

# Kansas Memory



## 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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FRED CARTER,  
CLERK OF THE COURT.

OFFICERS:  
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L. F. YOCKEY.....Sheriff

TERMS CONVENE:  
THE FIRST TUESDAY IN APRIL.  
THE SECOND TUESDAY IN JULY.  
THE FIRST TUESDAY IN DECEMBER

Manitou, Colo.,

ERIE, KANSAS, Aug. 22, 1902

Hon. E. F. Ware,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Eugene: -

The illustrated clippings received, are very appreciated and affixed, and placed on file. I was just a little bit fearful, when you went to Washington and became a 33<sup>rd</sup> member of the 400, that city where supper is designated as dinner, and the people pronounce route, root, - that you might possibly become oblivious to the ordinary Rules and Joes. I reckon, however, I was mistaken, and I take it all back. - From the address of this letter you will see that I have fled, (for a brief season) to the mountains of Hesperidium. If I had any known, though, how they have changed this place from what it was when I first saw it, this is about the last place I would have come to for the purpose of taking a little rest. I have been here only once prior to this, - that was in 1880, 22 years ago. Then Manitou was a struggling little village with a population of perhaps 300 to 500 people.

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There were no street railroads nor baromial piles,  
the springs bubbled up from the natural rocks, and  
you helped yourself to the water with true Republican  
simplicity. Now everything is changed, and all is  
spoiled. They have walled the springs up in basins  
in which cement and mortar figure largely,

and closed them in iron railings, and smart blocks,  
with ranged and curled hair dip up the water,  
and hand it out with an aggrieved look as if  
you have no business to be there and taking up  
their valuable time. As Scousetah, erstwhile  
War-chief of the Mohawks one remarked under  
somewhat similar circumstances:

"White man may like it, but an Indian cannot  
live here in peace."

Then when I start out on foot for a walk  
up one of these canons, (of course I always  
go on foot,) about every two or three rods  
I have to scuttle to one side to avoid being run  
over by a carriage loaded with high rollers,  
they shower me with red dust, and glaze on  
me contemptuously as they wheel by. I hate them  
not, and do sincerely wish they would confine themselves  
to Newport or Saratoga, and leave to us poor western  
white trash this little notch in the mountains.

As Godsmith said in "The Deserted Village,"  
"Where, O where shall poverty reside?"

"To 'scape the pressure of contiguous pride."

By the way, if Godsmith had lived in our time  
I believe he would have been a howling Pop.  
Nearly all of The Deserted Village is pitiful wail  
against the then existing social conditions. Still,  
matters were doubtless a great deal worse then than now!

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What is the good of having a friend at court unless you utilize him? Now, - look on, this is not about a pension, but a book. You know there was a Dr. James, who is supposed to <sup>have</sup> been the first white man who ever ascended Pike's Peak. He did so in 1819, and afterwards wrote a small book about his travels out in this section, including therein an account of his ascent of the Peak. Well, if you ever run across his book in Washington at some second-hand book store, for sale at a reasonable figure, I wish you would please buy it for me, and send me book and bill, and I will promptly remit.

Well I reckon I have inflicted enough on you for the present. This does not require any answer, it is simply the voice, as it were, of one crying in the wilderness, you listen to it a few seconds, and pass on.

Be good to yourself.

True your friend, L. Stillwell.

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
TELEGRAM	
DAY LETTER	
NIGHT MESSAGE	
NIGHT LETTER	
Patrons should mark an X opposite the class of service desired; OTHERWISE THE MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS A FULL RATE TELEGRAM	
<b>WESTERN UNION</b>  <b>TELEGRAM</b>	
NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT	
J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT	
Form 1206 A	
NO.	CASH OR CHQ.
CHECK	
TIME FILED	

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Pension Office,  
2.  
August 22, 1902.  
48 Paid G. R.  
New Haven, Conn. 22.

Hon. E. F. Ware,  
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C. (Personal)  
Referring to your inquiry when in my office the other day The President  
says that all he desires is that in whatever is done the officials you  
mention should avoid causing scandal or embarrassment.

Geo. B. Cartelyou,  
Secretary

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**ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:**

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For one-half the unrepeatable message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeatable message and paid for as such. In consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this company as follows:

1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission, delivery, or non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeatable message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, nor for errors in ciphering, for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, nor for errors in ciphering.

2. The company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time of the sending, or if no valuation is made, unless a valuation is paid or agreed to be paid, and in no case for more than one per cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to do so.

5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

6. The company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be prima facie evidence of the correctness of the amount claimed.

8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

**THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY**  
INCORPORATED  
NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

**CLASSES OF SERVICE**

**TELEGRAMS**  
A full-rate expedited service.

**NIGHT MESSAGES**  
Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, postage prepaid.

**DAY LETTERS**  
A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates, and one-half times the standard Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:**  
In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

a. Day Letters shall be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service, and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

b. Day Letters shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permissible.

c. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day

Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there is no reasonable time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

**NIGHT LETTERS**  
Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:**  
In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

a. Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

b. Night Letters shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permissible.

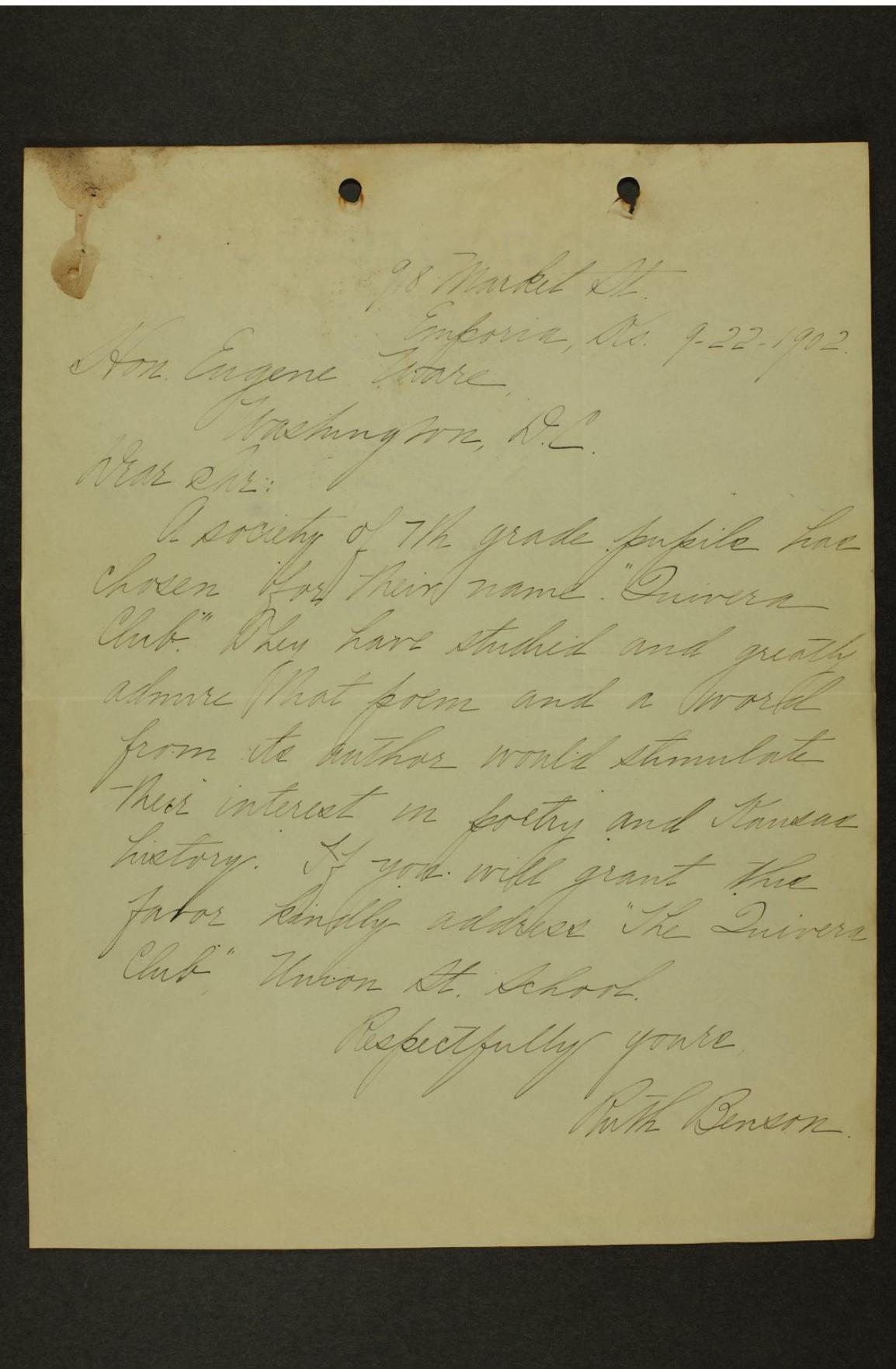
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4617 Vicennes Avenue,

