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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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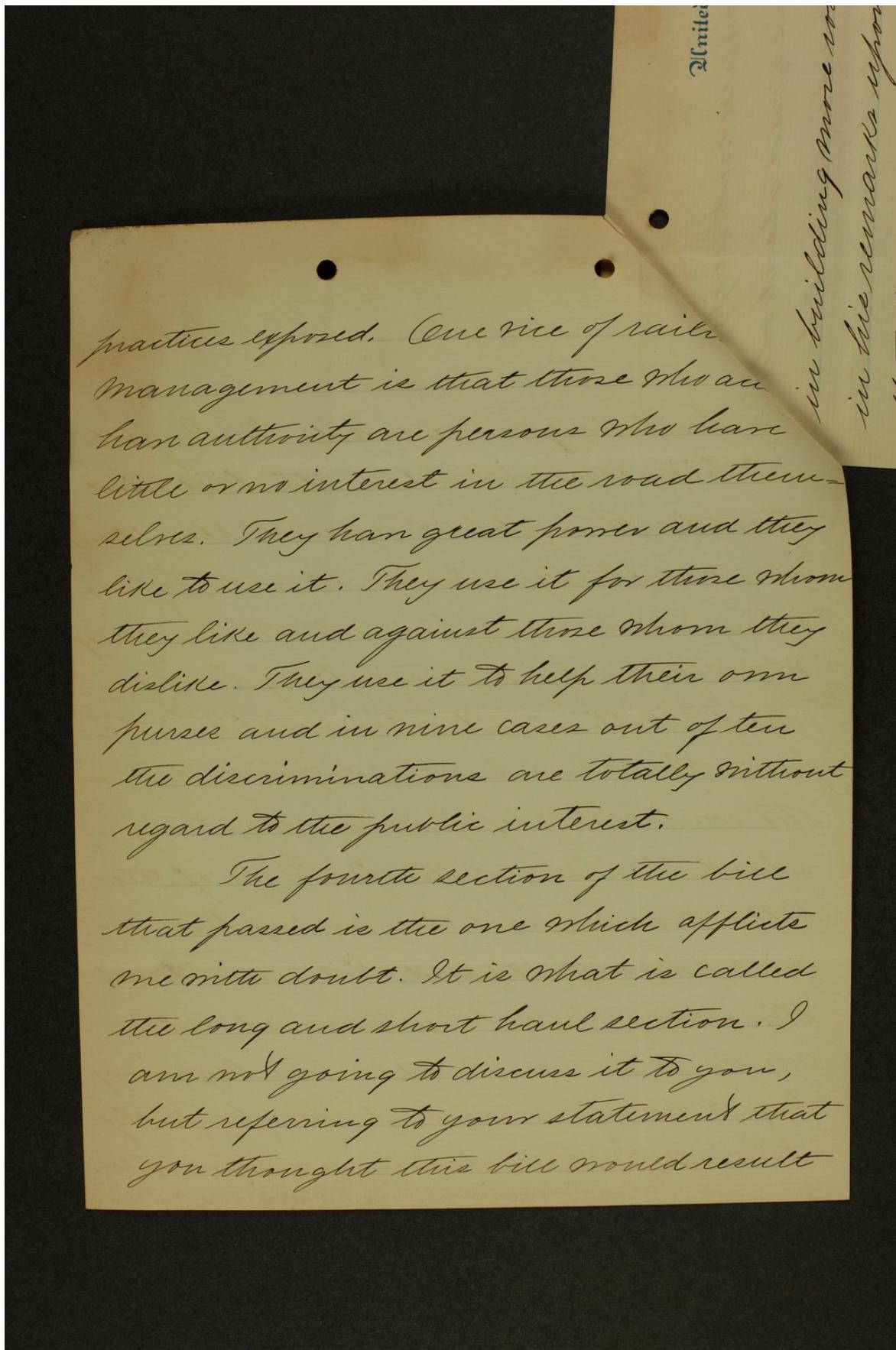
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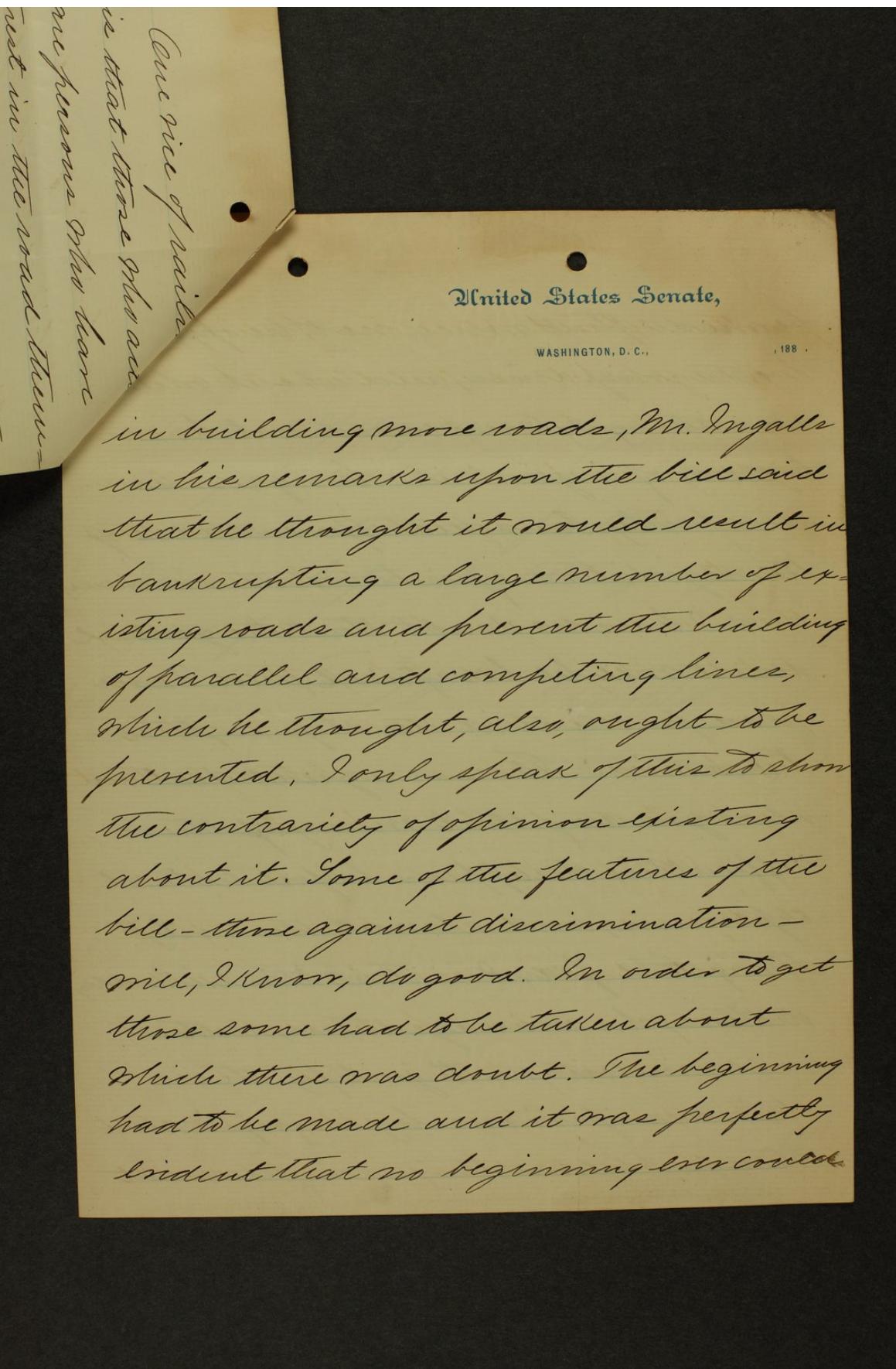


