

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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Office of Bailey & Smith,
Clothiers.

1161 Public Square.

Springfield, Mo., 189 .

last Fall he strenuously denied
that I had said one word
to him against the inventory
at the time. It was simply
a scheme of his to beat me
out of my money, and
interests. The clerk in the
store at the time ^{of course} heard the
whole business. But I do
not wish to take any chances
of getting any worse off
for a verdict, and so think
at present that you after
hearing the evidence know
much better than I what is
best. Let me hear from you
by return mail & only
Yours Very Truly
W. W. Smith

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Office of Bailey & Smith,

Clothiers.

141 Public Square.

Mr Ware Springfield, Me., 189 .

I have written several letters
to N. Y. Bankers that
J. Rodden had settled those
notes with and have
rec'd in reply three answers
Enclosed you will find
an exact copy of them
you can easily see that
they must have misrepresented
matters in their settlements

Truly Yours
W. W. Smith

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Office of Bailey & Smith,
Clothiers.
114 1/2 Public Square.
The National Springfield Mass. 189.
Mr. W. W. Smith New York
Box 889 Springfield Mo.
Dear Sir
Replying to your letter of the 15th inst. I
would say that the settlement referred
to was made through our attorney,
and at the rate of about fifteen
cents to the dollar, the same we
believe as others received
Very Respy
E. H. Wright
Pres



Office of Bailey & Smith,
Clothiers.

141 Public Square.

Springfield, Mo., 189 .

Bank of America, N.Y. City

W.W. Smith, Springfield Mo

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 15th inst.
with reference to our claim against
Rhodette & Fort Scott Kansas is received
we agreed to and accepted the com-
promise with them at 40^{cts} which we
believe was approved by most if not
all of the creditors similarly situated, at
the time we gave them we believe a full
release from all further claims arising
from their indebtedness to us. Please inform
us as to the occasion of your inquiry, and
whether anything new has developed which
makes it seem probable that any representations
were made at the time by these people
which were not strictly in accordance with the facts
Yours Respy W.H. Perkins President

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Office of Bailey & Smith,
Clothiers.
1141 Public Square.
The Importers ~~of New York~~ ^{Springfield Mass} ~~of New York~~ ¹⁸⁸⁹.
W W Smith-Esq
Springfield Mo Dr Sir!
Your letter of the 15th inst, was duly received
Our claim against the firm named in
your letter, was settled on the basis of
forty cents on the dollar, in the firms notes
payable in equal amounts in 3, 5, 7 & 9 mths
Reserving our rights against all our
Endorsers, all of which notes have been paid
We were given to understand that the notes
we held were accommodation notes, Our
claim was placed in the hands of Keene &
Campbell attorneys in Ft Scott and they
submitted the proposition to us, When one of the
firm was here in the early part of last summer
we were recommended to accept the settlement
offered and did so, If you have anything of
interest to us to communicate we would be glad to
hear you do so Very Respy O Graham as Cash



LAW OFFICE OF
WILLIAM C. MILLS,
LITTAUER BUILDING,
No. 12 SOUTH MAIN STREET.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y. Apl. 29*92

Mr. E. F. Ware,

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Porter as Administrator &c. of the estate of Sarah M. Leaton has showed me your letter in which you seem to feel greived that he should have rejected your claim as filed against said estate, and especially that ^{he} ~~you~~ should state over his signature, that he " doubted the justice and validity of your claim", and Mr. Porter has asked me to explain to you why he made such statement. That there could be any such misunderstanding between you as this letter implies, leads me to beleive that your practice in Surrogate's Court must be entirely different from the practice in this state. When Mr. Porter rec'd your bill he asked me what he should do as I had acted as his attorney. I informed him that ⁱⁿ order to make a final accounting and get discharged before the Surrogate, that he must at least make a formal rejection of your claim; that he must do this in order to satisfy the heirs and the Court that he had performed his duty. He left the matter ~~xi~~ with me and I drew the rejection, and followed the usual form as prescribed in Redfield's Surrogate Practice, a form that is always used in these cases, even if the rejecting party has knowledge that the claim is just and true. It is always done as a matter of form only, and Mr. Keck your attorney here will verify