Chicago, Ill., August 23, 1902

Hon. Eugene Ware,  
Pension Commissioner,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Ironquill:-

I have sent you in this mail a personal letter addressed to you as Commissioner of Pension, asking your favorable action as such Commissioner on the application of one Mr. Henry Clay Hail, of Little Falls, New York, for increase of pension under certificate No. 184,699, and this letter is more for your own eye, than to be filed in the Bureau.

It gave me infinite satisfaction to see you selected by the President as Pension Commissioner, and I think his wisdom will be entirely justified by results.

One of the volumes in my private library which I prize most highly is a copy of the first edition of Rhyme's by Ironquill. That you will remember was published when I was essaying the editorship of the Kansas Law Journal. I only hope that you made more out of your Rhyme's than I did out of the Journal.

I now write ex to my name as a Kansan, though in my heart are many fond memories of the days of prosperity and adversity I experienced in that State. I am still with the Edward Thompson Company, and am prospering enough to be able every Saturday night to put a little balance on the credit side of the ledger.

I hope continued honors will attend you. I am,

Very truly yours,

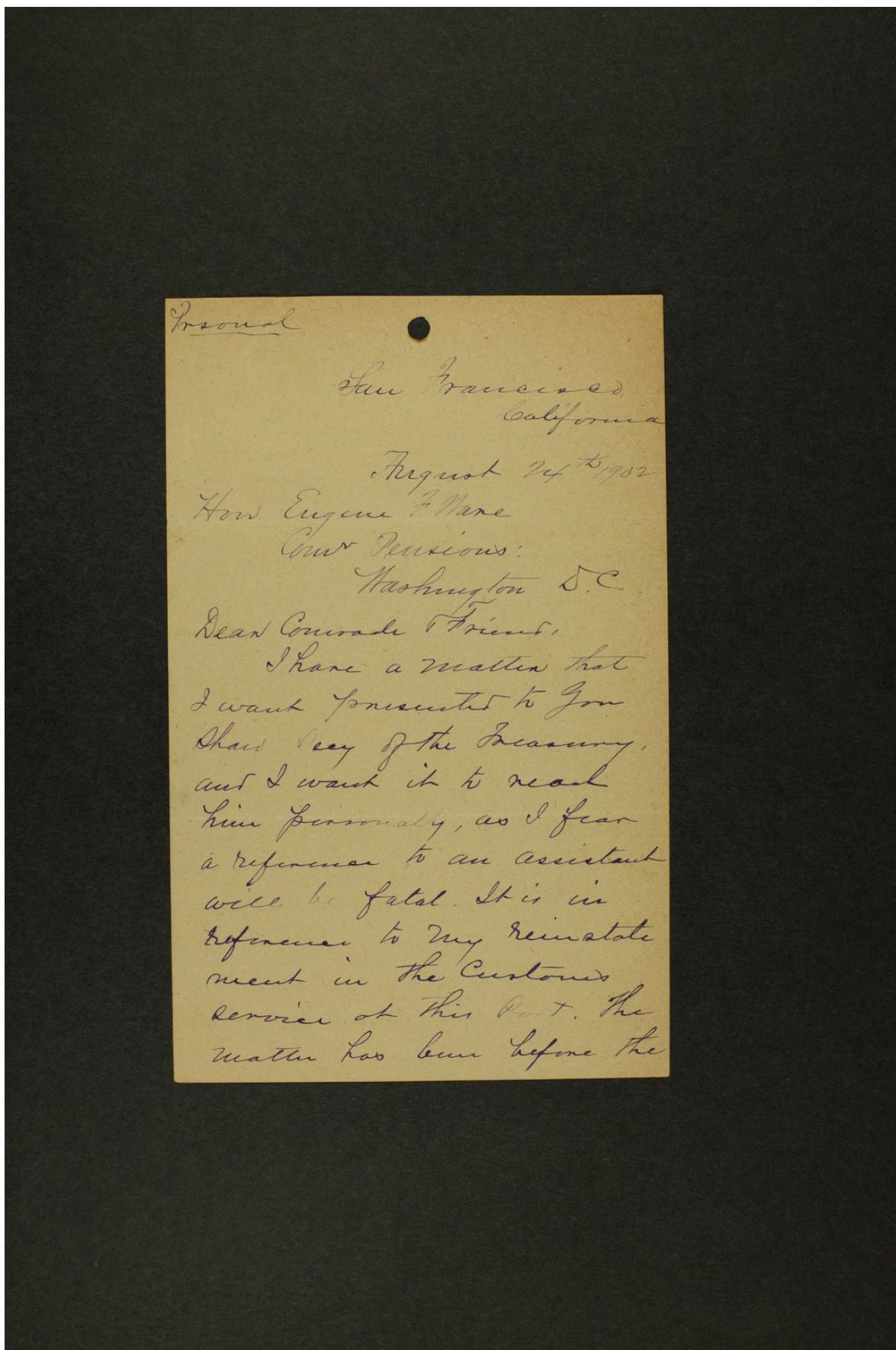
*A.L. Drabwook*

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Department but there is  
a hitch. I desire to know  
if you would be willing  
to present my case in  
person to the Secy. if I  
send you the data, papers,  
&c. The Collector of this Port  
desires to have me remista-  
ted and thinks I have a good  
case. With kind regards to  
Mrs Ware and your son  
Mrs Dills desires to be remem-  
bered as she met you in  
Mt Pleasant

