

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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Hon Eugene F. Ware
Washington

Dear Sir:

The object of this
Communication is to Congratulate
you upon your appointment to
the honorable & responsible
position you now occupy. I
am simply an acquaintance.
When you were at Fort
Scott practicing law way
back in the Seventies
I was at Kansas City Mo.
engaged in the Larn
business. I had occasion
to visit Fort Scott at one
time in the interest of the
Wheeler & Wilson Sewing
Machine Co & while there
you extended me many

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Courtesies gave me the
privilege of your office.
I appreciated your kindness
at the time & have watched
with pleasure your successful
career ever since. I now
have some business in the
Dept under your supervision.
I transmitted yesterday by
registered mail to your
address an Application for
Widow's Pension & Application
for Accrued Pension in behalf
of a client of mine. If
you can do anything to
expedite an adjustment of
her claims at an early
date I will be greatly
obliged as she is very needy,
having herself a little girl
to support teaching music.
The claimant is Mrs Alma Lulu
Evans. Very truly,
R. A. Grange



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*Charles L. Glead,
Eugene F. Ware,
James Willis Glead.*

*David C. Palmer,
John L. Hunt.*

*Callie "Glead,"
Telephone 37.*

Law office of

Glead, Ware & Glead,

Topeka, Kansas.

July 8, 1902.

Hon. E. F. Ware,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ware:

Mr. Burton made a two hour and a half talk last night. He labored very hard and his speech was very much disconnected. The audience was very cold. There was probably fifteen hundred people present. Half of these were women. Fully one-third of these left before he had finished. He didn't do himself any good. He, however, turned a very neat point in his opening. He started by saying that he was lead to believe from certain newspaper accounts that these papers were endeavoring to place the president in a false light before the public, and the trend of his argument was in the nature of an apology for the president. He made no apology for himself. He went on to say that any person that said anything against the president should be condemned; that the president was all right, and while the president was all right, he gave the people to understand that he himself was just as good as the president. In referring to a report that the president had refused to shake hands with him, he mentioned all the names of the delegation who had called on the president at the time, and stated that it would be absurd for anyone to think that

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the president of the United States would refuse to shake hands with a senator, adding, had the president refused to shake hands with him, as the newspapers reported, the insult would not be to himself.

Toward the close of the argument, he read the president's special message to Congress, which in my mind defeated any argument that he made in support of his theory on the question of Cuban reciprocity. He wound up by saying that if the Republican party of Kansas at the end of this fall's campaign or when Congress convened this winter was unanimous in endorsing Cuban reciprocity, "not, however, as understood by the resolution passed by the Wichita convention, but by unanimous vote and instruction to him", that he, Mr. Burton, would bow in submission to the will of the people of Kansas and represent them as their senator. In other words, he, Mr. Burton, did not propose to be bound by the resolution adopted by the Wichita convention or by the numerous county conventions since the Wichita convention, but that he, Mr. Burton, proposed to do just as he d--m pleased about the matter.

There was little applause throughout his speech. When he appeared there was very slight applause. All the applause there was came from what few appointees and personal supporters he had among the audience.

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His speech could be very nicely replied to. I think with very little trouble you could drive a four horse wagon through it. I hope when Long makes his talk at Ottawa on the sixteenth that he will take occasion to answer a few things that Mr. Burton said.

Yours truly,



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Erick C. Cole,
Attorney-at-Law.

Great Bend Kas. 7-8-1902

My dear Ware :

It had been my purpose to congratulate you some time ago, and at the time you received your high appointment but possibly now the rush is over the congratulations will be fully as acceptable. Besides, I hesitated for the reason that there was a doubt in my mind as to your being sound on the question of infant baptism but since so high an ecclesiastical body as the United States Senate has been willing to pass your character you must be all right. It occurred to me when you was named that it might be there were some eminent politicians, even in Kansas, who were Nix-on to the combination.--This might also be said of the late and so-short-a-time leader of the N.Y. Tammany Democracy.--

I hope you will be able to stand the pressure and still retain some of your old time good nature and wish you all success. I have an old friend who is Auditor for the State Dept. Capt. E. G. Timme, a brave old one-armed german soldier whom I hope you will meet. I think he must have been a part of that "deutscher companie" that you wrote so feelingly about for he is made of the proper stuff. If you meet him, present my compliments. With my very best wishes I remain

Sincerely yours

Am. E. J. Ware
Em. Pensins
Washington
D.C.
Erick C. Cole

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Personal.

Office of the Collector of Customs,
Port of St. Augustine, Fla. JUL 8 190

Hon. Eugene F. Ware,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I hope this day made formal application to the President, for re-appointment as Collector of Customs, for this District. But this is to inform that I referred to you in support of my "ante cedents," Hon. W. A. Johnston and Whitfield Foreman's letters to you, in my behalf, of which I was advised. was my warrant for the liberty taken, and this is my apology for same. You will understand, that whatever kindly influence I can bring to bear upon the President, I must look to Kansas friends, and how good, and loyal they are. That I have secured the endorsement of the Republican State Committee in support of my application, will, I assume, have some influence. It may interest you to know that, I am in my 45th year, and my dear good wife the same.