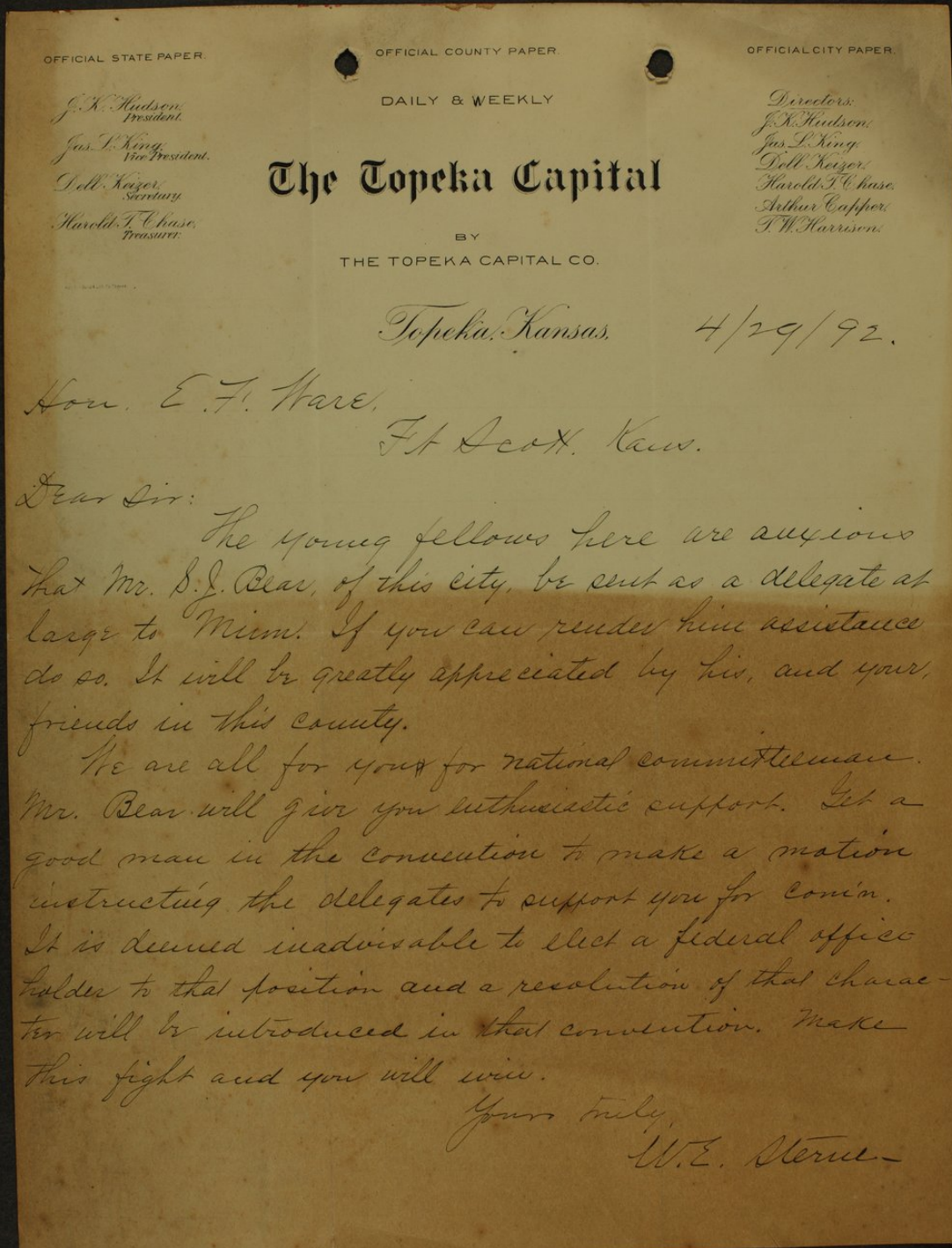
GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y.

my statements in this regard, so that all the responsibility as to such allegations must rest upon my shoulders and not with Mr. Porter, or any of the heirs, as the statement did not indicate any antagonism whatever on the part of the heirs or administrator as against you, or any resistance of your claim. I hope that this explanation will be fully satisfactory to you on this point.