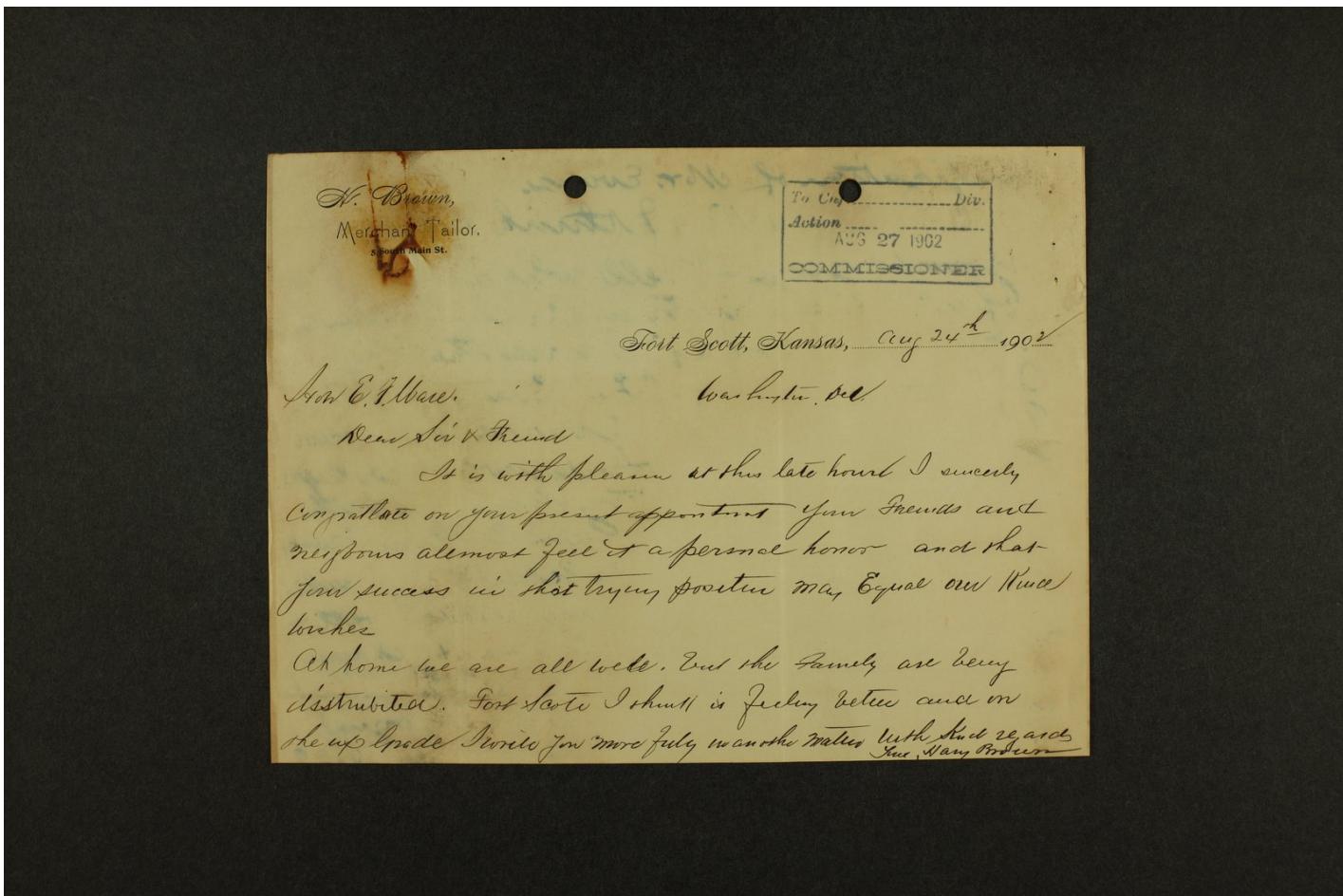
Rusty  
H. H. Kelly

1502 California St.  
We are making our home here

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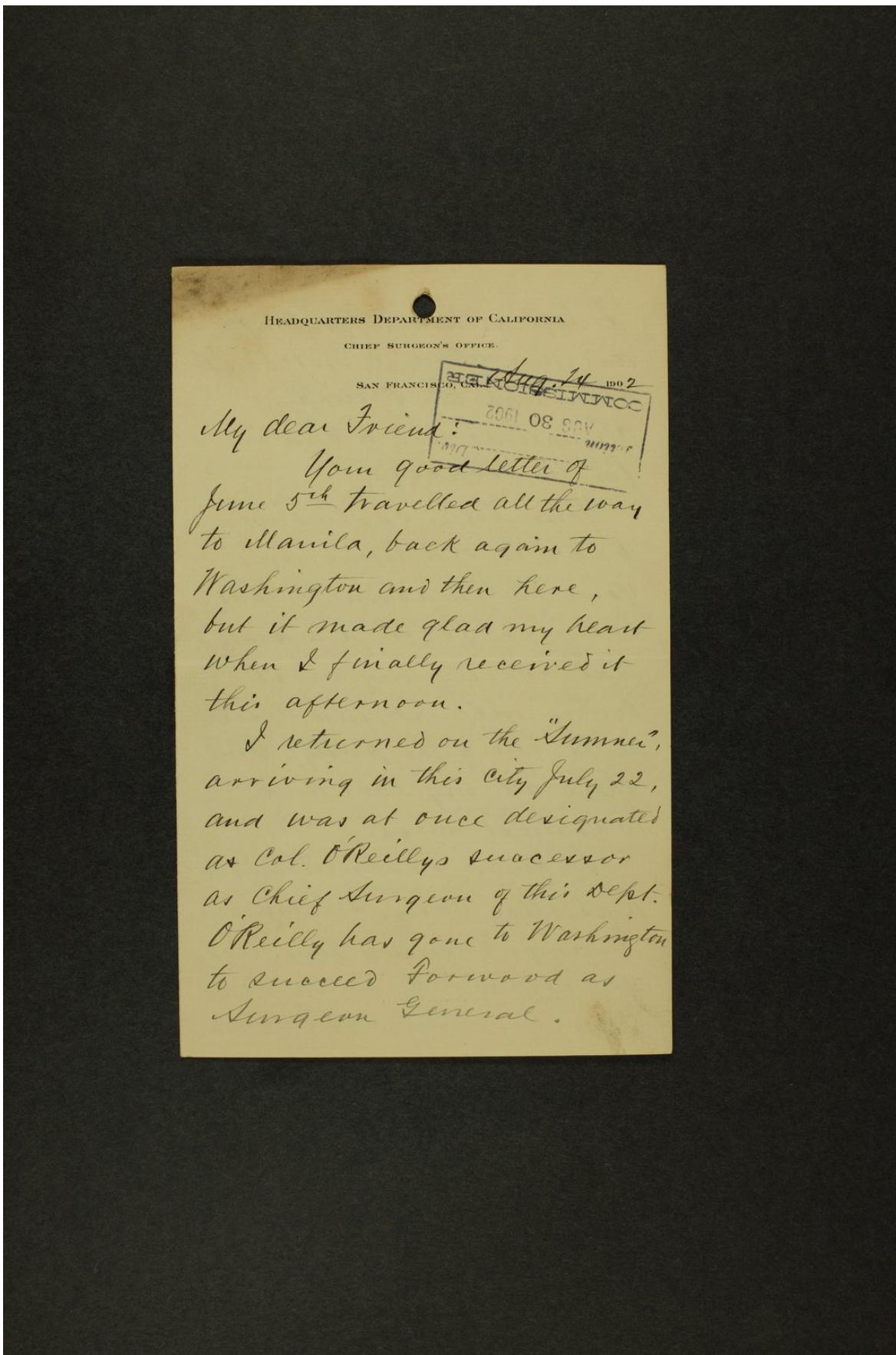


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I left Manila June 19<sup>th</sup>,  
and am glad to get back  
although the Philippine  
Climate is not a bad one  
for the tropics.

Your letter carried me  
back to old times, and  
your delineation of that  
reunion formed a picture  
that excited my most  
lively interest and desire  
to be one of the party. Give  
them all my love and  
warmest wishes.

