

## 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 "Neutralia" 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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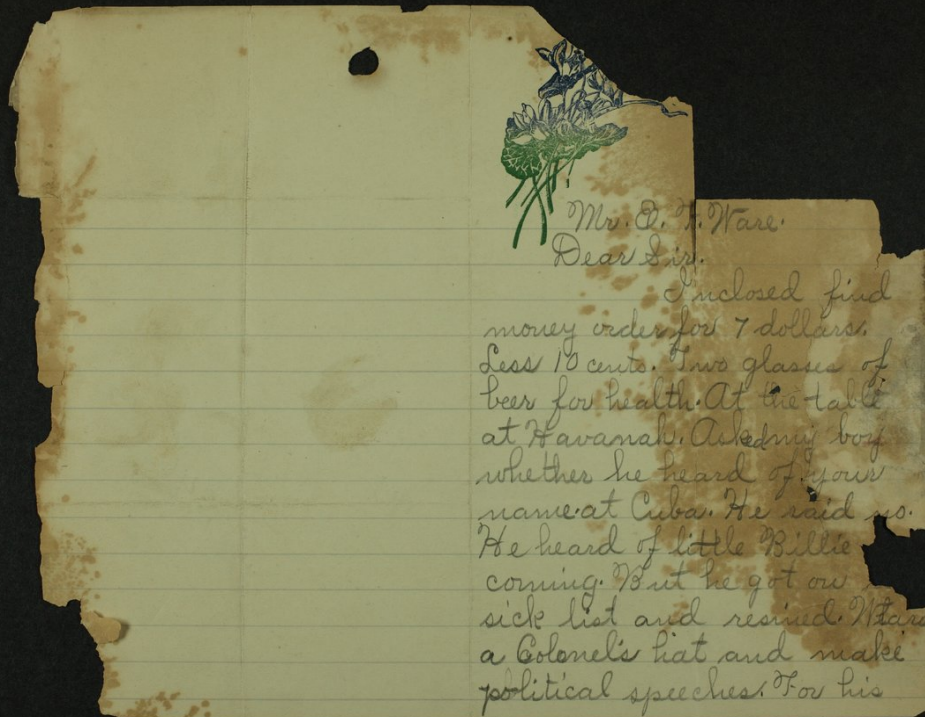
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Mr. D. F. Ware.  
Dear Sir.  
Inclosed find  
money order for 7 dollars.  
Less 15 cents. Two glasses of  
beer for health. At the table  
at Havana. Asked my boy  
whether he heard of your  
name at Cuba. He said no.  
He heard of little Willie  
coming. But he got on  
sick list and resigned. Ware  
a Colonel's hat and make  
political speeches. For his

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it soon.  
Yours Truly,  
Frank Schilling

That's the way  
as a private  
I rise up as President  
I see your name mentioned  
for Governor. Why not follow  
the example. I see your  
name mentioned for building  
a railroad. Why not bring  
it down here. Where there is  
plenty of coal. So we can sell.  
Every body is slipping here.  
This find you in  
and health. Behind the  
table. Will tend your place  
this year at the same figure.  
If all right. Let me know

Ans -  
Ware got 700  
McCombs - 40



Poughkeepsie, N. Y.  
Feb. 97.  
Eugene F. Ware Esq.  
Dear Sir:  
Book recd. Enclosed  
please find postal  
order for \$1.  
Very Trs.  
Joel Beaman.



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DISTRICT OF KANSAS.

Terms of Court, Third Division:  
First Monday in May and Second Monday in  
November.

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COURTS, TOPEKA, KANSAS.  
S. P. MOSHER, DEPUTY CLERK THIRD DIVISION,  
FORT SCOTT, KANSAS.

*Fort Scott, Kans., Feb. 1st., 1892*

Hon. E. F. Ware,  
Attorney at Law,  
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

I see by the papers that W. C. Hook, of Leavenworth, has been appointed U. S. Judge, for this District. I do not know that this will make any difference with the Deputy Clerkship here, but I would like to have a few of my friends write Judge Hook in my behalf. Trusting that I am not asking too great a favor of you, I am,

Very respty. yours,

*S. P. Mosher*  
Dep. clk.