Now in regard to the matter of a settlement. Although I have no definite knowledge of the proofs on either side as yet, I have advocated a compromise, and when Mr. Porter thought that \$700 was all he could pay, I told him that he had better strain a point and make his offer \$800 which he did, and if he now adds \$50 more to that, *to* pay Mr. Keck, it does seem to me that you ought under the circumstances to accept that in full. Of course he was a little premature in paying this money over to the heirs, but they were poverty stricken, some of them and appealed to him in terms that he could not refuse, and he ought not now to suffer for the indiscretion, particularly as your claim was not filed until the last hour of the last day, and when he had every reason to believe that there were no more debts. I have drawn stipulation to this effect, and with the agreement that the balance of your claim shall be paid if any other assets can be found, and I trust that you will sign the same, and thus end the matter.

Very Respectfully,

Wm. C. Mills



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SANGREE & LAMM,
LAWYERS.
PARTNERSHIP FORMED IN 1875.
OFFICE FRONT ROOMS 2ND FLOOR,
309 OHIO STREET.

P. H. SANGREE,
HENRY LAMM.

Sedalia, Mo. April 30th 1892.

Dear Mr. Ware:

We have just a notice given
on us in the Drovers case. Look it over
and come prepared with the documents.
They are fighting hard. We wanted to
get a continuance but it was "no go"
you must be on hand or come prepared in your
own immediate words.
We are, all yours, P. H. Sangree & Henry Lamm

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P. H. SANGREE.
HENRY LAMM.

Sedalia, Mo. 1892.

Since writing the enclosed, your letter came & we are sorry
indeed we cannot come.

They claim that your people have waived the "iron safe
clause". How is this? Send us the authorities mentioned by
you, also any applicable to the facts on the record, if any.
also any you may hear on the power to contract against
the statute on the limitation clause. If the case is to go
on indicate clearly your wishes on the "points" you wish presented
we had expected the pleasure of your presence & had hoped to "trial"
you. As we have mislaid Griffiths address, will you not
advise him of the time & send him here in advance.

Yrs. Sanguine

T. M. CARROLL
W. H. SHELDON

VS

CARROLL & SHELDON'S
LAW OFFICE

PAOLA, KANSAS

April 30, 1892.

Hon. E.F. Ware.
Ft. Scott, Kas.

Dear Sir, Your Brief in case of Jenkins, Vs. Dewey, came to hand and I, read it with interest, as I had occasion some time ago, to advise a client, where the facts were very similar, to the facts as set forth in the Dewey case, and I advised my client that he could afford to lay still as long as the other party could. You certainly have the inside track in that case, but now about the Insurance case, You make an ingenious argument in that case but the court will be against you. You are well aware that Courts catch the breath of public sentiment, and are to often ~~influenced~~ influenced by the power that has been the down-fall of more Public men than all things else combined, "ie" mawkish catering to public sentiment. I do not intend to convey the idea, that courts are intentionally swayed by such power, but it to often creeps over Judges as well as the masses.

Respectfully yours
W.H. Sheldon.

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T. J. KELLAM.
J. H. INGRAHAM.
T. S. HAND.
H. L. SHIRER.

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E. F. Ware *Topeka, Apr 30 1892*

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Dated Wellington Ks. 30

To E. F. Ware.

Case all right - See my letters.

James Lawrence.

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WM. P. JONES,
PRESIDENT.

WM. F. BLOOD,
SECRETARY.