Very sincerely yours,
Thos. B. George.

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Custom House, Collector's Office,

PORT OF _____

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Collector.

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Topeka, Kansas. Jul. 8, 1902

Hon. E. F. Ware,
Washington, D.C.
Dear Friend, and Neighbor:-

I have been thinking you would be lonesome with nothing to do? and I would write to you.

I want to congratulate you on the choice of Connelley as one of your assistants, and know that he will fill the bill exactly.

If you ever find a place in which you could put me I would be glad if you would let me know; This of course if you can do it without "inward pain" or anything of that sort.

At the rate I am getting rich here in Topeka I doubt if I will ever get enough ahead to go and see Norman graduate at the Military Academy, something I had hoped to do. Then there is no telling what may happen with my job here. I can hold it as long as the business holds out and am satisfied with all but my salary which is too little to make much headway on in the line of getting rich.

Now Friend Ware if you find a place where you want good hard work done and a strict attention to duty let me know.

It would be more pleasant to be near Norman while in school and we could perhaps see him oftener.

He came out second in deportment in a class of 128 and ranks 25 in his general standing, which is higher than any Kansas man now in the Academy. Has been made a Corporal ranking eighth out of 30 made.

Now don't let this letter add to your cares, and don't take the time to answer it, but have it in mind when there is an opening.

Yours Very Truly,

P.S. Tell Connelley to be good.

J. B. Connelley
Topeka, Mo



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Washington July 8.

Hon Eugene Ware.

Sir.

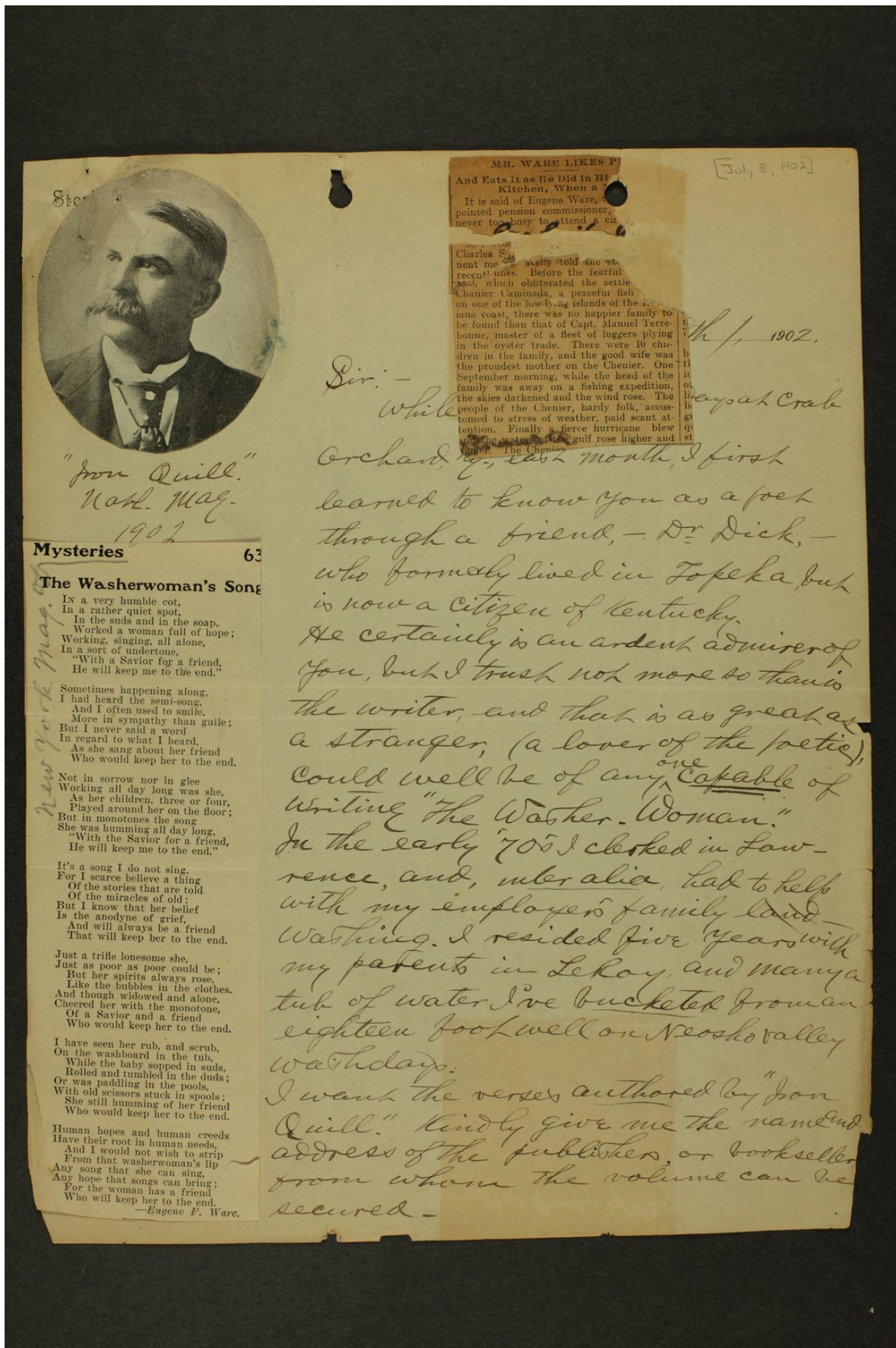
Will you please - let me know. If I can see you on some business and when and when.