*Dear Gene - I kind of want Judge  
Hook to know that the attys who  
practice in this Court are not going to  
raise a row if I hold down my job -  
Saw.*



Fort Scott, February 1<sup>st</sup> 1899  
 Mr. E. F. Ware: [Feb. 1, 1899]  
 Dear Sir - Your letter received  
 to-day and I felt very much  
 complimented for my leave  
 and also much pleased to know  
 that my work is appreciated. I  
 know that your heart is still with  
 this library in spite of ——— You  
 gathered it so long that it would  
 take a good deal to root it from  
 its original place in your affec-  
 tions. The Joseph's Librarian may  
 be all right - but they are not -  
 Your great love. You know without  
 my telling you how much I appreciate  
 the spirit that prompted your letter  
 and kind offer. But would it not  
 be better for you to send both letter  
 and check, designating the use

to which the latter is to be put.  
Now let me give my reasons.  
Firstly - your letter flatters my  
ability as librarian too much  
for me to give to the papers.  
You know what I think about women  
putting themselves before the public.  
Then it would hardly be business  
for me, would it? to give the letter  
for publication or to receive the  
money as librarian without con-  
sulting the board, especially as  
is no fault of theirs that my  
pay is not larger. and last-  
but not least - there is another  
reason why I would like it to  
come through the board and the  
letter published by them, a reason  
that would never occur to a man,  
and that is; it might give food  
for gossip; - among our friends  
the matter would be all right.

Some one should be one to find out that.



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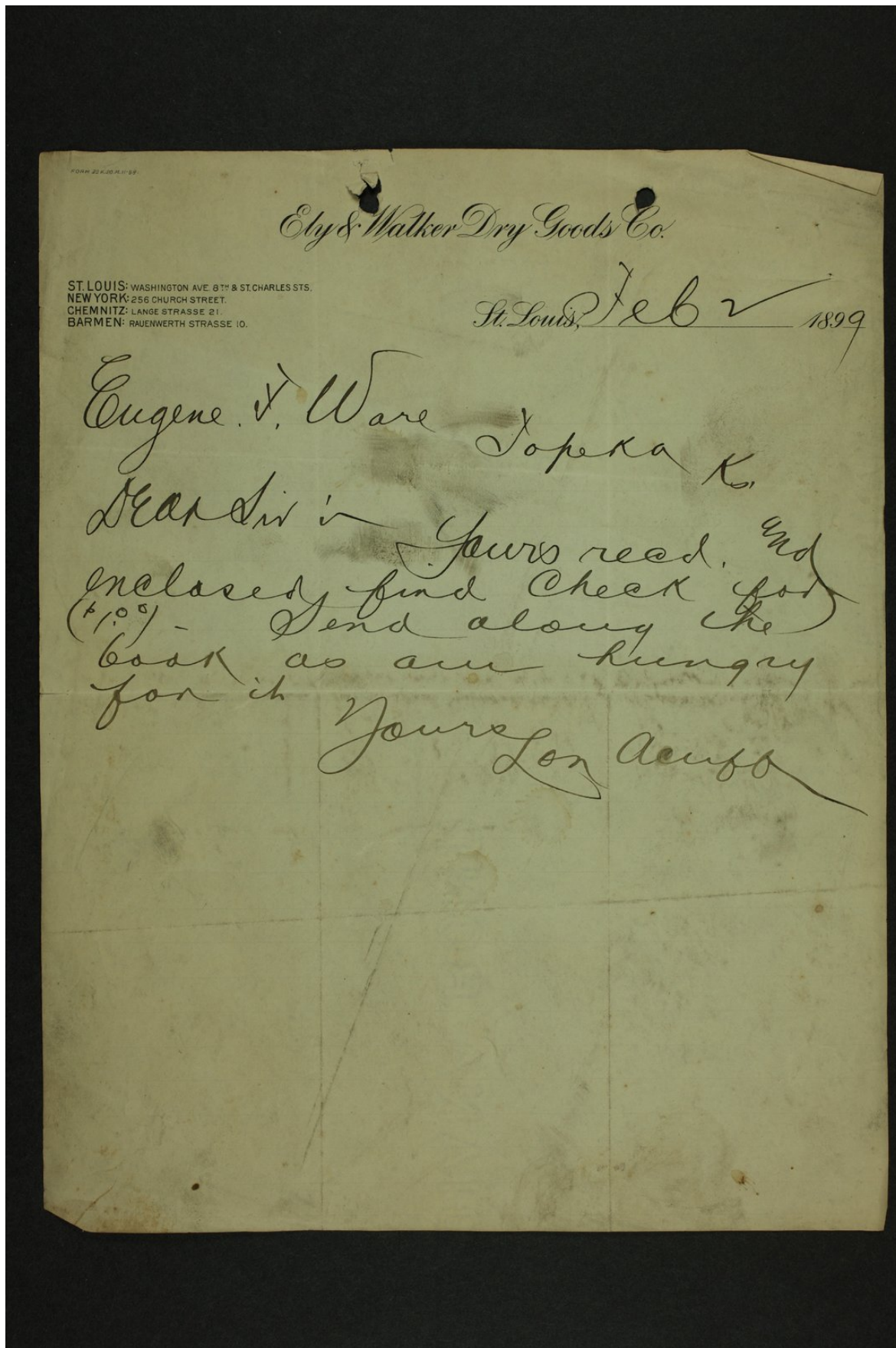
But as you know there are always  
 some evil tongues ready to wag at  
 somebody's else expense. I know  
 in your kindness of heart - you never  
 thought of such a matter; but -  
 when you think of it - you will see  
 that I am right. Mrs. Stone will  
 tell you as I know. Now don't -  
 go off the handle and swear  
 at - one for a pride &c &c, just  
 keep your temper and possess you  
 self in patience. Now you can  
 do as you think best; after read-  
 ing this letter, about - sending  
 both letter and money to be paid  
 to me by the board. I shall say  
 nothing about - your letter and  
 if the check reaches me before  
 you have received this I will  
 return it; in order that you  
 may use your own discretion  
 about it. The board puts as



