, the thing must of necessity be off. I do not care ~~xxxxxx~~ enough about it to write to Clark and Rube, and I have not written. There is nothing in the plan of any financial benefit to me, and I am not hunting round for occasions to do favors and carry out advantageous business efforts for unwilling people. If you feel inclined to take hold of this plan as a general proposition and put it through I will come on immediately and see Uncle Elon and see whether an adjustment can be made that will satisfy all the necessities of the case. Perhaps I might do this much - and if it became necessary for you to go and see Rube and Clark - that I could induce Uncle Elon to pay one half of these expenses and I pay the other - that is to make these expenses which would not be great, the expenses of the estate. But perhaps the whole matter could be arranged by correspondence. Write and give me your final views on the ~~xxx~~ situation.

Yours truly,

TO ORDER OF THE ST. LOUIS & SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD CO. IN KANSAS:

HICKORY

JULY 22 1884

JOHN W. HICKORY

WARRANT FOR ARREST





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Attorney for Kansas.

Topeka, Kansas.

April 26, 1897.

To Agents of The St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Co. In Kansas:

Dear Sirs:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. in relation to the proposed extension of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Co. through the State of Kansas. I am sorry to hear that the proposed extension is not being considered by the Board of Directors of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Co. I am, however, confident that the proposed extension will be considered by the Board of Directors of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Co. at an early date. I am, therefore, sending you this letter to inform you of the fact that the proposed extension is not being considered by the Board of Directors of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Co. I am, however, confident that the proposed extension will be considered by the Board of Directors of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Co. at an early date.

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Toler Stock Farm.

North Wichita, Kans. May 25<sup>th</sup> 1897

Dear Mrs. Ware.

Many thanks for allowing me to keep this so long. Mrs. Bale's article in the Midland, along with Mrs. Moore's published picture, spoiled the chances for my article with Leslie, and I am not sure I will be able to do any thing with it now. But I may. Tell Mrs. Ware I enjoyed more than I can tell, reading his speech before the banqueters at Topeka.

Do you think we might make Mrs. Moore president of the Gen'l Federation next year, if all Kansas worked for it? How are those things worked? You Topeka folks ought to know, if all reports are true - eh?

However, never mind my clumsy effort to be funny. Believe me, yours sincerely,

Jallie F. Toler.



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Rochester,  
May 26/97

Dear Gene:-

I saw Dr. Foster to-day and got him to deduct \$2<sup>50</sup> from his bill. He made a corrected<sup>bill</sup>, which I enclose. Of course I have no way of knowing as to the correctness of his corrected bill, but it is probably all right.

Uncle Elon and cousin Allie called to-day, but I was out, so did not see them.

Did you write Clarke and Reube letters similar to the one you wrote Ward? And have you written Uncle Elon on the subject?

The weather has been very cool since the 1<sup>st</sup> April and is still.

Amelia has a bad cough, which seems to be getting worse. Cousin Allie advised her to pack the goods and go back to Kansas. Yours, Cal.

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BEREMAN & RITNER,  
**DRUGS,**  
BOOKS AND STATIONERY,  
403 Commercial Street.

May 26 1897  
Atchison, Kan.,

Hon. E. A. Ware  
Topeka Kans.

My Dear Sir -

Your of 24th inst. came duly to hand and I hasten to say that there is no hurry about the matter mentioned in my former letter, as the present incumbents time will not expire until about June 1st 1898. I learn from Hon. Case Broderick that there is no disposition to remove officials - except for cause - before end of time for which they were appointed. So do not let my affair in any way interfere with your other matters. I agree with you that that is the better way, and



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BEREMAN & RITNER,  
**DRUGS,**  
BOOKS AND STATIONERY,  
403 Commercial Street.

Atchison, Kan., ..... 189

I write you again to re-  
lieve you of any obligation  
you might possibly feel to  
me until the other matter  
is disposed of.

I thank you  
heartily for your kind words  
and friendly interest and  
if I can ever do any thing  
for you in any way please  
command me.

With best regards  
I am, Yours Truly  
A. Bereman

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407-8 New England Bldg.,

Kansas City, Mo., May 27, 1897.

Mr. E. F. Ware,  
C/o Gleed, Ware and Gleed,  
T o p e k a, Kan.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosure was received this morning with a letter which seems to have been wrongly arrdressed. I return to you herewith enclosed the correspondence as you may need it.

I was very much amused to read your speech on prohibition in the papers a few dāys ago. You surely hit the high points.