Most-Respt.

Mrs Pearl M. Wilmoth
1222 N Carolina ave
N C.

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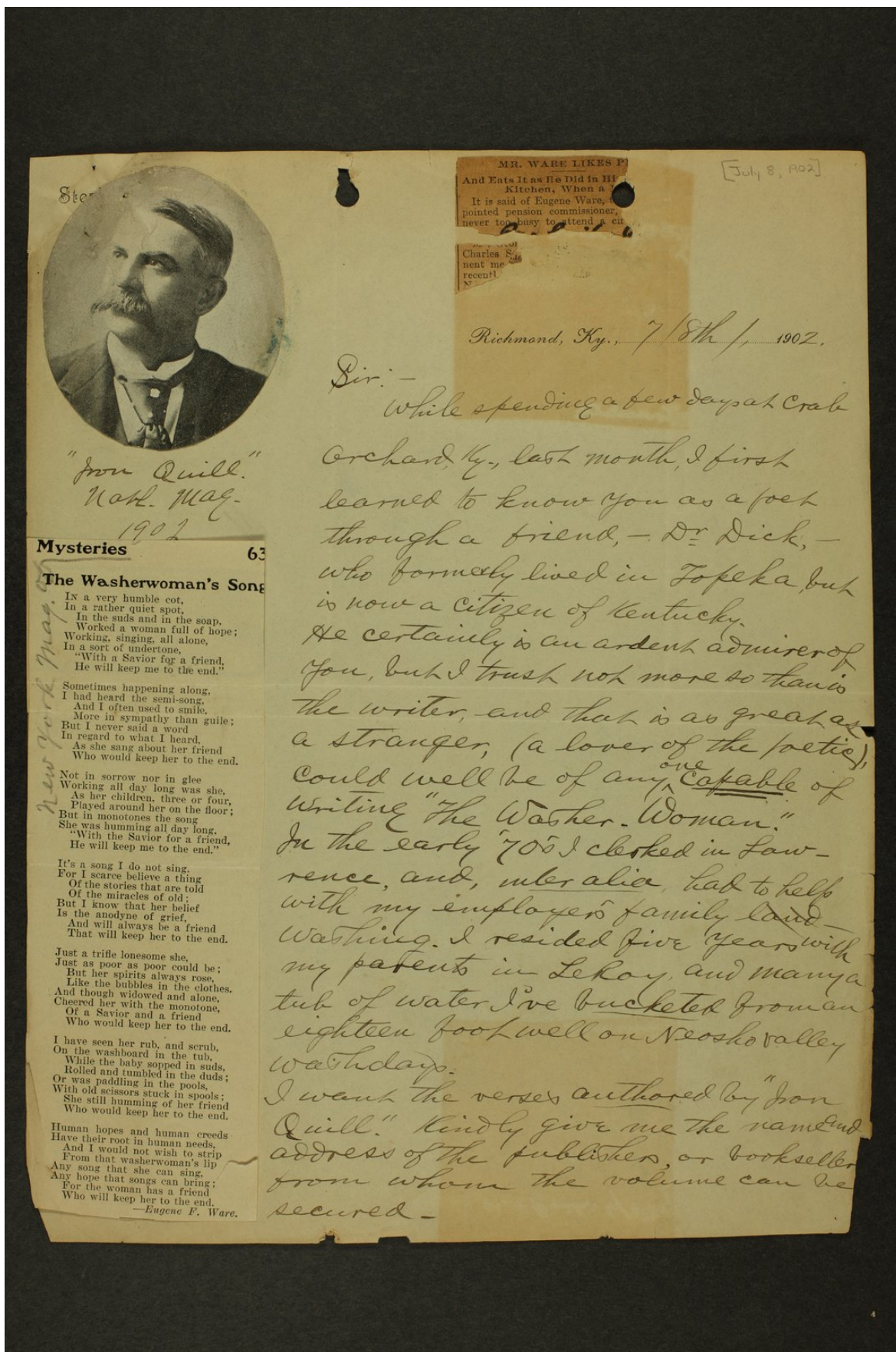
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George R. Peck of Chicago, and
Gleed of Kansas, both prominent
in railroad affairs of the West,
invited Ware to lunch in a swell
New York city restaurant. The two men
ordered an elaborate spread. Ware was ap-
proached by the waiter with a menu card.
"Bring me," said Mr. Ware, to the hor-
ror of Messrs. Peck and Gleed, "a half pie,
and be sure and leave the pie in the tin in
which it was baked. Bring me a spoon
with which to eat the pie and a quart of
good milk, about half cream. That's all."
The gentlemen remonstrated with Mr.
Ware, who simply said: "I do this at
home, and I do not believe in putting on
airs in New York."