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much confidence in me and let  
me run things to suit myself  
that I would not like to do any  
thing that might be construed as  
disregardful on my part; of their  
authority as head of the library.  
Of course your position is different  
and I mean no reflection on  
your actions. I want to treat  
them as I should for were you  
in their place. Will you do  
just as you think best and out-  
counsel my feelings and I will  
ride my time for a while.  
You should see the children's eyes  
glister when I show them the  
new books. I will have them on  
the shelves tomorrow, was down  
all morning but have not had  
time to write them this afternoon.  
Hoping that this letter meets your approval  
I remain Yours Respectfully M. L. Barber

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How. Eugene F. Ware Kansas City, Mo., Feby 2<sup>d</sup> 1899  
Topeka Kansas.

My Dear Sir & Friend  
I want to ask a favor of you - my wife  
will come before the Board of Charities for the  
position as Matron of the Deaf & Dumb Institute at  
Olathe Kans. and I would very much prize a letter  
of Endorsement from you, and thanking you in advance  
for same I am yours very truly  
James. K. Milburn

P.S. I have letters from your old friends  
in Fort Scott. Messrs. Low - Grider & Aikman  
and many state men of Importance  
I am employed here my P.O. address  
James. K. Milburn  
Merriam  
Johnson Co  
Kansas



FORT SCOTT, KANS. 2/2 1892

E F Ware  
Lepke, Kas

Dear Sir

There is some fine counters  
in the miller bldg and the  
tenants want them moved out  
of their way

Chenault says the counters  
belong to him. is that the way  
you understand it

Yours Truly  
H D Smith





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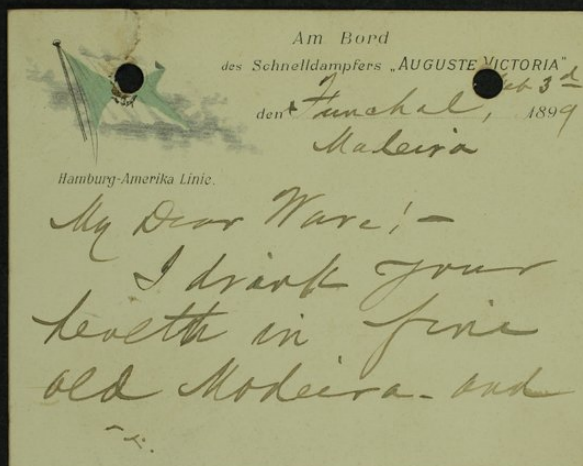
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Fort Scott, Kans., 2/3 1897

Dear Gene,  
That's all  
right. You are a  
"Crackin' jack"  
Sam.

I mean "my kind of a  
fellow" as you say.  
A.