OAKLAND HOME INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

T. E. GRIFFITH, SPECIAL AGENT AND ADJUSTER,
315 AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

KANSAS CITY, MO., *April 30*, 189*2*.

Hon. E. F. Ware,
Ft. Scott, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

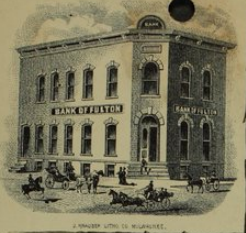
Your card advising me of the trial of the Dorsey case on the 6th of May, and letter regarding the suggestion of a willingness on the part of the Trust of the Shawnee Fair Assn. to compromise said. I talked to Percy Miller, of the German, of Peoria, yesterday about the matter and he asked me to see what they would do in the matter and let them know. Do you consider that we have an equal chance of winning the case?

I will probably go to Ft. Scott Tuesday evening, and want to see you about the old Newlon loss, at Columbus - from George Ogney - The Kansas Loan & Trust Co. now comes in and wants us to pay them some \$7,000.00 and over, and take up their \$5,000.00 mtgs.

Yours Very Truly,
T. E. Griffith



*John Hall, President
F. S. Hall, Cashier
John Hall, Jr., Treasurer*



BANK OF FULTON

Fulton, Kas. DEC 2 1892

Collections made and remitted.

E. F. Ware Esq
Fert Scott Kas

Enclose you my
No. 13304 on Kansas City Mo \$1710.00
Order, signed by yourself. 2-86
Exchange, \$ 1.10
Collection, \$ 175 =
In payment of
Your No. Moore & Tallor \$1752

Received in yours of

Yours Truly,
F. S. Hall, Cashier



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STATE OF KANSAS.
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

PERSONAL.

Topeka, Dec. 2, 1892.

Hon. E. F. Ware, *Wilson,*
Fort Scott, *Kas.*

My Dear Sir: *Sir:*

I have your favor of sometime ago, suggesting that I should call immediately for the resignation of the police commissioners in the several cities of the first class in the state, etc. In reply, I would like to say that I have the matter under consideration, and there are some reasons why your proposition is entitled to serious consideration. It seems to me that it would naturally occur to the members of the boards to voluntarily resign, as against the chance of being removed by the incoming administration, for if my successor in office should decide to continue the boards he would most likely make new appointments all around. Of course, I am not advised that his policy will be in the matter.

I have heard that your commissioners were considering the advisability of sending in their resignations. Do you know anything about it?

Very truly yours,

Emanuel C. Humphrey

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L. L. BUSH & CO.,
CONTRACTORS.

Bird in Hand 3rd 1892

Hon E. J. Ware.

My Dear Sir.

Your letter came
duelly to Land 3rd contracts word, 2nd I
was there that Sunday to see you. You
spoke as though the interest might
run on for a while. Now I am not very
flush of money just now; but hope you
will wait until I can sell it. Or else
you take the farm at \$2000.00 2nd give
Howard the balance of the money. This I
think will suit you the best, because
it is little more than half price! But
whatever you do in the matter I want you
to please be little patient until I can get
myself fixed. Yours Respectfully
L. L. Bush

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON,

December 3, 1892.

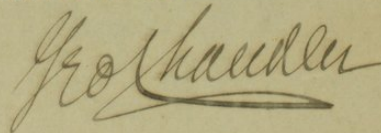
Friend Ware:

I have yours of the 29th ultimo, inviting me to come to Fort Scott to practice law, on account of your having a federal court, and in the near future a State court of appeals, etc.

I want to thank you for your kind words and interest in the matter, but do not see how I can very well locate at Fort Scott, unless I can be given a bonus for locating my plant there. If I could secure city bonds or a subscription which would justify me I might be "induced" to go into the manufacture of cases in your locality.

But without levity, I am satisfied that Fort Scott is one of the best cities in the State of Kansas.

Yours very truly,



Hon. E. T. Ware,

Fort Scott, Kansas.



ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 1862.

THE MOUND CITY CREAMERY.