I knew Libbie Hendrie  
was Mrs Cosy, her daughter,  
Fanny, attended Miss Reeds  
school in N.Y. at the same  
time my daughter Gertrude

was there,  
were very  
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wrote me  
yes, and  
one of that  
and a picture  
most  
and desire  
activity. Give  
me and

Miss Hendrie  
Her daughter,  
Yours Reeds  
at the same  
time Gertrude

was there, and the two girls  
were very warm friends.  
In case you write to Mrs.  
Cory I wish you would  
remind her of my existence  
and say that I send affection-  
ate remembrances and regards.

You no doubt remember  
Milt Simoleland? He is here  
and called on me a day or so  
ago. He is in the mining bus-  
ness and thinks he has a for-  
tune in sight. I hope he has,  
but you know what optimistic  
miners are apt to become.

It is possible I may  
come east at no distant  
day and if I do you may  
rest assured that I will  
hunt you up.

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I trust you find your position a pleasant one and that you will win the golden opinions you so richly deserve. Do you ever invoke the muses now a days? Doubtless you have found, as most men have, that an exacting government office is not compatible with creative fancy. I have been guilty at very remote intervals of making attempts at verse building, but the efforts lie buried in a blank book and may never see the light of day.

The appointment of Surgeon General will go to a very

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good man and I am satisfied - I was especially anxious that <sup>one of the</sup> two or three very active candidates, my juniors, should not get it.

Please present my respects to your father when you write, or see him.

I remember him very well and rejoice to learn that he is still alive and well. If you can find time drop me a line.

With best wishes and regards believe me,  
Yours faithfully  
P. F. Harvey

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Topeka, Kansas, August 25th, 1902.

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

My Dear Ware:—  
The Modocs are going to Washington in great shape. Of course, the Loyal Legion will keep open house. As Commander of the Kansas Commandery, won't you see that we have an opportunity to do some singing for the Companions. If they have a ceremonial affair, we would like to be put on the program, or if it is "a go as you please" we would like to have some time arranged when we could call and get in our work. I notice that my pension has not yet been increased. This is all wrong and you ought to be ashamed of yourself.

Sincerely yours,

*F. J. Anderson*

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FRANK DOSTER,  
CHIEF JUSTICE.  
WILLIAM A. JOHNSTON,  
WILLIAM R. SMITH,  
EDWIN W. CUNNINGHAM,  
ADRIAN L. GREENE,  
ABRAM H. ELLIS,  
JOHN C. POLLACK,  
JUSTICES.

D. A. VALENTINE, CLERK.  
T. E. DEWEY, REPORTER.

## SUPREME COURT OF KANSAS.

TOPEKA, Aug 25 1902

My Dear Ware:

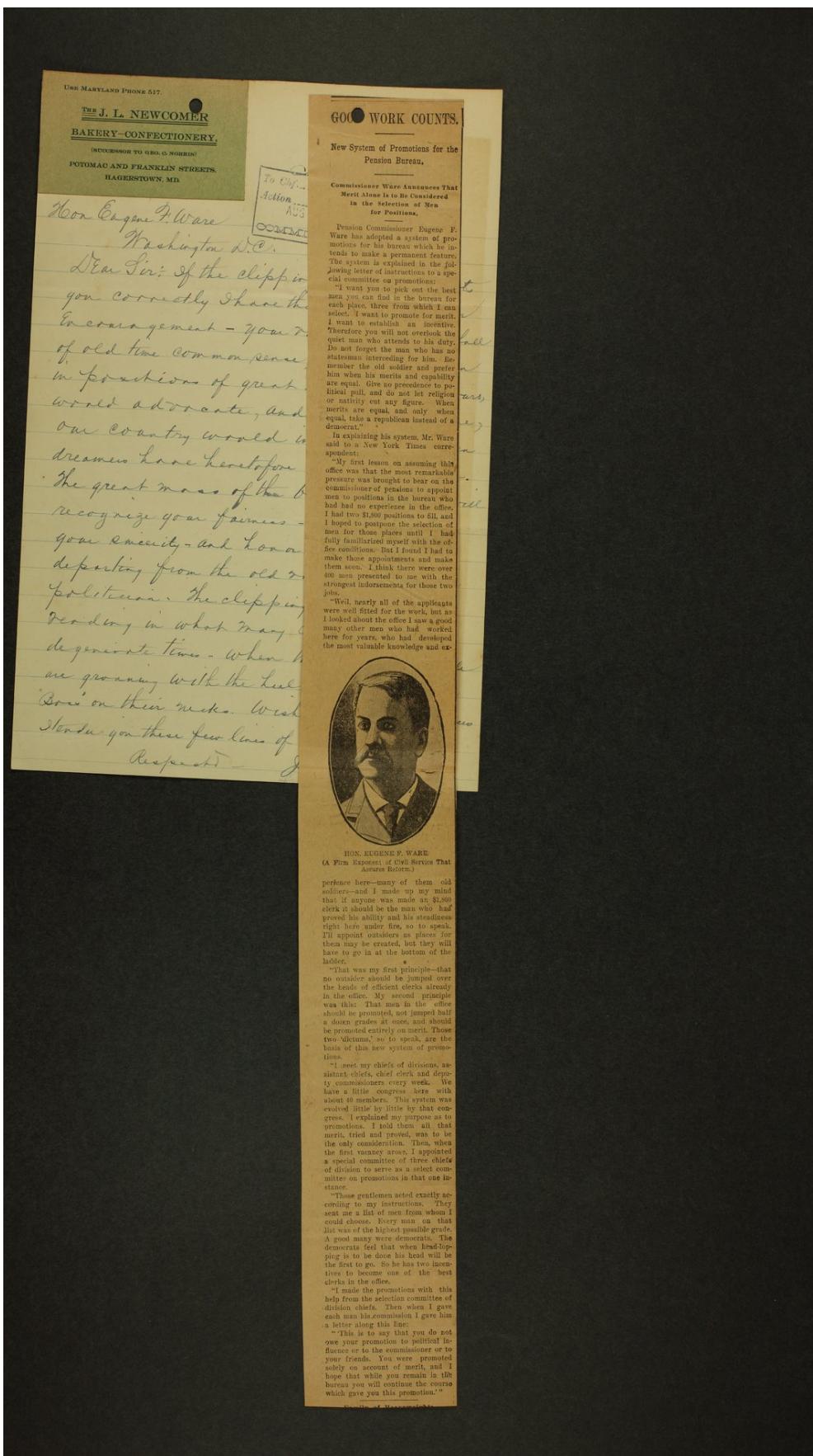
I know something  
of your immense official corre-  
spondence & I am going to trouble  
you to the extent to ask you to see  
that Mrs Lathans application for  
pension does not get lodged or  
side tracked & Of course it has to  
go thro. the regular channels but  
lest it should be side tracked wait-  
ing for some formality I venture  
to call your attention to the claim.

It is so much needed and will  
be so much appreciated that you  
will forgive this interference &

Permit me to congratulate you  
on the tact and discretion shown  
in the conduct of your office & You have  
the confidence of both pensioners and taxpayers  
of Eastern and Western people and the  
admiration of your neighbors. <sup>Your</sup> W. A. Johnston

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URB MARYLAND PHONE 617.

THE J. L. NEWCOMER  
BAKERY-CONFECTIONERY.  
(SUCCESSOR TO E. G. NOORDS)  
POTOMAC AND FRANKLIN STREETS.  
HAGERSTOWN, MD.