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suggest you make  
this trip next year -  
We arrive Gibraltar  
Sunday morning - leaving  
next day for the Orient  
taking in much on the  
way on both shores of the  
Mediterranean  
Will write you from Jerusalem  
or Jaffa - Yrs. J. M. Alburn

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Miss Moody: -  
The money is ready whenever you want it.

Our Glanick try "M" + "H" -  
m n.

Feb. 4, 99

S. B. CARTER.  
W. G. MOODIE.

1899

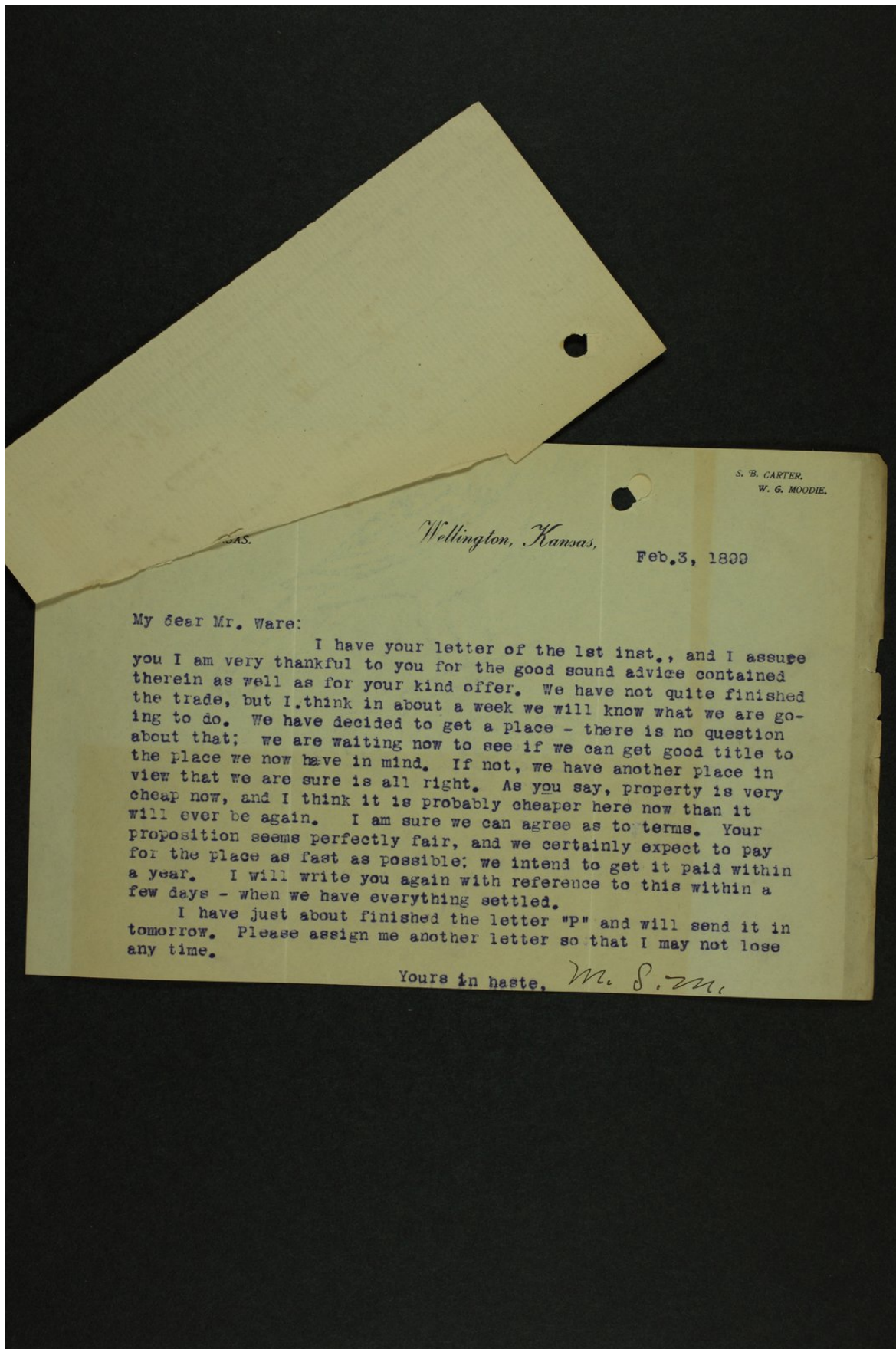
and I assure  
contained  
te finished  
we are go-  
question  
title to

the place we now have in mind. If not, we have another place in view that we are sure is all right. As you say, property is very cheap now, and I think it is probably cheaper here now than it will ever be again. I am sure we can agree as to terms. Your proposition seems perfectly fair, and we certainly expect to pay for the place as fast as possible; we intend to get it paid within a year. I will write you again with reference to this within a few days - when we have everything settled.