KINCAID & BROTHEN,

DEALERS IN

Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries and Queensware.

Mound City, Kas., Dec 5 1892

Mr E F Ware


Fort Scott Kas

Dear Sir

I in reply to yours of
dec 1st 1892 (just rec^d having been from
home) would say we do not care to
sell at the price named in your letter.

Very Respectfully
Robert Kincaid




EDWARD RUSSELL,
RECEIVER OF
M.V.L. CO., AM. R. E. & INV. CO.
W.F.M. TRUST CO.
Lawrence, Kans. December 6, 1892.

Mr. E. F. Ware,

Ft. Scott, Kans.

Dear Sir:

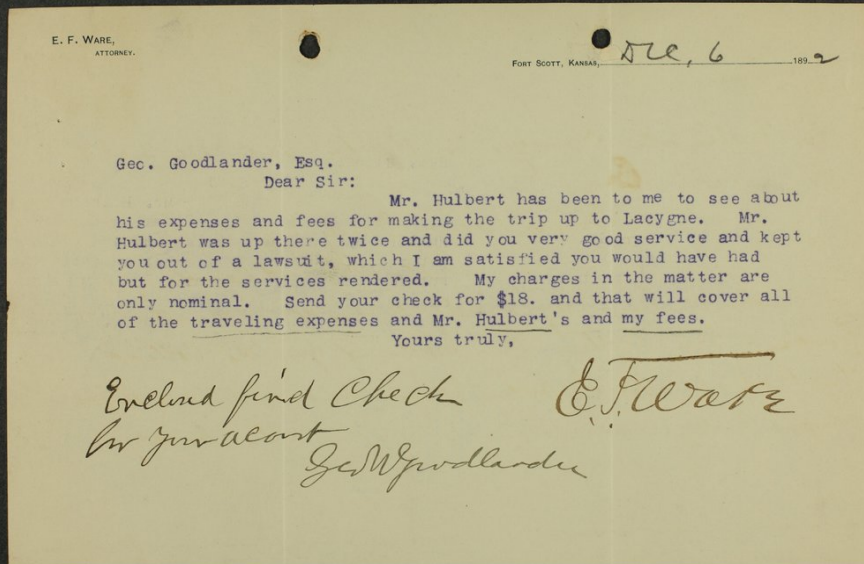
I have yours of the 1st, and don't wonder that you are a little weary; but whatever I ask you to do, if we can agree upon prices, I will pay for and promptly. Now will you please look at the proceedings in the Strobel case, and tell me what is necessary to complete the same and make a good title, and whether the sale must be made over again or not, and what you will charge for taking the case, as you are attorney of record you have a right so to do, and completing it, and I will let you know very promptly what conclusion I reach in relation to it.

So much for business. If I had the time I would like to write you a good long letter. It is time that the men of this State with some sense in their heads, and who are not demagogues, should reason together and try to resurrect the republican party and put it on a common sense basis abreast with the age for the good of the State if for nothing else; but with my hands as full as they are at present I expect I shall leave that part of the business to younger and less busy men, but I would like to see such men as you are take hold of this thing and do a little independent thinking and independent acting in the light of experience of the last sixty days.

Yours truly,

Edward Russell
Receiver.

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Dated North Springfield Mo 6

To E. F. Ware

Meet me at Pittsburg Kans.
this evening. Sure.

H. Robinson



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GERMAN FIRE INS. CO.
of PEORIA, ILL.
COR. BRIDGE & WASHINGTON STS.

PEORIA, ILL., Dec. 6th, 1912.

B. CREMER, PRESIDENT.
THEO. J. MÜLLER, SECRETARY.

E. F. Ware Esq.,
Ft. Scott, Kas.

Dear Sir:--

Your favor of the 4th, inst. in regard to the law suit under our policy #241 R. L. & A. J. Moler of our Building-ton, Kas., agency received. Herewith we hand you Chicago draft #91432 in the sum of \$347.30 including, costs, interest, expenses and services in above suit. Kindly favor us with the proper receipts and also return all papers in your possession belonging to this Company pertaining to said suit.