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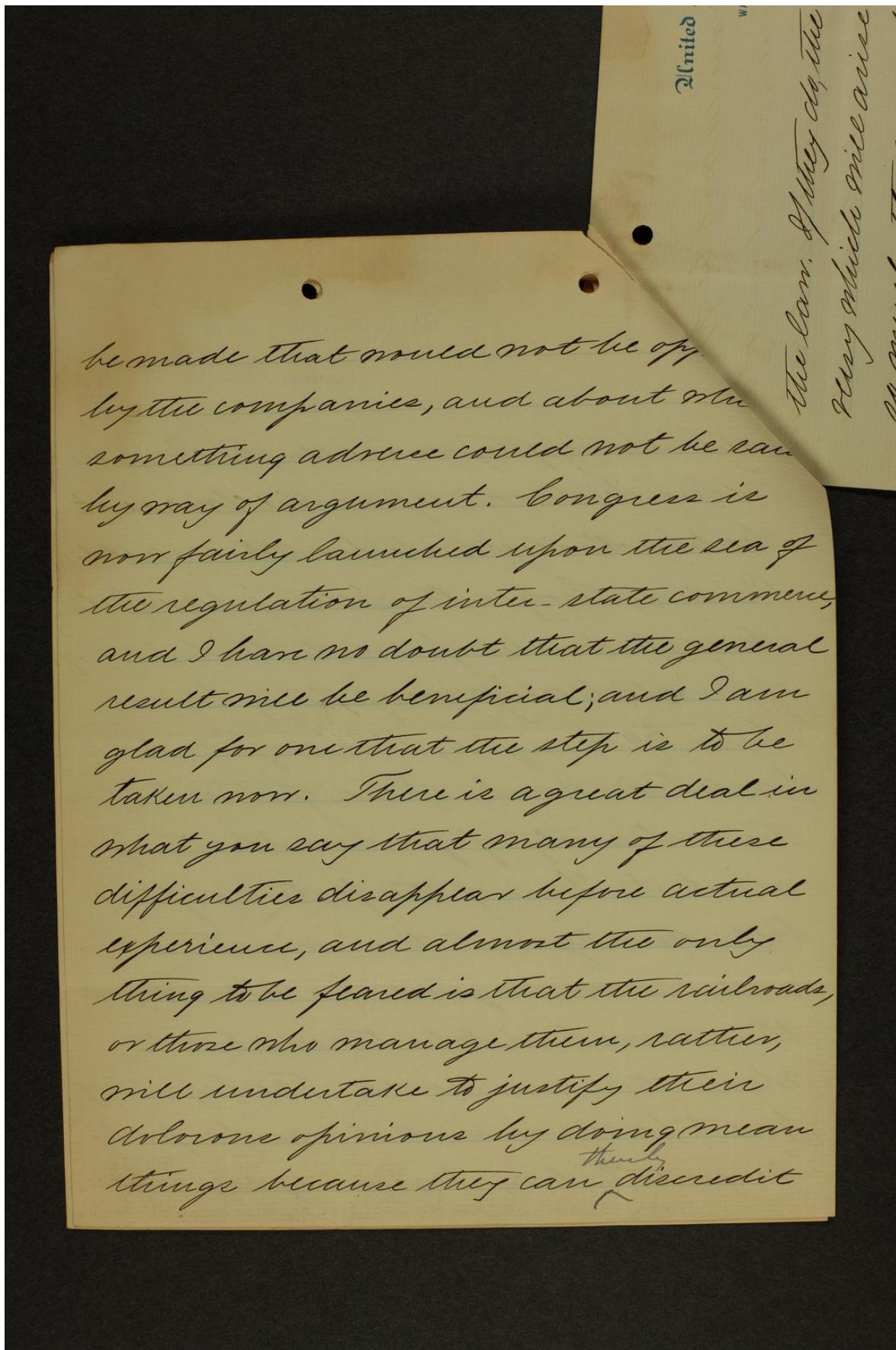


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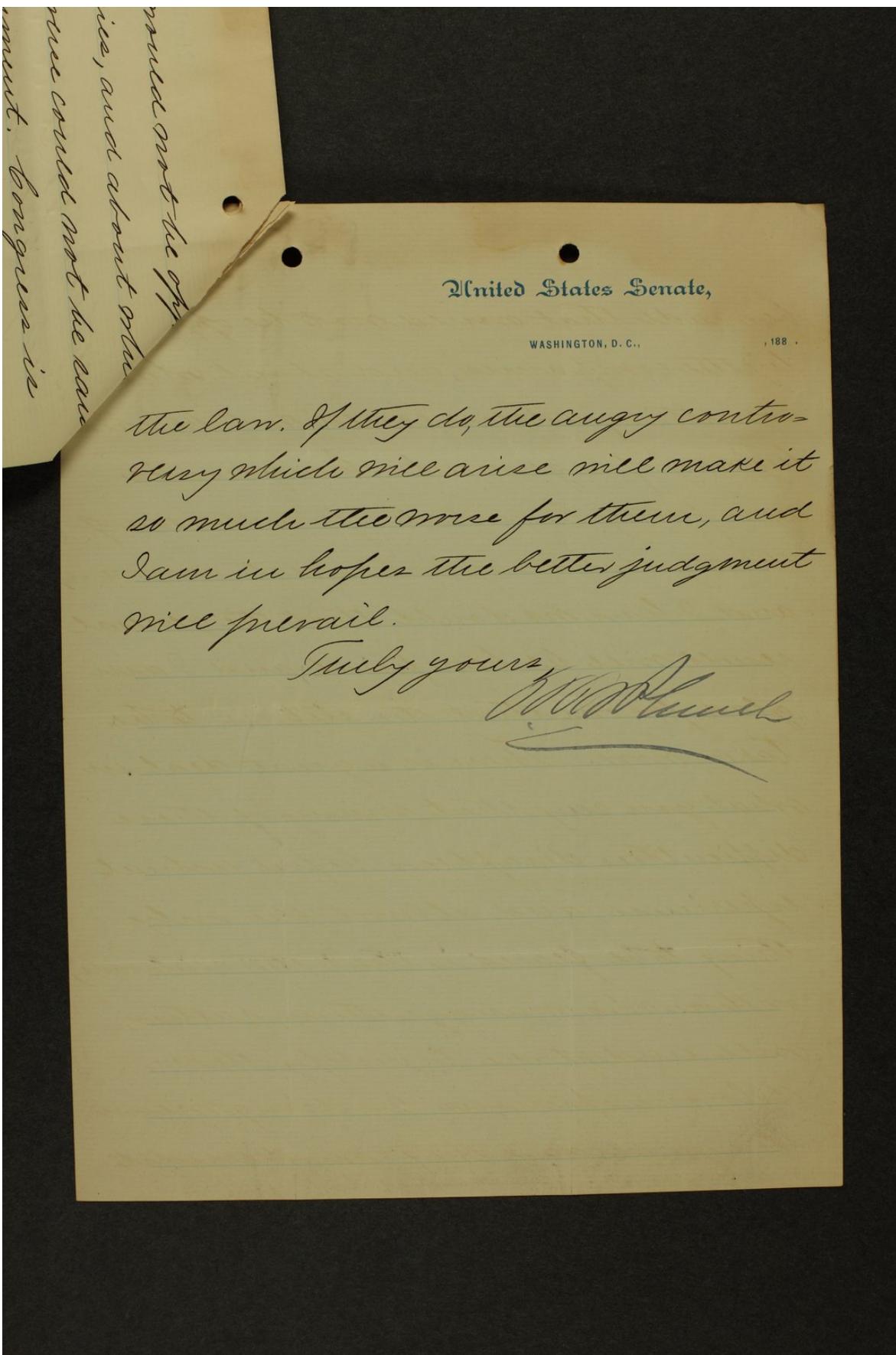