Yours truly,

*Leammyers*



## Eugene Ware correspondence

Rochester,  
May. 27/97

Dear Eugene!—

Since writing my letter of yesterday I received yours of the 24<sup>th</sup>; in reply to which would say that I am sure there was nothing in my letter, you referred to, that would indicate any unwillingness, on my part, to go into the "deal". As to my tying a string to my proposition, the matter was left entirely discretionary with you; consequently the string will not hold. I do claim, however, that the \$1000—Uncle gave me cannot in any manner be applied on my legacy or my share of the estate. I suppose the note for \$300—given by me, will have to be deducted from my share or legacy. This <sup>is</sup> no string for I do not believe Uncle Elon would think of such a thing. I will write Clarke and Reubn to-day in regard to the matter.



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I enclose the Coleman note, for your inspection, which, I think, you will find to be all right. Also a letter from J. H. Coleman to Mr. Hornaday, which Mr. Hornaday handed to me and I retained. Mr. Hornaday said that the papers were subject to <sup>my</sup> approval. All of them at the bank said I would have no trouble in selling the note and probably at a premium. I wish you would sell the note and send me the amount with accrued interest. I did think that I would wait until the last of August before selling, but I need the ~~now~~ <sup>my</sup> share of the money to be divided, now, and I know Clarke does. You will see from Mr. Coleman's letter that he would have raised the money if I had insisted, but I thought it was putting him to some inconvenience, and that I might get along a while longer by staving off some bills which ought to be paid. If you do not sell the note please return the Coleman letter to me.

If the papers are not drawn correctly, and you can have them fixed up, do so.

Yours  
Eugene Ware



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Hiattville May 28/57

Dear Eugene

I do not know  
enough about these  
things to give an intelligent  
opinion, and trust to your  
judgment, and with  
Calvin and Wased agree  
to your proposition

Yours  
Amelia  
Amelia Huntington



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May 26, 1897.

E. T. Hoffman, Esq.,

Bronson, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Your favor of May 26th is at hand enclosing check for \$300 to be applied upon the big note. As stated in my letter to you of April 23rd, the interest on the big note was paid to May 6th, 1897. By the big note I mean the \$1500 note signed by yourself and Joseph Cook. Upon May 17th there was credited to you \$100. Today, May 26th, the account is as follows: You are charged with interest on \$1500 at 6% for 22 days and are to be credited with interest on \$1300 at 6% for 11 days, which amounts to a little over \$4, but I call it \$4 interest. Your \$300 will therefore pay up the balance of the note, \$200, plus \$4 interest, leaving \$96 to be applied on the other note, which is pretty nearly now half paid. I return you herewith the \$1500 note marked "canceled" and I hope you will have good luck in your enterprise and determination to close this business out.

Yours truly,





## Eugene Ware correspondence

Law Office of

*T. J. Hudson*

HOWARD A. SCOTT,  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Fredonia, Kansas, May 28th, 1897.

Hon. Eugene Ware,

Topeka, Kansas,

Bear Sir: Our people are arranging to have a celebration on July 4th and a great many have expressed the desire to have you deliver an address on that occasion. We will have a great crowd and a splendid time and we earnestly hope that you will accept this invitation to be present and speak for us.

Trusting that we may receive a favorable response,

Very Respectfully,

*T. J. Hudson,*  
*J. T. Cooper*  
*N. P. Wilcox*  
*Committee*

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May 29, 1897.

Mr. Ware:

Cheney has asked me to go out to California with him in his private car and Charles seems very urgent about my going. I have decided to go down a way anyhow and I may turn round at Vegas and come back. I rather think I shall. ~~IN AN EVENT~~ In any event I shall do nothing but ride to California and turn round and come right back, which will give an opportunity to see the country. I am leaving on the Denver train and you can reach me by wire. I really would rather stay here and I hate to miss Palmers wedding. If you think that anything is going to suffer by my being away, or if for any reason you think I ought not to go, wire me and I will turn round and come back, which I may do without a wire anyhow.

J. W. GLEED.





*The Eagle.*

*M. M. Murdock,*  
EDITOR IN CHIEF.

*Wichita, 5729 1897.*

Dear Gene

Vic was away. I was misled into saying what I did of the liquid garnishing of the Langnet tables by your own allusion, taking your reference to Wakarusa water in the general spirit of your speech. I note the Capital's generous claim. All the same you delivered the hypocrite of Topeka such a "knockout" blow as they had never experienced, and as a spectator in the front row I enjoyed it immensely. What's the use, sense or policy of such a racket as they have been giving the State. We have settled the question for Wichita, although monthly murders are but the vicarious immolation bears acceptable fruit to the tune of \$500 per month clean revenue over all expenses of the police establishment. All kidding here against the priests has ceased, and nobody seems the wiser for the flow of artie fluid.

*Yours*

*Eugene Ware*