As to the other matter, garnishing us on account of Harry Robinson, I don't know how you will get out of it, we owe him nothing, unless he gets judgment and the case in the U.S. Court has not decided yet. We understand that Robinson has turned over his claim to the Lawyers or somebody, in case he should get something out of it. He has been owing everybody and we don't know how many claims are filed against him. Suppose you write to Judge Webb, our attorney in this case, at Atchison, Kas., about it and take such action as will protect you in case we are obliged to pay him something. If we can save you anything, we shall certainly do it, if it is possible to do so.

yours truly,
Theo J Müller Sect'y.

EDWIN TAYLOR

POTATO PLANTER.

Edwardsville, Kans., Dec 6, 1892

Hon. E. F. Ware
Topeka Kansas

Dear Sir

Your proposed law for the control of corporations is at hand. I regard it as a valuable contribution to an important subject. I fully share in what you consider to be the prevalent distrust of corporations. At the same time I recognize and freely concede their great assistance to human effort. If they can be controlled without being crippled, let it be done.

But let them be controlled. They are among us as a race of monsters, with the insensibility of Frankenstein's "Demon" and the strength of a vitalized Calixossus. It is high time they were stabled. You have done the State a service by calling attention to the situation.

Yours respectfully
Edwin Taylor



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Ottawa Kas Dec 6th 92
Hon E F Ware
Fort Scott Kas
Dear Sir
I have just read your corporate
our suggestions to the incoming legislature
I had previously spoken to the member
from this County of the advisability of
consulting you on matters of general
legislation - Now that you have opened
the door so favorably to that end I am
not only glad but grateful as well -
These people mean well but not being
versed in state craft are liable to pass
imperfect inefficient or mischievous laws
I hope they will have the frequent benefit
of your experience & judgment
Very Truly J. Kerr



ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 1862.

THE MOUND CITY CREAMERY.

KINCAID & BROTHER,

DEALERS IN

Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries and Queensware.

Mound City, Kas., Dec 8 1892

Mr E. F. Ware Fort Scott Kas
Dear Sir

In reply to yours of
Dec 6th would ask you if your title is
cloudless to the land if so what is your
lowest price for it. Is not your deed a
tax deed quieted?

Very Respectfully
Robert Kincaid

Eugene Ware correspondence

Lawrence, Kansas.

Dec. 7, 1892.

Hon. Eugene F. Ware,
Fort Scott, Kas.

Dear Sir,

The University Language Conference, an association of instructors and advanced students of the language and literary departments of the University of Kansas, has invited a number of leading literary persons of Kansas to lecture before it on suitable literary subjects. Miss Florence L. Snow, of Neodesha Falls, and Mr. T. E. Dewey of Abilene, and B. W. Woodward, of Lawrence, have already agreed to come. Miss Snow will lecture next week on the poetry of Eugene Lee Hamilton. In behalf of the Conference I have the honor to ask you to favor us with a talk on any literary subject you may choose. Our meetings are biweekly and beyond that limitation any date that would suit you would be acceptable. If such a proposition is at all agreeable to you, please write details in regard to date, &c, as far as possible.

Yours respectfully

Wilson Sterling,
Sec. of Language Conference

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J. C. Merrill,
Hardware.

• Pgh Kansas DE 9/9 2

Eugene Ware Esq

Dear Sir Enclosed find charter properly signed
You will notice the spelling of Hobbs is omitted
to Hobbs. No change otherwise Enclosed find draft
for Two dollars (2.00) recording fee. If you can
keep this out of the two papers would prefer
to do so. Very truly
Yours
J. C. Merrill



Eugene Ware correspondence

Lawrence, Kansas, December 9th, 1892.

Hon. E. F. Ware,
Fort Scott, Kansas.