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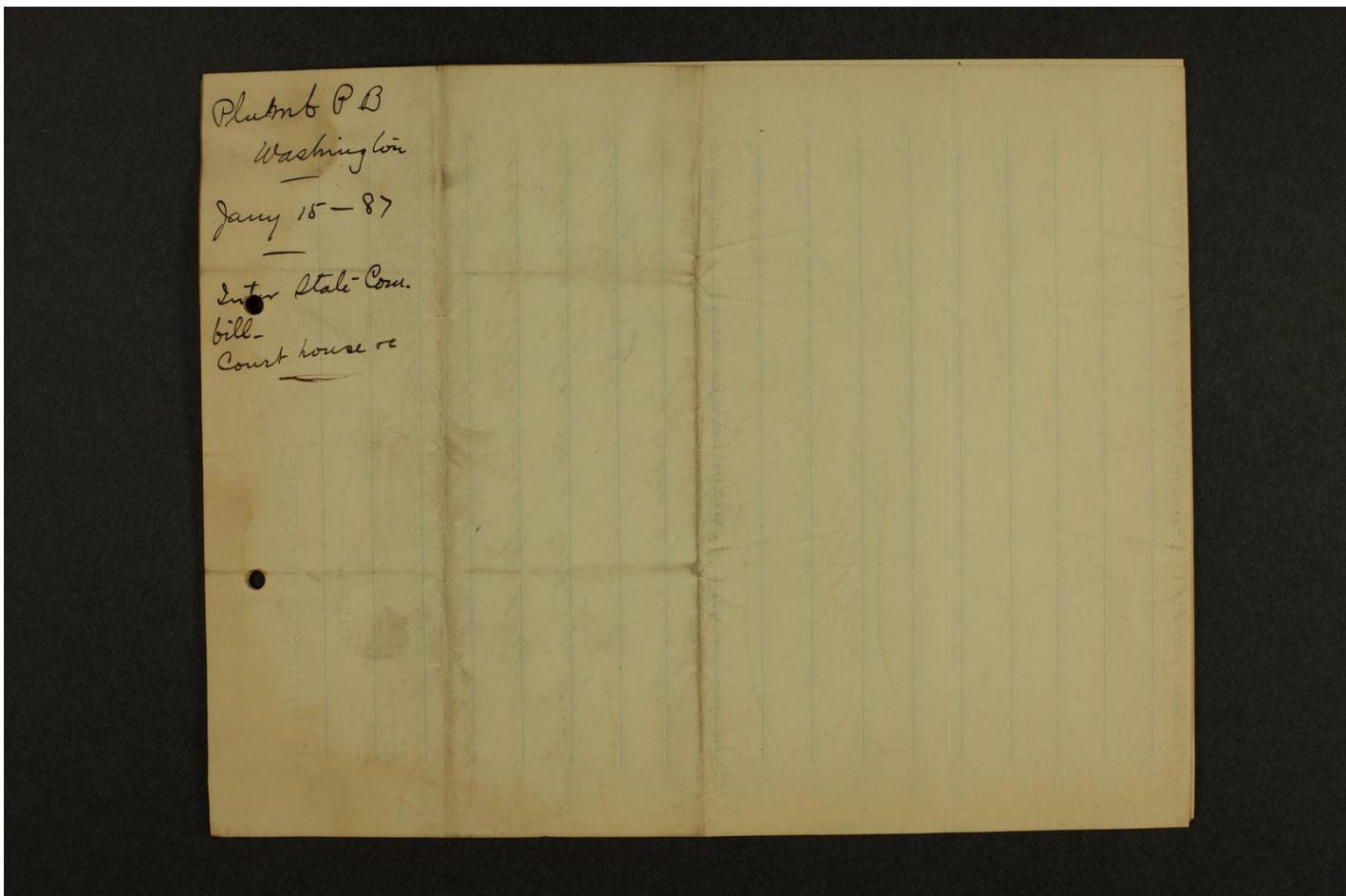


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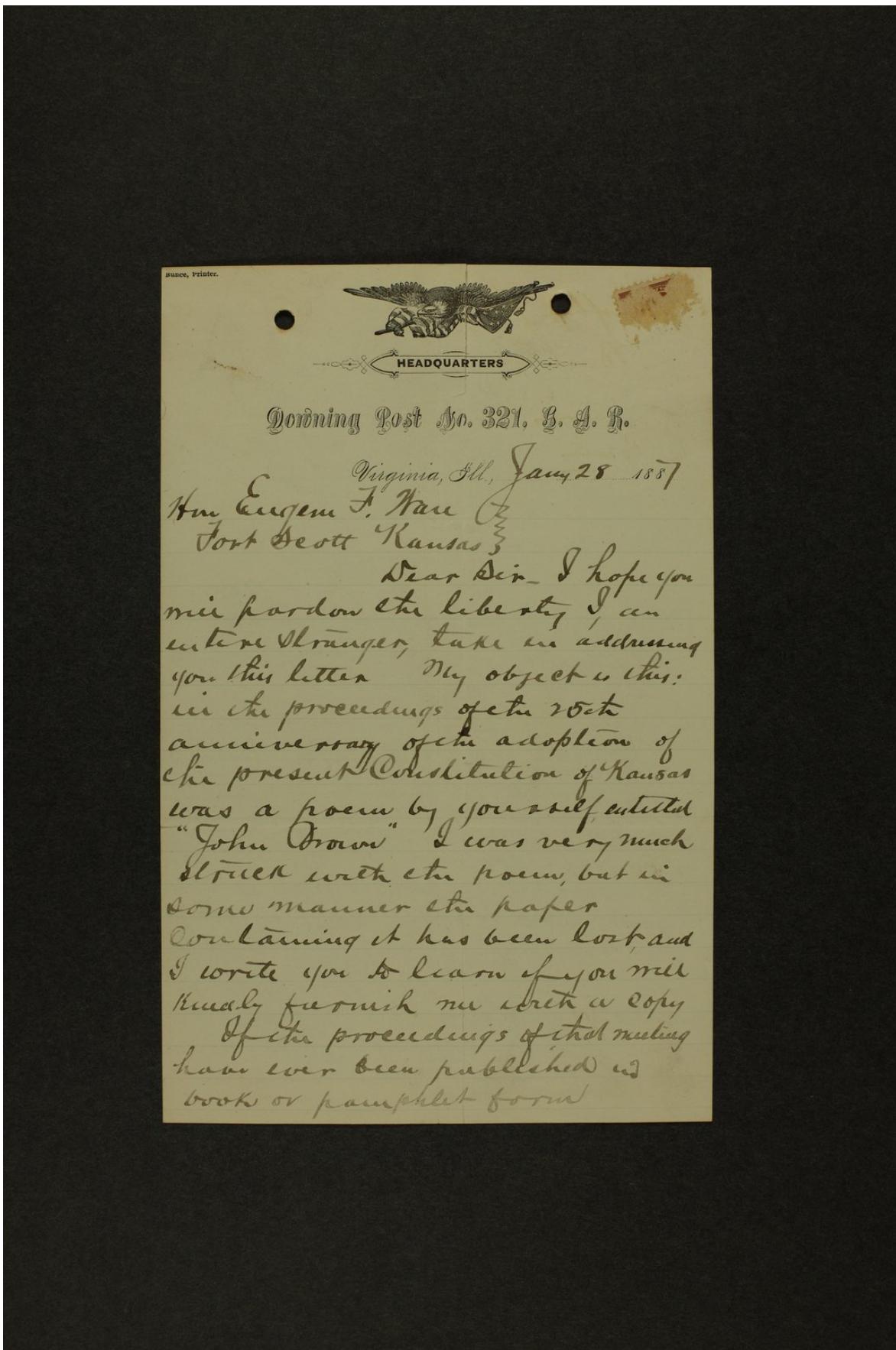


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Can you furnish me with the name of the publisher, or direct me so that I can get the published proceedings.

I am "stuck" on Kansas, &c.
much so that 2 years ago I went out to what is now Sherman Co., and took a claim, and expect to make that my home in the near future.
hence everything relating to the early history of Kansas has a peculiar interest to me.
Again begging pardon for this intrusion, but hoping for an early and favorable reply.