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Stephen D. Parrish,
Lawyer and Counselor.

Mrs. Florida A. Parrish
General Collections and Atty.

Richmond, Ky., 190.....

Thanking you in advance for
the requested favor and assuring
you that my mental appetite
for said verses (poetry) is as
healthy and strong as their
authors for Kansas pie, I am,
Respy.,

Stephen D. Parrish



EXECUTIVE OFFICE
COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON

July 9, 1902.

Dear Sir:

I appreciate very much your very kind letter and its
thoughtful suggestion, which I shall, of course, keep in confidence.

With renewed thanks,

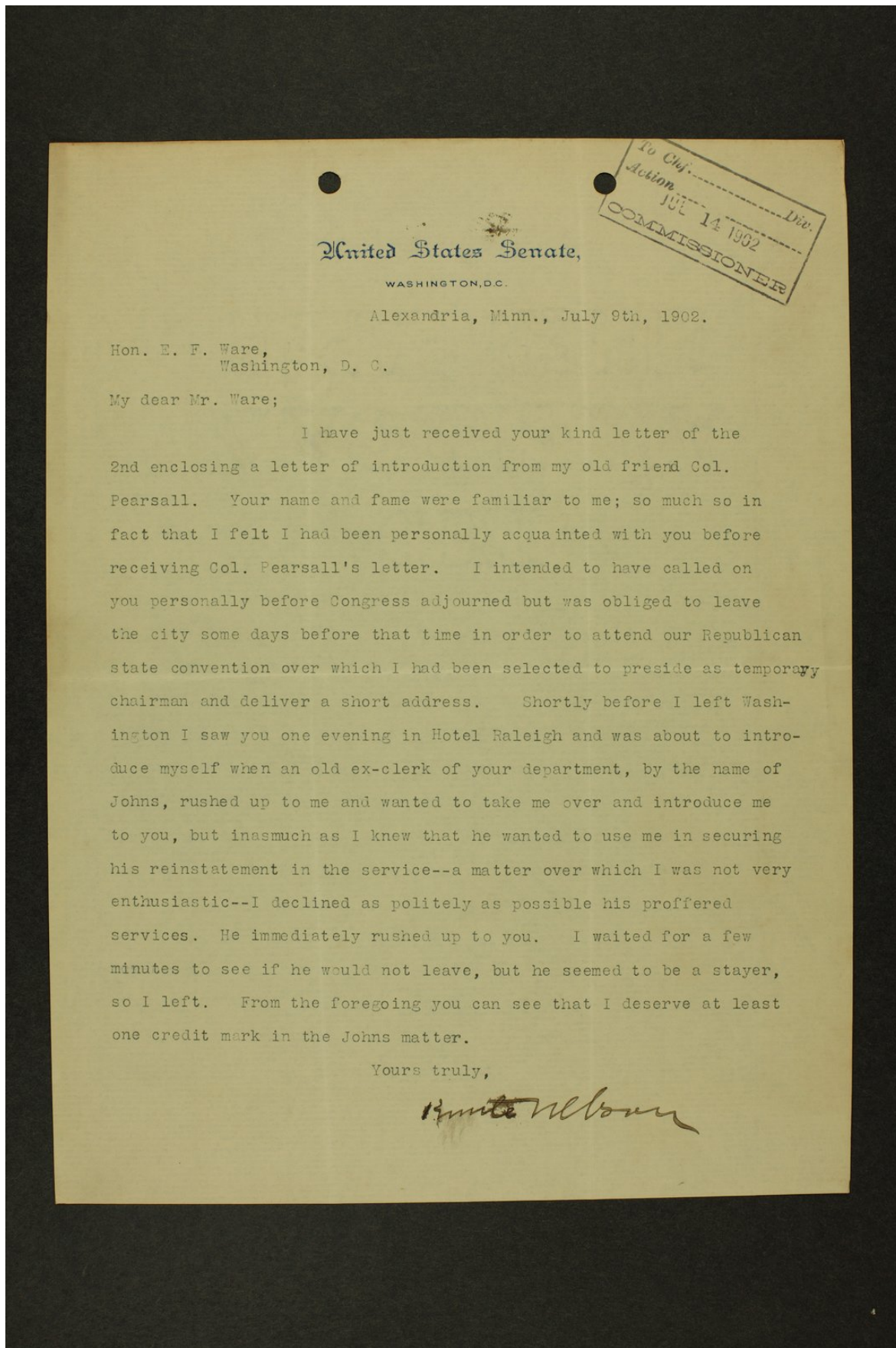
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Harry D. McFarland".

Honorable Eugene F. Ware,
Commissioner of Pensions.



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United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Alexandria, Minn., July 9th, 1902.