I have just about finished the letter "P" and will send it in tomorrow. Please assign me another letter so that I may not lose any time.

Yours in haste, M. S. M.





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CARTER & MOORE,  
FOLKS & CARTER,  
GRAIN AND SEEDS,  
WELLINGTON, KANSAS.

Wellington, Kans., Feb'y 4<sup>th</sup> 1899

Mr. Ware:

I enclose the letter "P". I don't  
feel quite sure of some of the endings, and  
if you can conveniently, I wish you would  
lend me a copy of your second pamphlet  
for a few days, so that I may study it  
a little more.

In haste

W. S. Randall

Enc.



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North Platte, Mass.  
Feb. 5, 1899

Dear Eugene:

I received a  
letter yesterday from H. F.  
Brashear of Pleasanton,  
it seems since I heard  
from him at first he  
has built a house  
upon his land costing  
about \$1000, and now  
says he will take \$3000  
for the whole. I ought  
to have written you  
at once after hearing  
from him, but I had  
so much trouble in  
collecting rent for pay  
two years, didn't feel

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like taking any more  
real estate upon my  
hands. I think the  
might be persuaded  
to try my 110 acres.  
Had I left close the  
trade with his offer  
of \$200<sup>00</sup>, or try to  
sell mine? I would  
like to know what  
the buzz is.

Zach Davis' cultivated  
land was all under  
water last spring. he  
lost his crops and con-  
sequently, I get very  
little rent.

If property continues to  
shrink, there will be  
nothing left but the  
agents. Do you see any  
bright outlook in a



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business way at St. Louis?  
I hope the eastern pros-  
perity, will move west-  
ward, all the mills, and  
shops are running, on  
full time here in this  
village, and Nelson  
street shop running even-  
ings, seems like years  
ago.

Carrie is writing you  
a letter, she enjoys hearing,  
from Uncle John, and when  
the dollar came she  
could hardly hold her-  
self. I give her an allow-  
ance of 50 cts. a week,  
she spends it very careful-  
ly, and keeps an ac-  
count of every cent. that  
is the agreement, so  
long as her account

balances she is to have  
the allowance  
give love to Nettie  
and children  
Yours Lilla M. Ware



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Elroy 8<sup>th</sup>  
[Feb. 5] 1899

My dear Mr. Ware:

Your brief in the South  
Hatchinson case came this  
morning. Permit me to  
congratulate you on your  
discriminating discussion of  
the Edmundson case: I never  
knew just how it happened  
that the case went against  
me. I suppose that I ought not  
to have taken law but  
just steers!

Did you notice the decision

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in W. J. Bridge Co  
City of Kansas City  
52 Pac R. 869?

While not exactly in point  
it demolishes the reasoning  
of my friend Mead who  
thinks a city council can  
say its prayers only by  
ordinance. I shall send  
you my brief in the Abilene  
case when I print it

Meantime believe me,

Dear Ironquill,

Your Very humble servant

Horace S. Oakley



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MARSHALL S. SNOW, PRESIDENT.  
WILLIAM J. SEEVER, SECRETARY.  
DR. CHAS. D. STEVENS, TREASURER.

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1600 LOCUST STREET.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6, 1899

President,  
Kansas State Historical Society,  
Topeka, Kas.

Dear Sir:-

I have the pleasure of advising you that at the recent meeting of the Missouri Historical Society- the following resolution was duly passed:

Resolved: "That the co-operation of kindred organizations, throughout the Mississippi Valley, is desired in the matter of celebrating at St. Louis in 1903-04 the One Hundreth Anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase. To this end the President of the various Historical Societies in the Mississippi Valley are hereby elected ex-officio corresponding members of this Society."

Our Society would be pleased to hear from you from time to time on Historical matters of the west and especially pertaining to this celebration. With the further request of your acceptance of this membership.

Very truly yours,

*William J. Seever*  
secy.