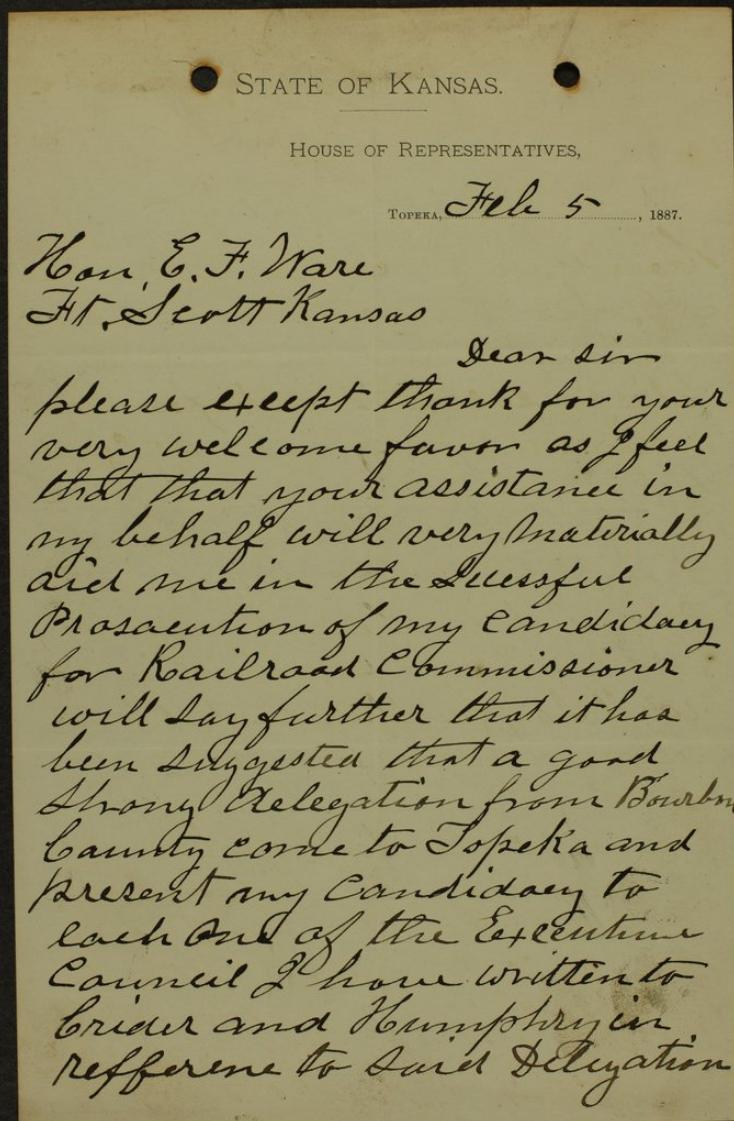
I am Sir
Yours very truly,
William Murray
Post Comdr.
"murray murray"
"murray murray"
W - st murray
WB murray
murray murray

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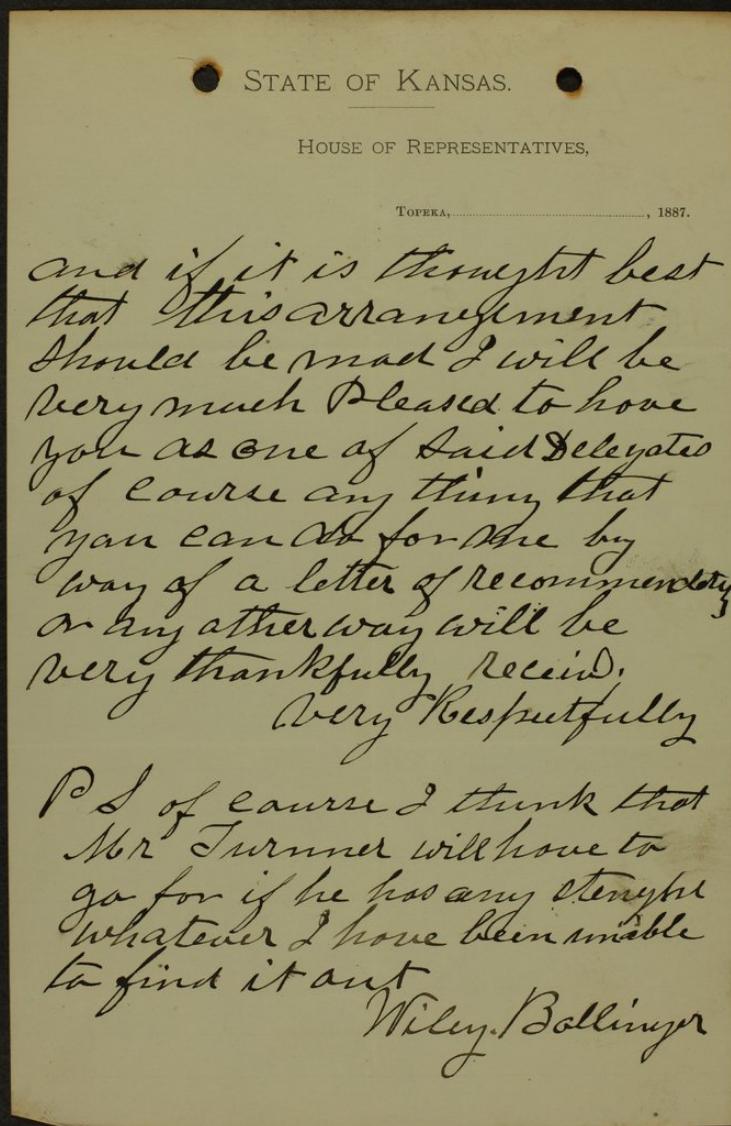