Hon. E. F. Ware,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ware;

I have just received your kind letter of the 2nd enclosing a letter of introduction from my old friend Col. Pearsall. Your name and fame were familiar to me; so much so in fact that I felt I had been personally acquainted with you before receiving Col. Pearsall's letter. I intended to have called on you personally before Congress adjourned but was obliged to leave the city some days before that time in order to attend our Republican state convention over which I had been selected to preside as temporary chairman and deliver a short address. Shortly before I left Washington I saw you one evening in Hotel Raleigh and was about to introduce myself when an old ex-clerk of your department, by the name of Johns, rushed up to me and wanted to take me over and introduce me to you, but inasmuch as I knew that he wanted to use me in securing his reinstatement in the service--a matter over which I was not very enthusiastic--I declined as politely as possible his proffered services. He immediately rushed up to you. I waited for a few minutes to see if he would not leave, but he seemed to be a stayer, so I left. From the foregoing you can see that I deserve at least one credit mark in the Johns matter.

Yours truly,

H. M. Wilson



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M. W. SUTTON.

THOS. A. SCATES.

LAW OFFICE OF

Sutton & Scates

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DODGE CITY, KANSAS, July 9, 1902.

Hon. E. F. Ware, Pension Commissioner,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ware:—*Sir*

The reunion of the Southwestern Veterans' Association of Kansas composed of eight ^{new} counties, will hold its reunion at Dodge City on the 2, 3, 4, & 5 of September, next. You being the only pension commissioner for the last 8 or 10 years that dared to attend a Grand Army reunion we feel that your presence here on that occasion will add immeasurably to the success of the association and the pleasure of the comrades and we respectfully extend to you an invitation to be present on any of the days most convenient to you.

We are about ready to print our bills and you will wire us on receipt of this ^{at our expense} that we may put you on the bills when printed. You have tramped tramped over these prairies a good many times, you always enjoyed its sunshine and we will be very much pleased with your presence.

D. L. Sweeney
Pres.

J. A. Armistead
Sec.

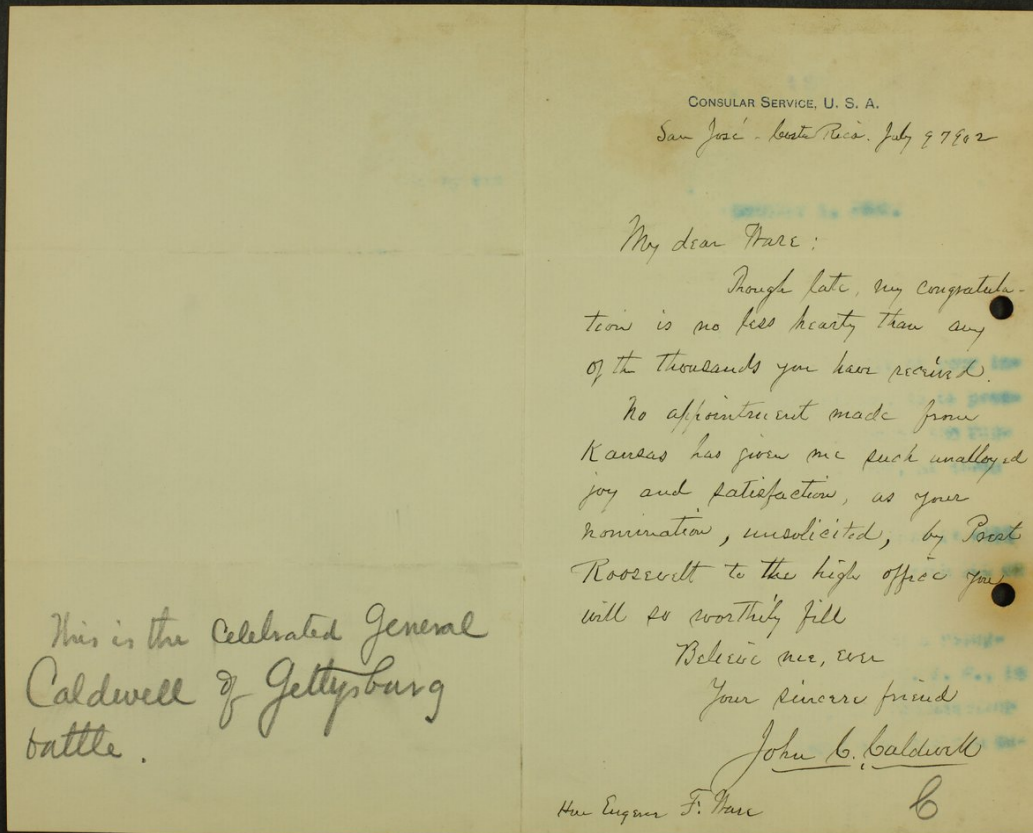
PP. SS. Dear Gene:—

I want you to accept this invitation and be present not only because it will be a pleasure to have you at the reunion generally but because it will be an especial pleasure to me and if it is warm when you are here, after you have shaken hands with the boys, I will take you up in the old office where we have sat many times before and between you and I ^{we} will enjoy a few cold ones.