Hon Eugene F. Ware  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir: If the clipping  
you correctly I have the  
encouragement - you are  
of old time common sense  
in position of great  
worth advocate, and  
our country would be  
dreamer have heretofore  
The great mass of the  
recognize your fairness  
your sincerity - and how  
departing from the old  
politician. The clipping  
dealing, in what many  
degenerate times - when  
we are growing with the last  
bone on their necks. Wish  
I send you these few lines of  
Respectfully yours

To Off.  
Action  
Aug 10  
COMM

### GOOD WORK COUNTS.

New System of Promotions for the  
Pension Bureau,

Commissioner Ware Announces That  
Merit Alone Is to Be Considered  
in the Selection of New  
for Positions.

Pension Commissioner Eugene F. Ware has adopted a system of promotions for his bureau which he intends to make a permanent feature. The system is described in the following letter of instruction to a special committee on promotions:

"I want you to pick out the best man in each place in the bureau for each place, three from which I can select. I want to promote for merit. I want to establish an incentive. That means I will not choose the quiet man who attends to his work. Do not forget the man who has no statesman for him. Remember to put him in a position to prove him when his merits and capabilities are equal. Give no precedence to political pull, and do not let religion or nationality enter into it. When merits are equal, and only then equal, take a republican instead of a democrat."

In explaining his system, Mr. Ware said to a New York Times correspondent:

"My first principle was to assume this office that the men remained in office that pressure was brought to bear on the commissioner of pensions to appoint men to positions in the bureau who had been in the service in other places. I had two \$1,800 positions to fill, and I hoped to postpone the selection of men for those places until I had fully considered the men with office conditions. But I saw that I had to make these appointments and make them soon. I think there were over 100 applicants presented to me with the strongest inducements for those two jobs."

"Well, nearly all of the applicants were well fitted for the work, but as I looked about the office I saw that many other men who had worked here for years, who had developed the most valuable knowledge and ex-



HON. EUGENE F. WARE  
(A Firm Exponent of Civil Service That  
Assures Reform.)

position here—many of whom old soldiers. So I called up my mind that if anyone was made an \$1,800 clerk it should be the man who had proved his ability and his steadiness right here under fire, so to speak. I'll apply that principle to all cases for them may be created, but they will have to go in at the bottom of the ladder."

"That was my first principle—that no outsider should be jumped over the heads of efficient clerks already in the office. My second principle was this: The man whose grade should be promoted, not jumped half a dozen grades at once, and should be promoted entirely on merit. Those two—'merit' and 'promotion'—are the basis of this new system of promotions."

"I next my chief of division, assistant chiefs, chief clerk and deputy commissioners every week. We have a little congress here with about 15 members. The system was established by little by little by that congress. I explained my purpose as to promotions. I told them all that merit should be given preference to be the only consideration. Then, when the first vacancy arises, I appointed a special committee of three chiefs of division to serve as a select committee on promotions in that one instance."

"Those gentlemen acted exactly according to my instructions. They sent me a list of men from whom I could choose. Every man on that list was of the highest possible grade. A good many of them were clerks. The democrats feel that when lead-lipping is to be done his head will be the first to go. So he has two incentives to work hard—one of the best clerks in the office."

"I made the promotions with this help from the selection committee of division heads. I then gave each man his commission I gave him a letter along this line:

"This is to say that you do not owe your promotion to political influence or to the commissioners or to your friends. You were promoted solely on account of merit, and I hope that while you remain in the bureau you will continue the course which gave you this promotion."

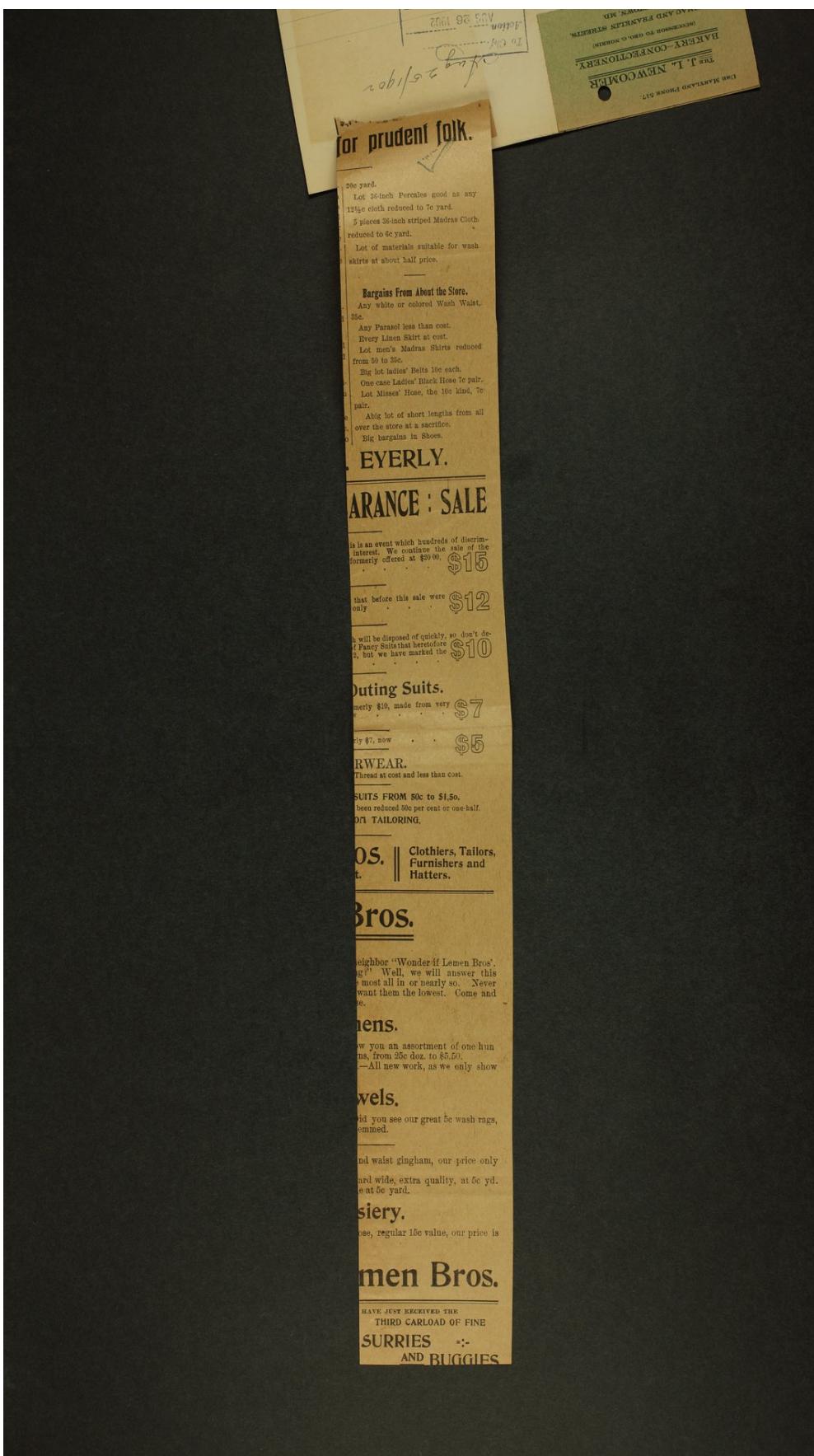
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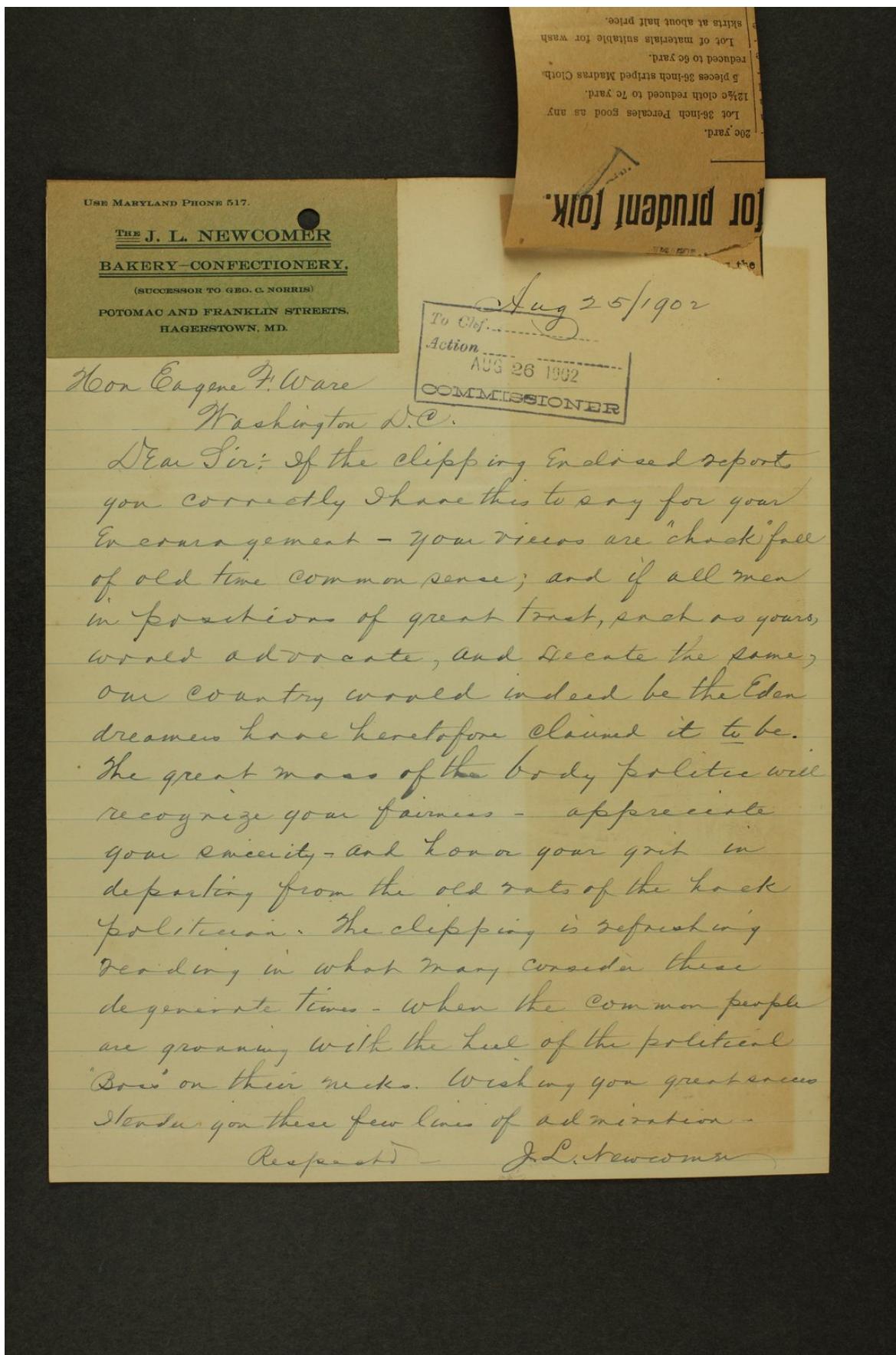