FORT SCOTT, KANS. 2/8 1899

E F Ware

Topeka Kas  
Dear Sir

I called on Whittington.  
he says he expects to hold  
Hansford to his contract and  
stay where he is another year  
for \$7500. I then called on  
Hansford and he thinks you  
ought to be fair with him and  
let Whittington stay another  
year and perhaps we had under  
the circumstances I give you the facts  
as they exist. and you know better  
what to do in the matter than I do.  
Yours Truly  
H D Smith





FORT SCOTT, KANS. 1/4 1892

E. F. Ware  
Lepka Kas

Dear Sir

I have been away since  
the 24<sup>th</sup> of Dec just got in town  
at 3 o'clock this morning found  
your of the 31<sup>st</sup> awaiting me  
will just say that I am  
now ready for business and  
will give your matters prompt  
attention and report

Yours Truly  
N. D. Smith





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Hon. Eugene F. Ware,  
Topeka, Kan.  
My dear "Ironquill".

Referring to your esteemed favor of the 3d inst., on the day I mailed you the program of our African Night, it was my intention to write you a letter of explanation, amplification, and inquiry, but other imperative duties intervened, I left the city, and was not recalled to the matter until I read your welcome note of acknowledgment this morning.

"John Brown" was not only recited most effectively by Major Clancy, but he had a placard incised in large letters with the words-

"JOHN BROWN OF KANSAS; HE DARED BEGIN; HE LOST, BUT LOSING WON."

which card was shown to the audience for the first time when Major began the recital. Not only was the poem recited to the Club, but quotations were given from the poem, several times. In the light of the history that has been made since the Cuban Spanish war began we think the following words almost prophetic-"But States, like men, Have destinies that take them That bear them on, not knowing why or where".

The same has been said before our Club concerning the lines-"From boulevards O'erlooking both Nyanzas, The statured bronze shall glitter in the sun".

With 1,700 miles of railroad from Cape Town into the very heart of the "Dark Continent", with some 300 or 400 miles from Cairo, pointing toward Cape Town, and Cecil Rhodes in London, negotiating Forty-five millions of dollars to complete the line- with cities 800 miles from Cape Town, with all of the modern improvements, such as electric lights, electric railways, and daily newspapers, is it any wonder that we regard the language quoted as almost prophetic?

Long before I left Kansas I had possessed myself of one of the first editions of your poems. After "John Brown" appeared in the Arena, I sent to Geo. W. and got the revised edition, and gave the old copy to a friend who, in my estimation is one of the best poets in the country to-day, tho' comparatively unknown, and who is a member of Oakland Club, so my copy was the first that ever appeared in the Club.

But the inquiry Would you arrange- or consent for us to arrange for an evening with Ironquill, at Oakland Club- almost any Monday evening between now and April 15th? If you happen to have business in Chicago, we could fix up the Club for the occasion. Read a few of your own poems, such as "John Brown", "The Washerwoman's Song", "Quivera", &c, &c, and we would intersperse with music. You would have a warm reception by a Club that is known for its literary work, even in Boston. What say?

Yours very truly,

*Harry G. Wilson*

(Over.)



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Nothing political, nothing sectarian in the meeting, but purely literary. The poet member to whom I refer, considers you one of the greatest poets of the present day- in short, is one of your most ardent admirers. Think that we could have Opie Reed, and several others- Chicago literary lights to grace the occasion, if you so desired. To have George R. Peck, would round out the occasion. But you are the fellow we are after and we would try to have just such others as you might suggest or fancy. John Mac.Donald knows our Club well, and can give you an idea of the reception and audience we would endeavor to greet you with.

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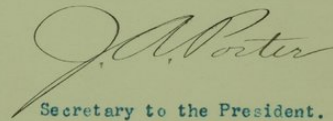
EXECUTIVE MANSION,  
WASHINGTON.

February 7, 1899.

My dear Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant in behalf of Lieutenant H. A. Smith, and to state that by direction of the President it has been forwarded for the consideration of the Secretary of War.

Very truly yours,

  
Secretary to the President.

Eugene F. Ware, Esq.,  
Topeka, Kansas.



John Scott Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 99

[Feb. 9, 1899]

The copy of your letter came Tuesday morning; in the afternoon Mr. Landon came in smiling and handed me the check. I have watched the papers to see whether your letter was published; but so far it has not. I suppose they will wait until after the meeting, first Friday in March. I have waited a day or two before writing to you it in the paper. The money I shall put, with some other I have been saving, when I will get some interest on it. It gives me a very comfortable feeling to know that one has