Ever your friend,

Mike Sutton

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The Topeka Capital

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THE NEWSPAPER OF KANSAS.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, July 9, '02

Hon. E. F. Ware, Washington, D. C.

an unfair
Dear Mr. Ware: I have yours of July 6th. I am very sorry if I am the cause of some embarrassment to you in this printing matter. Your letter seems to contain an intimation that I have been a party to some sort of a deal to take this work a way from Mr. White. I can only say that I endeavored to follow strictly legitimate methods to secure this work, and endeavored to be fair to everyone. General Metcalf said to me that he wanted me to bid on this work, and at the time showed me a letter from Mr. White, written in California, asking that he be considered an applicant. Mr. White also stated in the letter to General Metcalf that he recognized the fact that General Metcalf might be under obligations to other parties, and that if General Metcalf desired to place the printing somewhere else it would be entirely satisfactory and he would not feel aggrieved. I do not see, therefore, that Mr. White has any reason to complain at this time. Gen. Metcalf gave us the work because it could be handled in Topeka to much better advantage for the Pension Office, and at the Pension Office I was informed today that the printing had been far more satisfactory than when done in Emporia. We have gone to considerable expense to make electro plates, and to otherwise equip ourselves for this work, and have been handling it for the past four months. Now it would be something of a disappointment to us to give it up at this time. But if the President prefers that the Emporia Gazette have the benefit of this little contract, rather than the Topeka Capital and Mail & Breeze, why of course that's all right, and all that is necessary is to instruct General Metcalf to that effect.

insuring the contract
I write this letter mailly to correct the false impression which you seem to have, that is, that we have taken some unfair advantage of Mr. White. And if the change is made I wish it to be understood that it is solely on account of the fact that the President prefers the Emporia Gazette, and not because our work is unsatisfactory, or because of any unfairness. If not understood that way it will work an injustice to us in a business way, and do us injury at home.

When we made a bid for this work I supposed that the Department had certain laws about the matter of printing, and so far as I am aware those rules were strictly observed. I can say to you now that if I had anticipated trouble of this kind nothing could have induced us to touch this work. I always endeavor to do business "on the square". If you folks decide to take this printing away from us, we shall be forced to the conclusion that the government some times employs queer business methods. There can be no question but the printing was fairly and legally awarded to us, but if the President says we can't have it, that settles it of course.

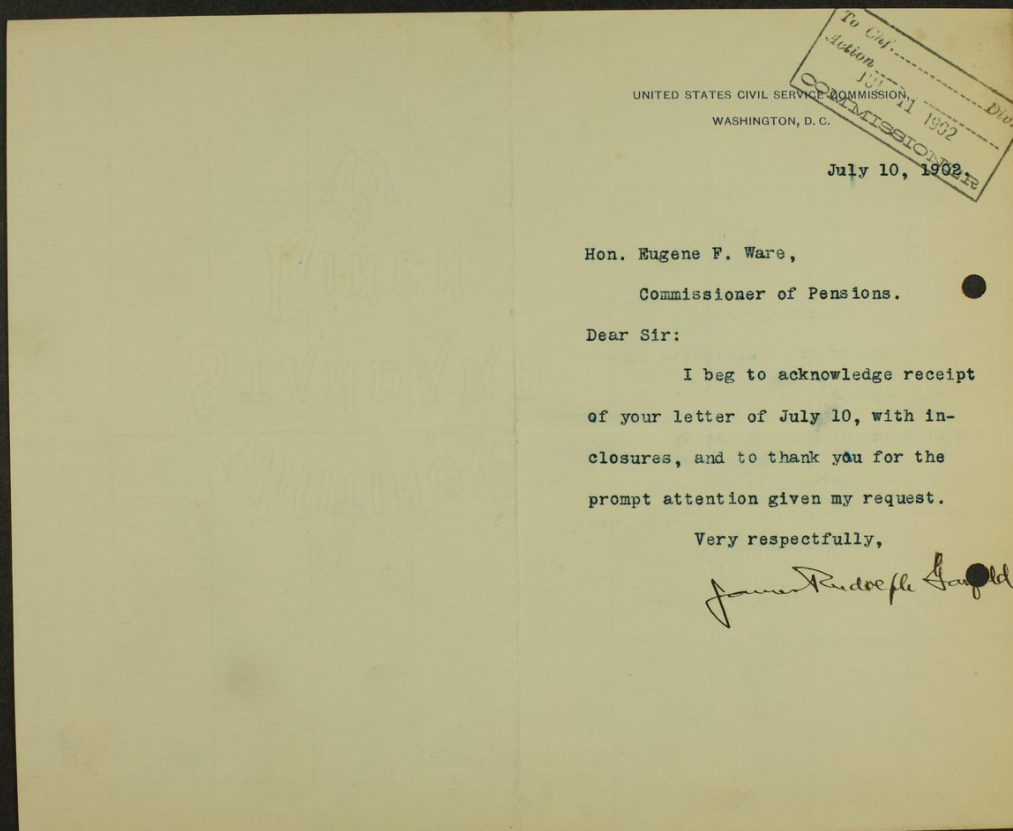
Very Respectfully,

Arthur Capper

I trust you can let the matter stand as it is unless the President has something to say about it.