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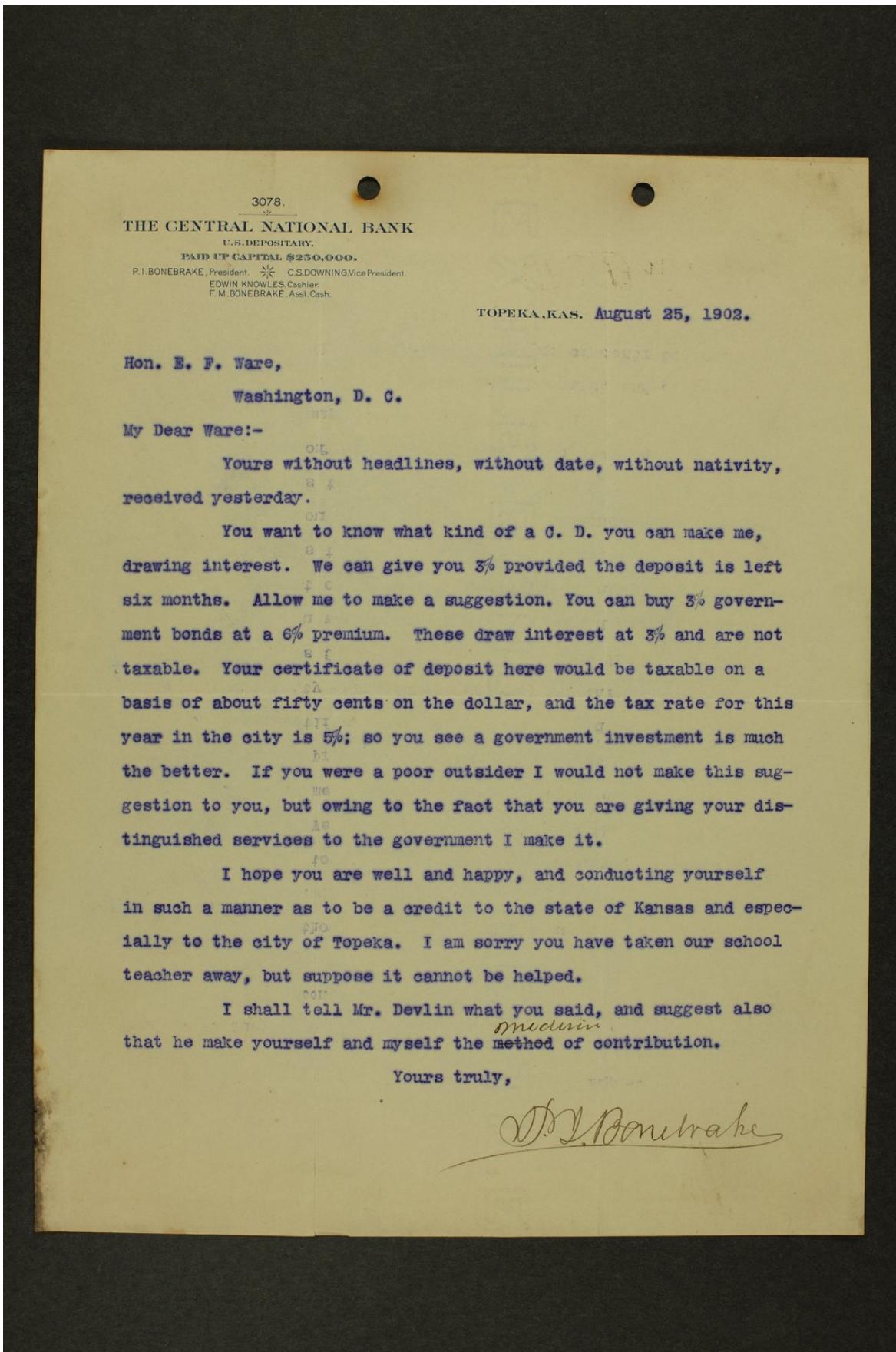