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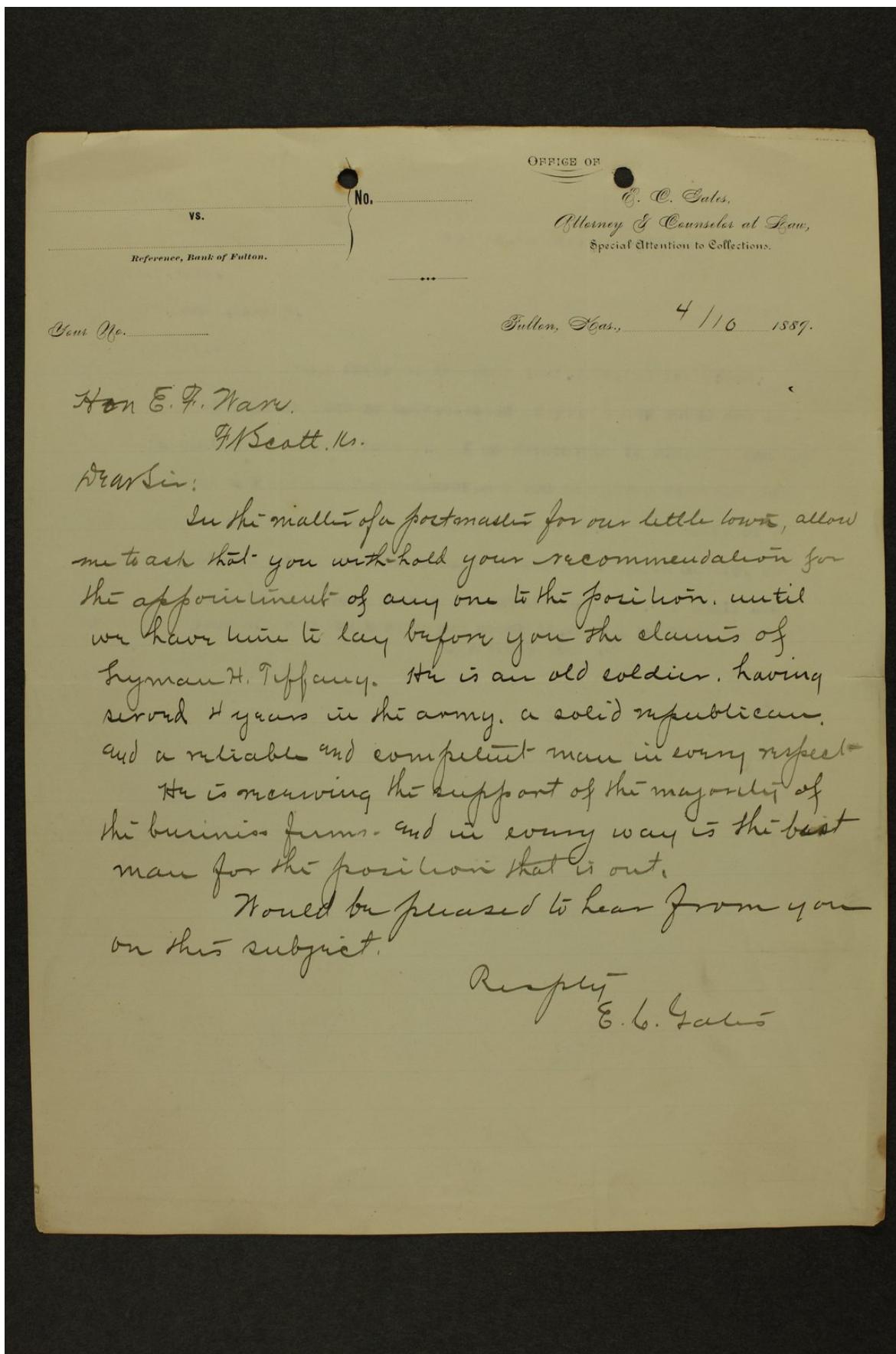
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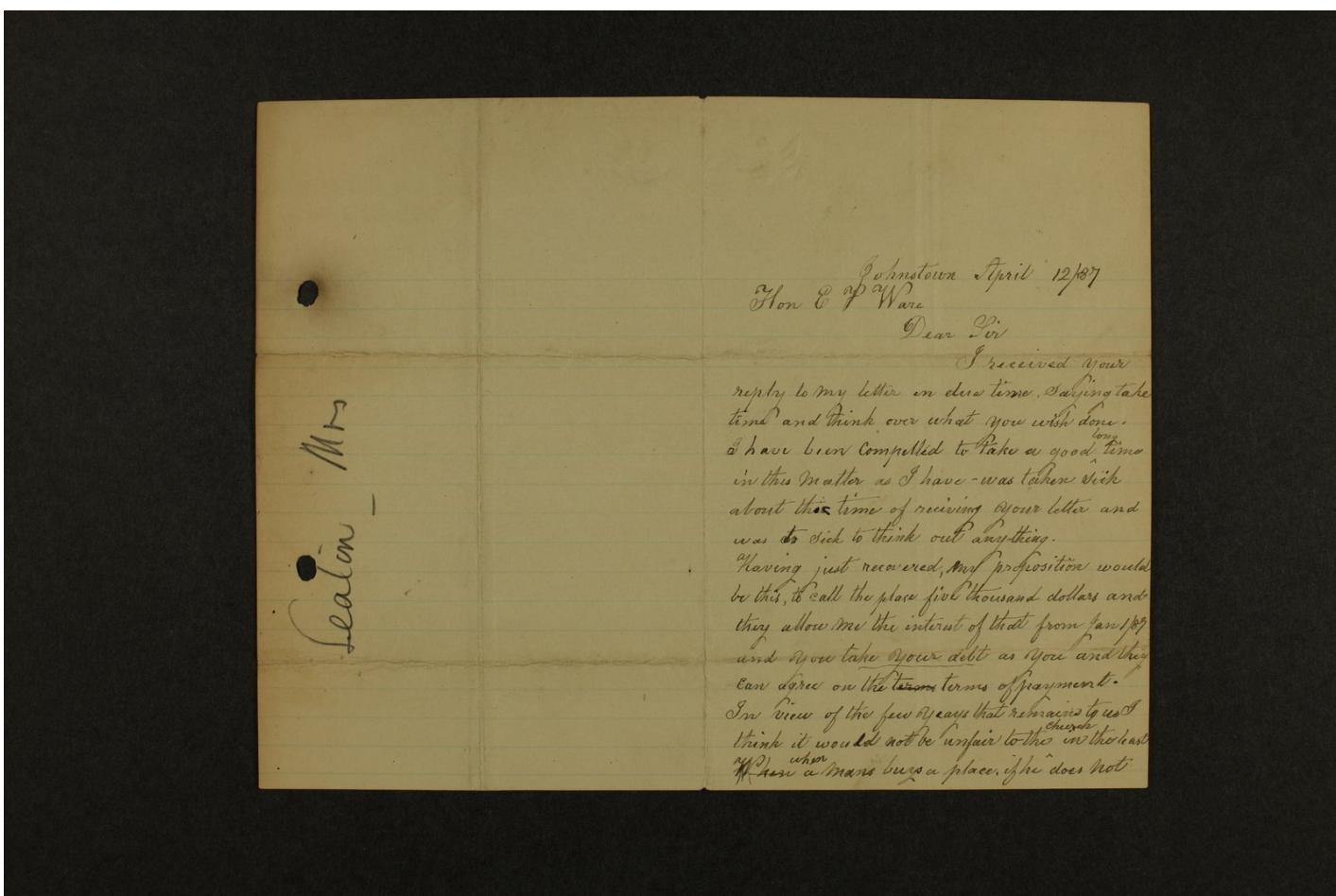


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pay anything on it he is expected to meet all
the liabilities of the place purchased
Yours truly
F G M Peator

P S the above is my wife dictating and
what is below is mine
My own thoughts and feelings are these and I
leave it with you all to decide in a Christian
way what you will or can do with the
following.
When my wife sent you the \$25,- she
had to borrow it and give a mortgage on her
little place here, for its security. She has not been
able to pay any of it back, but has kept the
interest all paid to the present and I am
not able to do but a little now, and nothing
coming in nor a prospect of any to meet
this with save what might naturally come
the sale of the farm. There again how much
she wants to need a new roof and the
thoum must have a coat of paint soon and

other incidental expenses to be met. I think
they will be willing to see that this is made
good to her, I believe they will do it chearfully
if you will take your usual interest in it.
Yours truly
F G M Peator

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Mound City Kans April 16th 1887

Dear Eugene F Ware

Fork Scott Kans

Dear Sir and Comrade

We are authorized and requested by Montgomery Post G.A.R. of this place to invite you to deliver an address at this place on Memorial day.

We have here a national cemetery of some forty or fifty soldier graves, among them that of Col James Montgomery, and the ceremony of decorating their graves on the 30th of May has been observed since the custom has been inaugurated and is generally participated in by ex soldiers and citizens alike, and we beg to assure you of a respectable and appropriate hearing in case you accept this invitation, which we respectfully urge you to do.

Very Respectfully yours etc
R W Brann P.T.

H. A. Strong Adj't

We the undersigned would be especially pleased and gratified to have you accept the above invitation and earnestly urge you to do so

L H Williams Rg spcl'd

Thos Sottle Co. clrk

H M Peeler Co. Pres.

W. A. Keyserling Co. dist const

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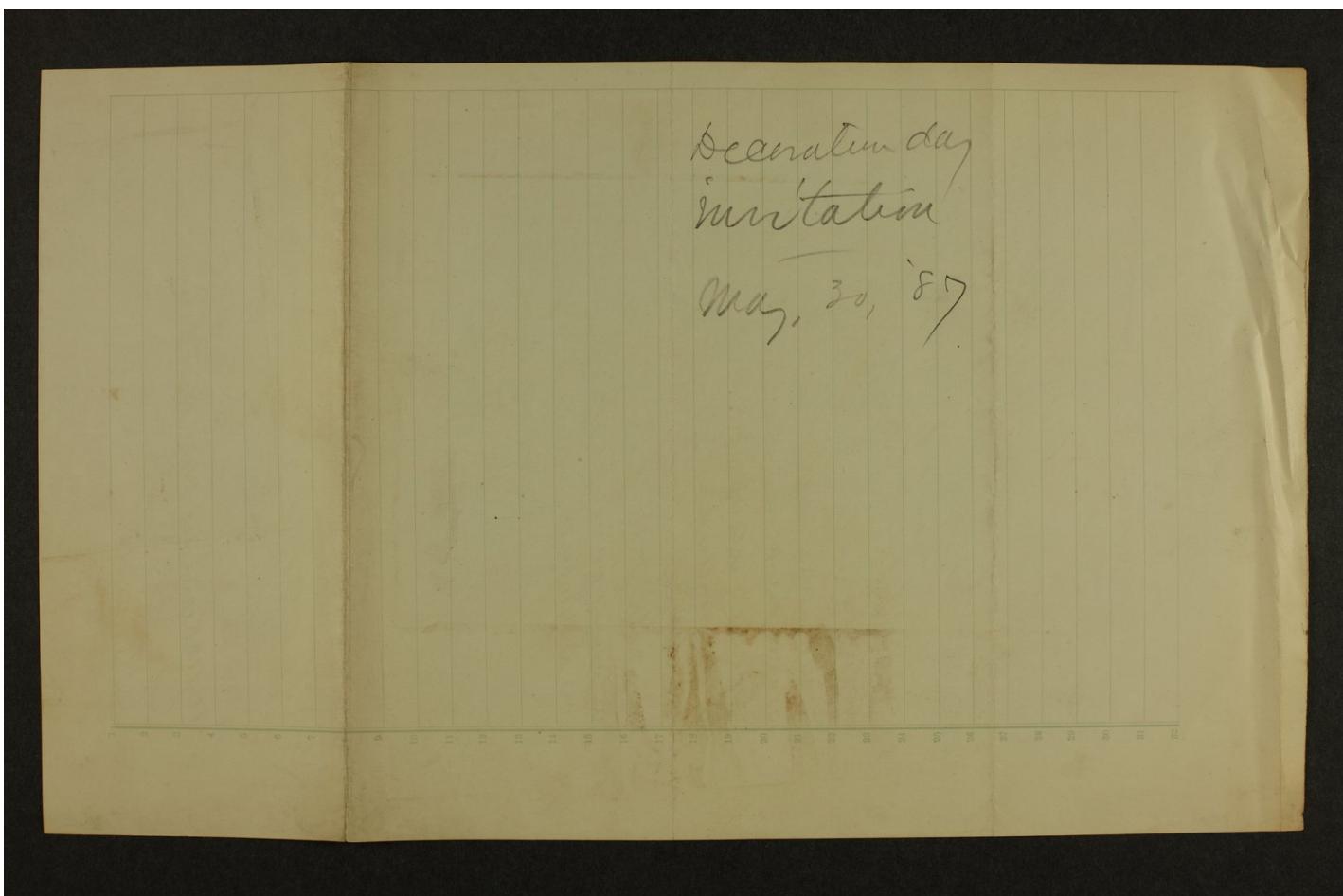
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— El Dorado, Kansas,
May Day, 1887.—