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William H. Moody,
Secretary.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

Washington, July 10, 1902.

My dear Mr. President:

I have learned that Senator Kearns' Congregationalist, was appointed to the Army, has been ordered up for examination, and as I understand has accepted the appointment subject to the examination. In the meantime, of course, if anything happens to him there, we have the one vacancy in our Corps to which he could be appointed.

I think you may be interested in the following circumstance which has come to my knowledge: An employe in the Pension office being desirous of promotion wrote me upon the subject, and I returned the usual answer. He also wrote Mr. Wynne, First Assistant Postmaster General, among other things saying in his letter - "Of course I do not know when the changes are to be made, but it will be well to be on the 'firing line' when the time comes." Mr. Wynne, it appears, forwarded the whole correspondence to the Commissioner of Pensions, doubtless with his own recommendation. My friend the applicant received this letter from the Commissioner:

"Mr. Smith: You are already on the 'firing line', that is, you are in line so that you can be fired. I enclose you the President's order. Better burn these papers, accept absolution and make a speciality of business. Yours truly, (Signed) E. F. Ware."

I have already suggested to the Secretary of State that this letter discloses a talent which would add variety

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and interest to much of the correspondence of that Department.

(In Theodore Roosevelt's handwriting) Three Cheers for
Ware:

T. R.

I am anticipating great pleasure in the visit
to you on the 27th instant, in accordance with the invitation
which Mrs. Roosevelt has very kindly extended to me, unless
something should prevent. I intend to go to the northward on
the next day.

I am, with great respect,

Sincerely yours,

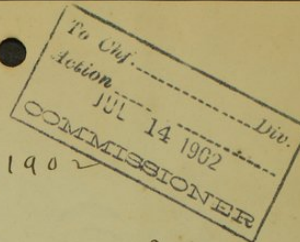
William H. Moody

THE PRESIDENT.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON.

Iola 10 July 1902



My dear Ware:

It acted like a charm. I mean the President's "verse" about reciprocity in his Pittsburg speech. There was little enough "anti" sentiment in Kansas before the Senator's speech; there is less now. I saw a man who heard it - a former Burton man - and he said it was the worst mixture of bad grammar, bad logic, misinformation and egotism he ever heard. He said at least one-third of the audience left before the speech was over. I am sending you some newspaper reports and such editorial comment as I can lay my hand on. Your advice to the President was very wise. He did not, as I feared he would, attempt to claim that the President was at heart with him and was satisfied with his course. On the contrary he made a straight argument against the President's policy - and a very easily answered argument. That leaves nothing necessary for the President to do. Kansas will attend to Mr. Burton!

I had intended speaking to you in the interest of an old friend and townsman W. H. Evans, who has been until it was abolished, in your Rejection Division. He has been there a long time and is a very conscientious, faithful man. If his ability justifies it I should be glad to have him promoted, either in salary or station or both. His wife cannot live in Washington and so he has to maintain two establishments. I noted with much satisfaction the President's recent order in regard to civil service employees seeking promotions, but it does not fit this case, as I am doing this on my own account.

Faithfully yours Chas. F. Scott.

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Boronia, Samar. P.I.

July 11. 1902

Capt. Eugene Ware.

Topeka, Kas.

My dear Capt.

Allow me
to present my congratulations
from this far off Isle
of the sea, upon your ap-
pointment to the most honorable
office of Commander of Kans-
as County - Loyal Legion, and
of course secondarily by your
appointment as Commissioner
of pensions. Your humble
Deputy is not an applicant for
a pension, but a few others
are.

Yours most sincerely
George Robinson
Chairman P. & Sub.

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| <p>PAST COMMANDERS.</p> <p>1882 - W. B. Shockley. 1883 - W. B. Shockley. 1884 - J. M. Limboccker. 1885 - C. H. Haynes. 1886 - Fred Seoville. 1887 - W. W. Martin. 1888 - Daniel Todd. 1889 - J. C. Rodgers (Dead) 1890 - J. J. Stewart. 1891 - H. G. Herrick. 1892 - Lewis Root. 1893 - Francis A. Lyon. 1894 - J. B. Grace. 1895 - H. Coe. 1896 - N. B. Manning. 1897 - W. S. Mickle. 1898 - J. R. Smith. 1899 - W. J. Porter. 1900 - Paul Rothfuss. 1901 - David W. Boring.</p> | <p>Mastered Dec. 1881 Meets 1st and 31 Thursdays each month</p> | <p>OFFICERS 1902.</p> <p>=====</p> <p>J. J. Peasley - Comr. I. O. Peck - S. V. C. Wm. Beckell - J. V. C. W. S. Mickle - Adjutant. I. S. Reeder - Surgeon. Lewis Root - Chaplain. F. A. Lyon - Q. M. E. J. March - O. D. Dan Calloway - O. G. J. B. Blackburn - S. M. N. L. Bumerot - Q. M. S.</p> |
| <p>HEADQUARTERS</p> <p>Wm. H. Lytle Post</p> <p>No. 32</p> <p>Department of Kansas, G. A. R.</p> <p>Fort Scott, Kansas, July 11 1902</p> | | |

Comrade E. G. Ware:

Enclosed find paper from Comrade Dan. Callaway:

We are all glad to have you as our Captain and will be pleased at some future time when you are visiting our young state to give you a royal reception and hear your voice in the modest walls of our G. A. R. Hall. Your proposition to be one of us as of old meets our warmest favor & approval.