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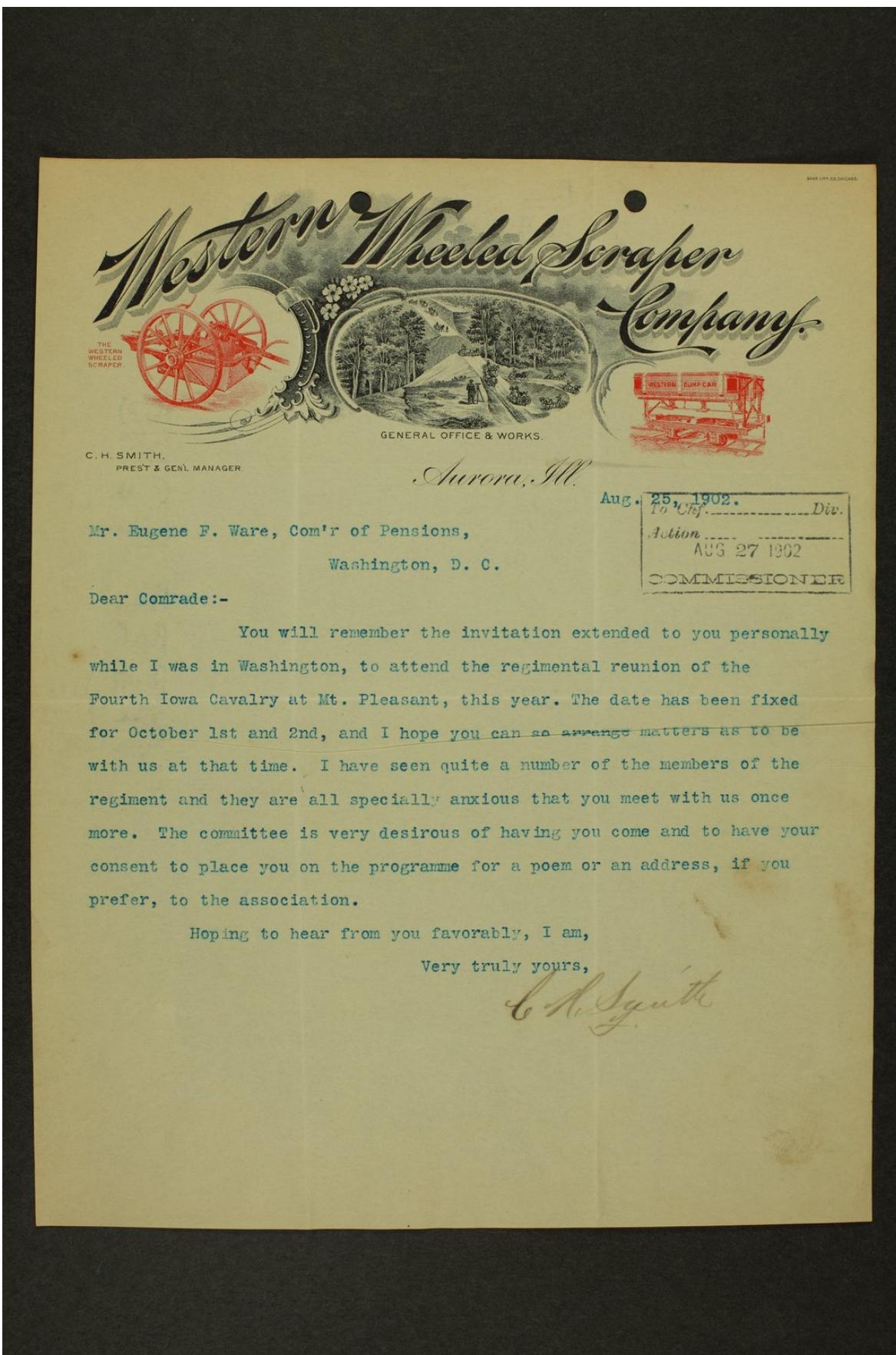


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*Office of the Commissioner.*

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,  
Washington. August 26, 1902.

My dear Dr. Matthews:

I assure you that I was glad to hear from you. Concerning the Dunn matter - I will reinstate him.

Some of these days we must have a reunion. It has been about ten years since I had a talk with you.

I got a nice long letter from Riley, and have been intending to go to Indianapolis and have a visit.

By the way, could you not come over to Indianapolis some day and be there when I am? If you could, it would be a matter of great pleasure to me.

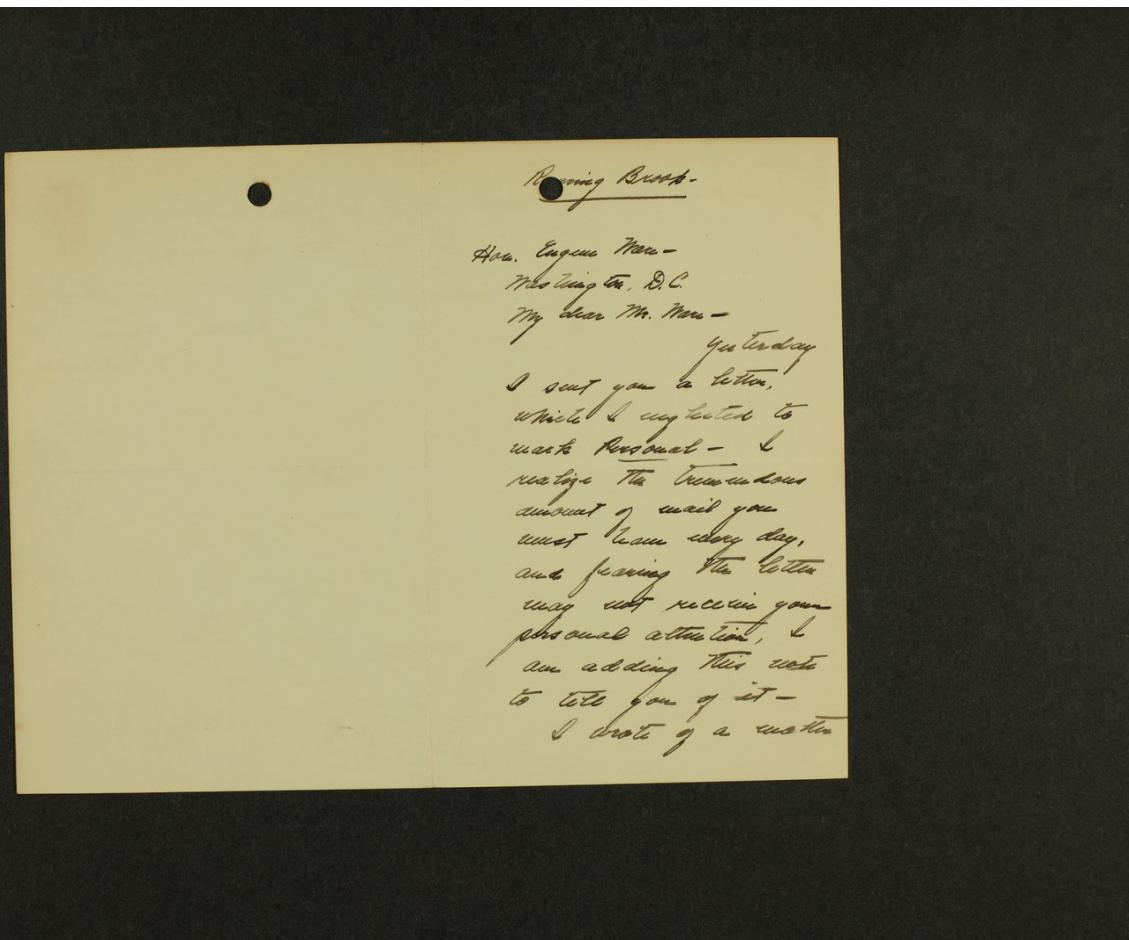
Yours with best regards,

Inclosure.