Dear Mr. Ware:

To your unmade charge of un-
seeming neglect I at once plead "Guilty."
Your last letter but one came on my birthday
February 5th, — a welcome gift. The last with
the photo came last month, — Mrs Knapp's
poem later.

The cabinet was a surprise as well as a
pleasure to me. It was some time before I could
realize that I was actually the possessor of
Ironquill's" likeness, and (pardon me) had
to display it before Mr. and Mrs. Murdock for
positive confirmation that it *was* a correct
representation of the only and original.

It corresponds with the image my fancy
had always carried; and is all that the
author of "Parceia," "Lucre - Kansas" and "The
Washer Woman's song" should be.

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Please accept my thanks for the pleasure it has given me

Mrs Allerton, in her last letter, favored me with a sketch of her life, and a cordial invitation to spend part of my vacation at her home in Brown Co. She also told me something of her correspondence with Eben D. Rexford. She reviewed his poem "Brother or Lover?" in the Tropicana Lance.

You do Kansas wrong and Ironquill "wrong" and his friends wrong when you permit business to drive literary thoughts from your head. Why don't you write for the Lance? We all take it.

John L. Underwood, formerly of Elsworth, Celeste May of Ness Co. and Viola Price have each exchanged books with me since I wrote you. Mr. Underwood's "El Muza" well deserves every word Mr. Wilder has given it in the "Annals".

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III.

I took time the other day to "hunt you up" in Annals. Found some nineteen or twenty mentions, and read two poems I had never seen before. Also made the discovery of another poem "The Violet Star" in an old exchange in the Republican office. If you would not think it too bold, I might ask for the favor of an occasional manuscript poem. Would you?

It seems too good to be true that Noble L. Prentiss is coming as far west as Newton to take charge of a daily paper. I cannot believe it.

And John Preston Campbell has purchased an interest in the Clay Center Times. "If ye have tears, prepare to shed them now!"

I cannot tell yet how I shall spend my vacation which is now but four weeks off. I want to attend the National Teachers' Association at Chicago in July, the Interstate Commerce Law permitting.

I have applied for and received an instructor's

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Certificate which I may use during August.

This Spring I am trying something out of my usual line. Heretofore, I have finished a poem "at one sitting" or not at all. Now I have undertaken a long one which I work on "after hours" and which I hope to finish this summer.

My strongest objection to teaching is that, if conscientiously done, it leaves time for so little else. However, I have had a pleasant year's work.

Who is Mrs. Knapp? What has become of the Concordia poet? and has the Kingman man recovered from the effects of your "cold lunch" - what ever that means - ?

With thanks for your many favors I am

Sincerely,

Hattie Horner.

To

Rev. E. F. Ware,

Ft. Scott, Kansas,

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State of Kansas
Executive Department

Topeka, May 3, 1871.

My dear Ware:

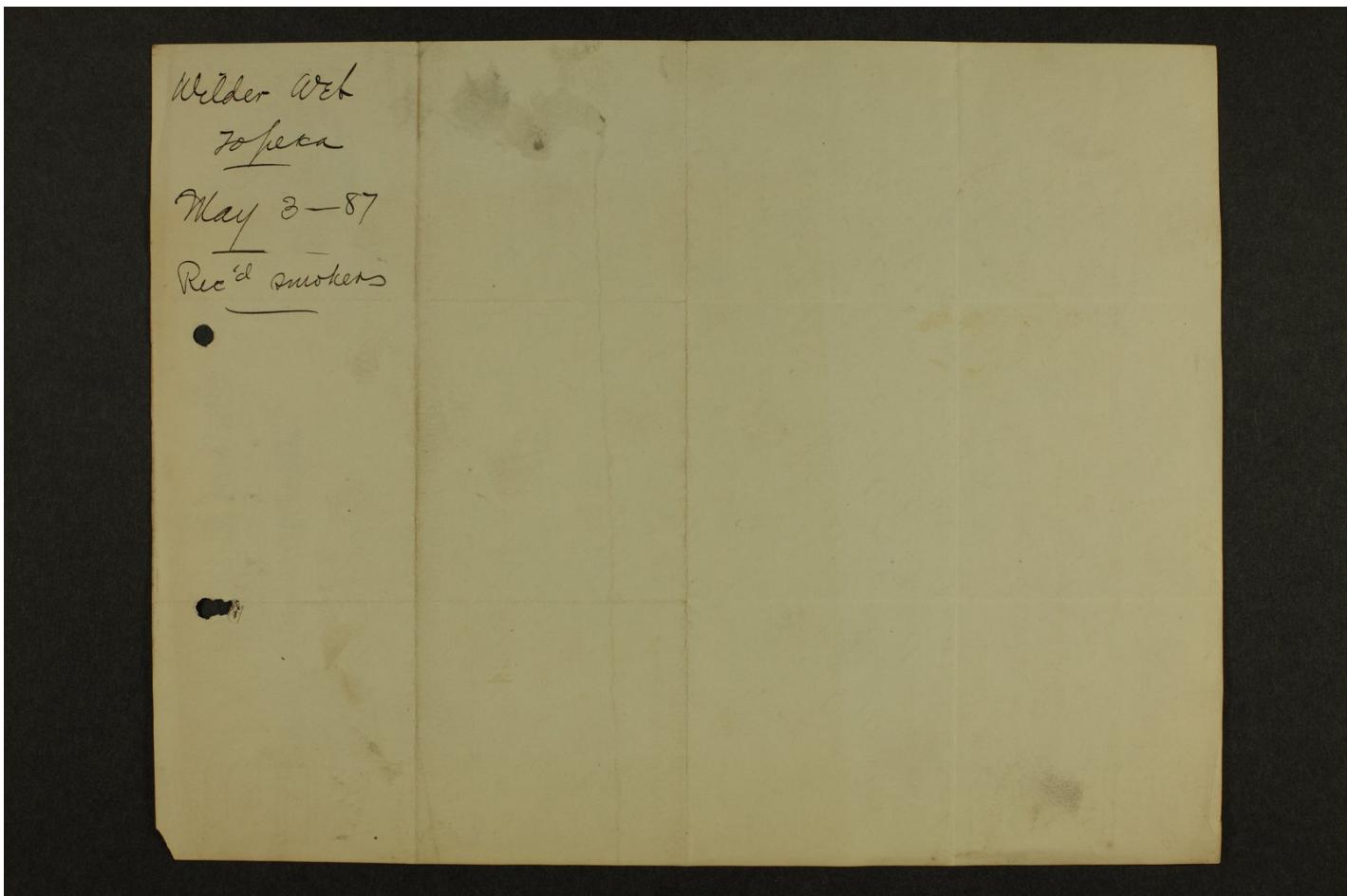
The smokers are here & Tom Smith, Woody Horner & Webb have them. I shall keep them a few days, thinking they may rise in price, like all things in Scott. Great Scott!! - Say, send a poem sometimes to Prentiss, at Newton, or to me. I have taken the world myself - & when I pay the mortgages I shall own it. I am going to attend to it a little hereafter. Shall not move here, but shall save enough out of the Insurance Office to pay for the world & can then safely move home & live there. - Will Cavanaugh be the first one to smoke & be sick heartily thanks -