We hope to hear from you again.

Yours in G. A. R.

J. J. Peasley
Commander
Wm. H. Lytle Post No. 32
G. A. R. Dept of
Kansas.



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W. R. BIDDLE.
HUBERT LARDNER.

LAW OFFICE OF
BIDDLE AND LARDNER.

STELLA RAY.
STENOGRAPHER.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS.

July 11, 1902.

My Dear Ware:-

Your letter of the 8th. inst. requesting that you be reinstated as a member of the G.A.R. Post here, was received this morning. I went down on the street and met Mr. Peasley, the Post Commander, and showed him your letter and asked him what was necessary to have your request granted. He stated that it would require \$1.00 to be reinstated and \$1.00 for dues until next December, making a total of \$2.00, and that the Post would vote on the subject at its next meeting, which would be held next Thursday night, July 17th

I will see that you are reinstated without question at the next meeting; will be there myself and if you will remit the \$2.00, I will see that it is applied in that way. Our Post is the Wm. H. Lytle Post, No _____.

Very Truly Yours,

W. R. Biddle

Dic. W. R. B.

Our boys will be very much gratified that you desire to remain a member of our Post.



OFFICE OF
V. E. LAWRENCE, M. D.
Corner Third and Main.

OFFICE HOURS: 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
RESIDENCE: FOURTH AND MAPLE.
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OTTAWA, KANSAS,

July 11 1902

Eugene Ware, Esq.
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:

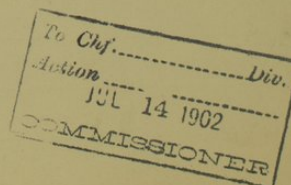
I know you are now a very busy man, but as you are a poet and a Kansan I thought you might spare the time to read the enclosed verses.

They were written by my little daughter, Emilie, aged sixteen.

Would you care to take the trouble of letting me know what you think of them?

Very respectfully yours,

V. E. Lawrence





The Eventide.

By Emilie G. Lawrence.

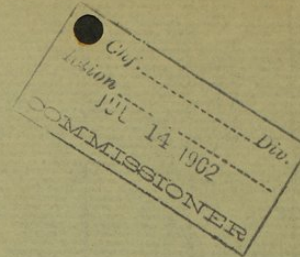
The sun has set in beauty
Within the glowing west.
Hushed are the calls of duty,
Eve's the time of rest.

Her face, the moon is showing,
Beyond the forest's gloom.
The fragrant breeze is blowing
O'er orchards rich with bloom.

The trees are softly sighing
As though to hush to rest.
The birds so snugly lying
Within the cozy nest.

The world is wrapped in slumbers,
No sound is in the air.
The stars in countless numbers
Are shining everywhere.

Ottawa, Kansas.





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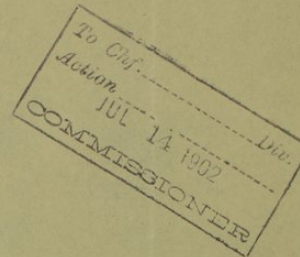
W. V. PRIMMER, PRESIDENT,
Huntington, Ind.

J. W. CARR, CHAIRMAN EX. COM.,
Anderson, Ind.

Western Association of Writers...

E. B. HEINEY, SECRETARY,
Huntington, Ind.

J. C. CULMER, TREASURER,
Spencer, Ind.



Huntington, Ind. July 11th, 1902.

Hon. Eugene F. Ware,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ware:

I enclose herewith a list of the officers of
the Western Association of Writers for the year 1902-3.

Trusting that you may find it convenient to
meet with us next year, I am,

Very truly yours,

E. B. Heiney.

Sect.



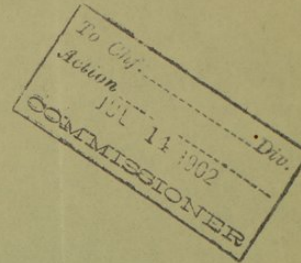
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Kentland, Ind.

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Anderson, Ind.

Western Association of Writers...

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Huntington, Ind.

J. C. CULMER, TREASURER,
Spencer, Ind.



List of officers elected by the Western Association of
Writers at Winona Lake Ind. June 27th. 1902.

Pres., Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, Greencastle, Indiana.

Vice Pres., Charles Eugene Banks, Chicago, Ill.

Sect., E. B. Heiney, Huntington, Indiana.

Assistant Sect., Esther G. White, Richmond, Indiana.

Treas., J. C. Culmer, Spencer, Indiana.

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