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in which I am so very much interested that I am  
hoping I may safely count on your help -  
Yours very truly -  
Ruth Carter Steffey  
Harbor Springs  
Michigan

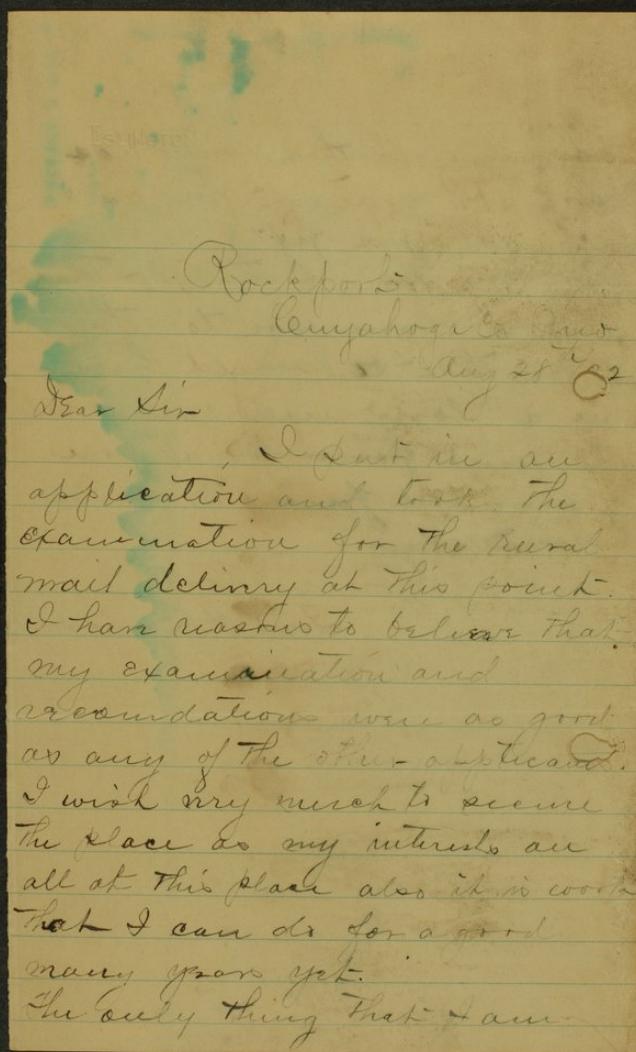
The Twenty seventh of August -  
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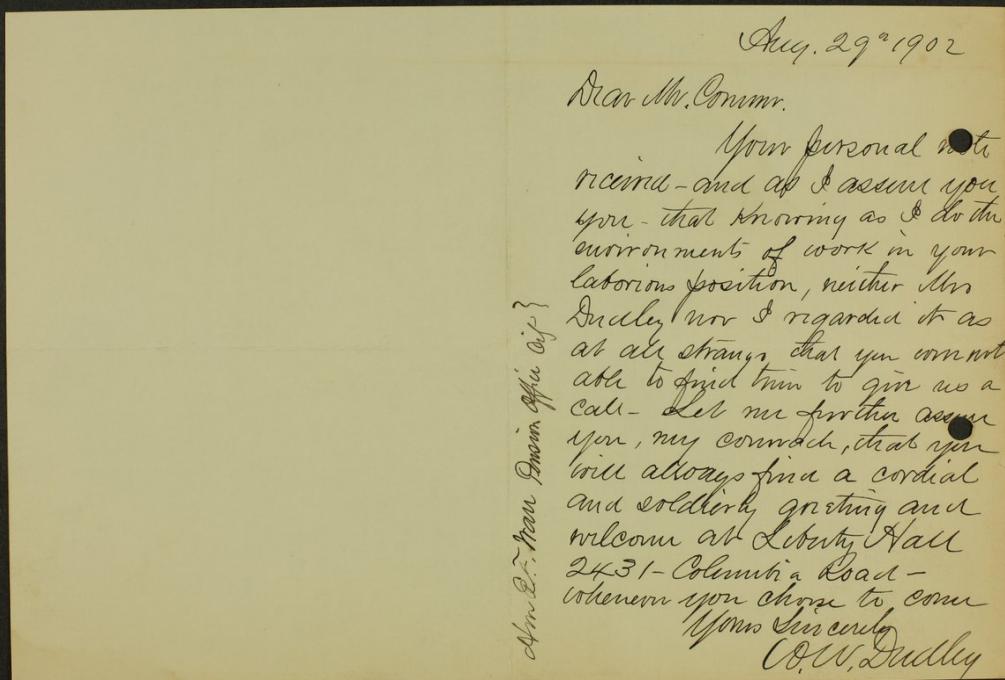
afraid of is that my age  
may be against me as I  
am almost fifty.  
Now Mr Ware I thought that  
a line from you to the  
doctors that be would help  
me a long and you would  
do great favor for a son  
of your old friend Dr Barlow  
or I could ask

Yours Resp  
Lord M. Barlow

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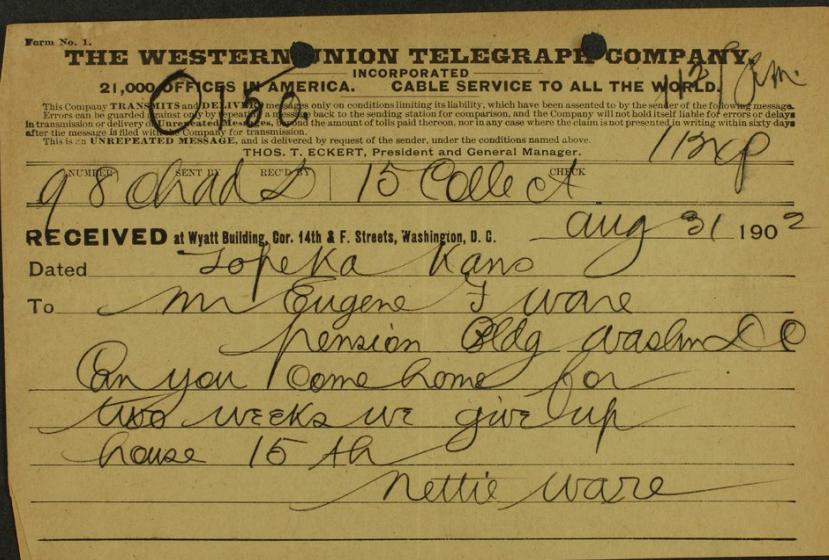
## Eugene Ware correspondence



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North Grafton Mass  
Aug. 31. 1902  
Dear Eugene,  
I enclose a  
letter just received from  
Mr. Chapin. Will you  
please tell me what  
you think best for  
me to do. I do not  
just understand the  
sentence I have under-  
lined. if there is  
oil, or gas, I want all  
its worth, and yet  
as it stands now, there  
is little profit after  
paying taxes and  
agents fees. I do want