Webb

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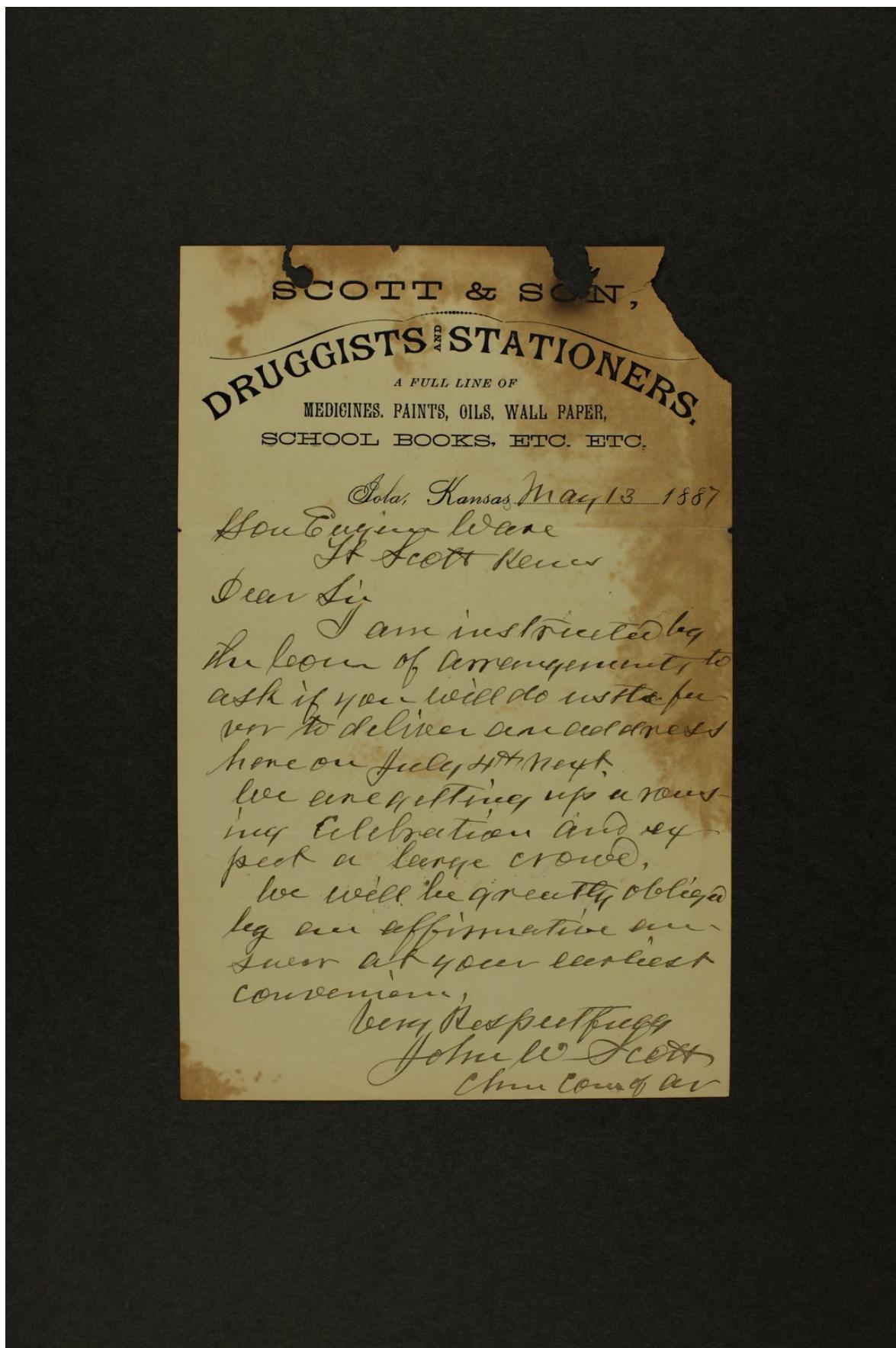


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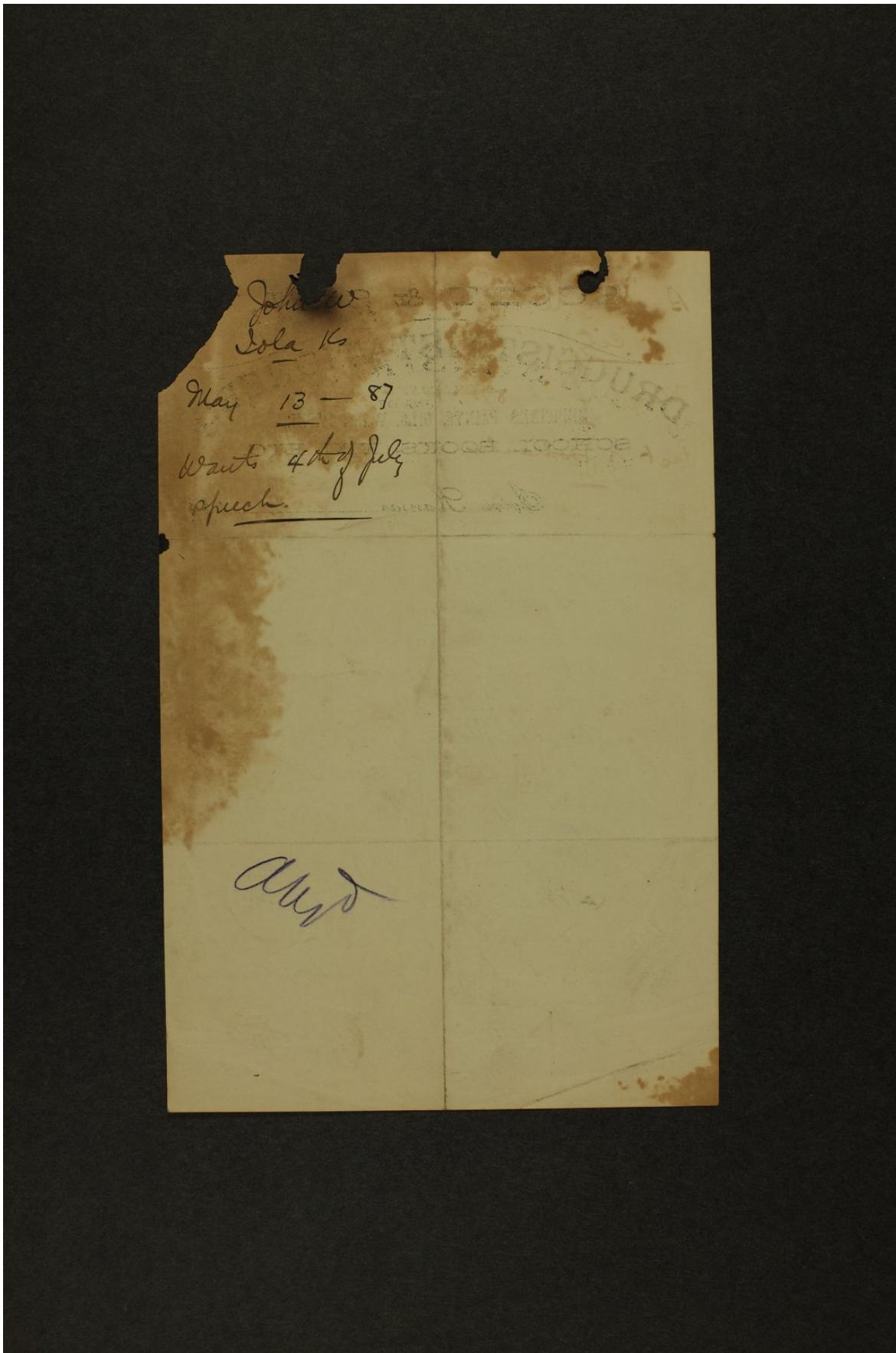


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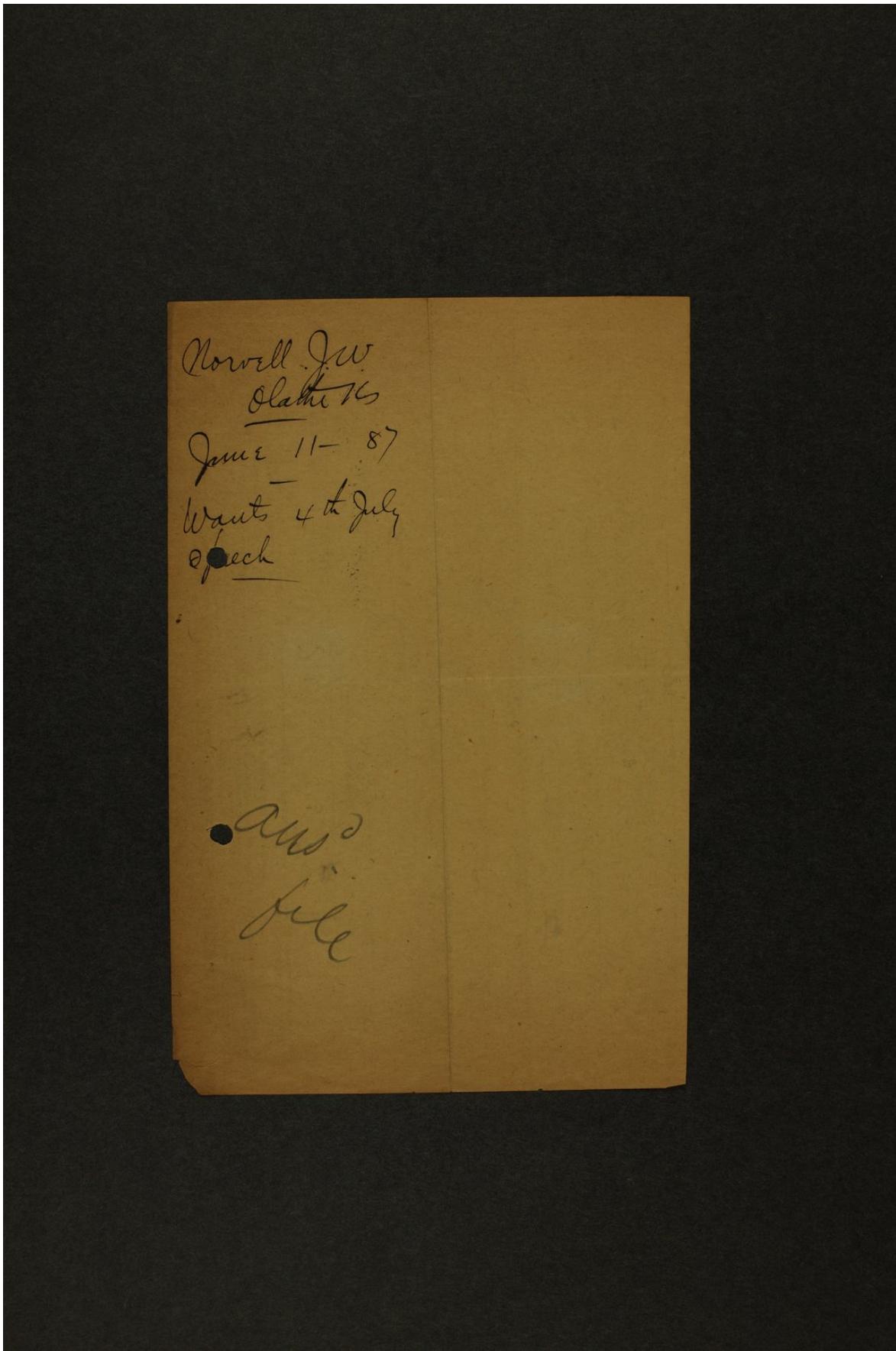
Our citizens extend you a unanimous invitation to address them on July Fourth. Trust you may be able to accept, and
J W Norvel Mayor & Chairman of Comt

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COUNTY ATTORNEY OF CHAMBERLAIN COUNTY.

CITY ATTORNEY OF CITY OF PITTSBURG.

ED VAN GUNDY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
GIRARD, KANSAS.

June 15 1887

Hon E F Ware,
Fort Scott,
Kansas -

Dear Sir:

The people of
Pittsburg are very
anxious to have you
make us a speech
on July 4th and
have appointed me a
committee to ask
you to be orator
of the day on that
occasion.

It was the unanimous
vote of the committee to
ask you first -

Please let me
know tomorrow

Yours very truly
Ed Van Gundy

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FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL,
MADISON SQUARE, NEW YORK.
June 17th 1887,

My Dear Ware I understand there is an edition of your poems published. Will you be kind enough to send me a copy, which I assure you will prize very highly?

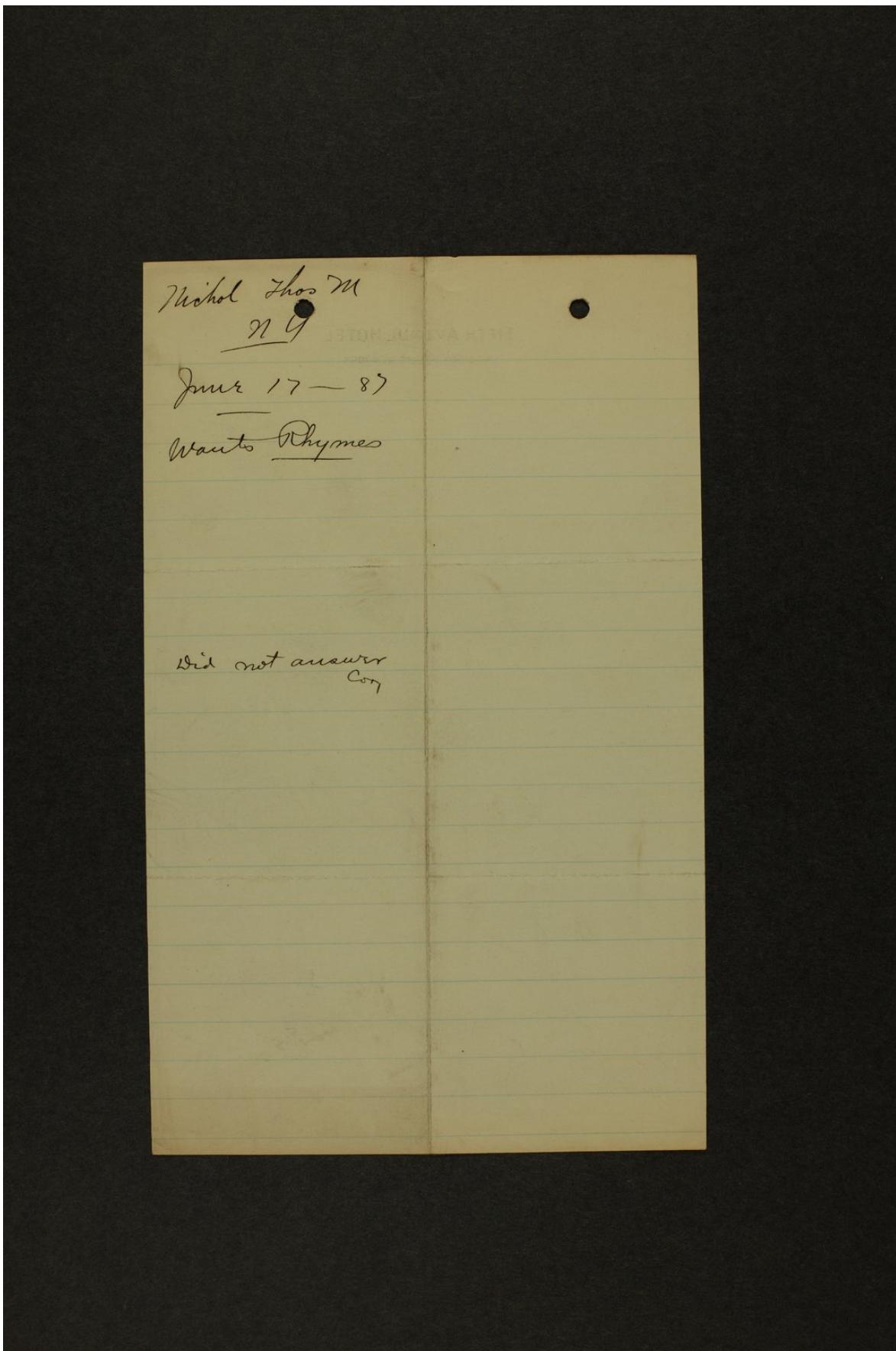
Very truly yours
J. D. Scott & Co.

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