My Dear Ware:-

I have read over your suggestions as to the control of corporations which you sent me with no little interest. As I read the preface, I was half inclined to think that you had drawn up a joke to while away the weary hours and to tickle the fancy of friends in the hour of defeat; but as I have read over "An Act Concerning Corporations", I have been led to think that your suggestion is drawn out in seriousness and thoughtfully, and is well worthy of consideration. I have not been largely connected with corporations, and yet, no thoughtful reader of the present time has failed to reflect concerning the present power and future growth of corporations in this land of ours; and it has occurred to me that, ere the corporations increase their power, it might be wise to pass enactments which they may not now be disposed to resist, that might prove wholesome for the protection of the people in the coming years. It is the statesman who looks into the future, after scanning the horizon and studying the tendencies of the present, and legislates for that which may come and which he fears the effect of.

Under our existing political system in Kansas, it is not our best men who get into public life, and, far from it, into the Legislature. There is a sad lack of public spirit among more thoughtful men, who are better fit to legislate than those who do; and one reads of the enthusiasm of the earlier fathers in seeking to build up the autonomy of the states and taking a pride therein, and wonders whether that is a story wholly of the past, not again to be repeated in this land of ours.

I have these suggestions with reference to the bill which you have prepared: You make the term of the controller two years. It is entirely too short to get an officer who will be of any value. If I had the control of a question of that sort, I would make it, "during good behavior"; but our people have not reached the wisdom of that kind of legislation, and so I suggest that you make the term six, instead of two, years. Do not offer two years as a suggestion. It ought to be, at the very lowest, four, and six would be better, by far, than four years. Then, in section 16, the seventh line, in place of "~~and~~", substitute "and". I think a non-resident corporation ought to have every possible chance of receiving the notification, and so do ~~not~~ make the process served upon both instead of either. In section 20, I would suggest that one of the things which the controller shall have a right to demand shall be a list of the stockholders and their residences, and I would have the law in relation to corporations so amended that every stockholder's residence must be given when he takes stock, or a certificate of stock is transferred to him. Take, for instance, this Western Farm Mortgage Trust Co. of which I am a receiver. It has a capital of one million and one-half. Its indebtedness outstanding, already absolutely existing, is in the neighborhood of one million dollars,



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E.F.W., #2.

and yet, the probability of collecting even twenty-five per cent. of that from its stockholders is small. I am not one of those who think that it is well to have statutes that are but waste paper. I would wipe from the statute book every statute that is such; and still, how rare it is that stockholders in Kansas, or any Kansas corporations, are called upon to make good their double liability! and no small part of this grows out of the impossibility of tracing the residence of such stockholders. So I would put in this requirement, and I would invalidate any transfer of stock, relieving from liability the stockholders seeking to transfer, where such stockholders failed to give the residence of the party to whom transfer was made; and if the transfer was to a man of straw, such transfer should be wholly invalid, and the knowledge of the residence would give the opportunity of inquiry and proof as to whether a man of straw or not.

Then, section 23- I would suggest a provision providing for a voluntary dissolution of corporations. Our present statute- unless recently amended- makes no such provision. Not only so; it makes no provision for the reduction of capital, in both of which regards it should be amended. And I rather think that to section 26, or to this same section, I would add a requirement that the controller should proceed to dissolve all corporations in cases of non-user, abandonment, or other facts elicited by him which ought to require a dissolution.

Then, in section 29 I would increase those fees. Ten dollars is not enough for the filing of the charter. I would make the minimum of filing of charter twenty or twenty-five dollars. There is entirely too much of a disposition to multiply charters, and if our statutes had required a decent fee for this, it might have helped to bear the burden of taxation through personal property, which so largely escapes a proper proportion of taxation. In the case of a bank or a trust company, I would require the payment of fifty dollars, and in the case of a railroad charter, one hundred dollars, at least. We do not want to be cursed with as many corporations in the future as in the past, and if men want to go into corporations, let them pay something. It will make many a hasty and unwise individual in that line think a second time, and perhaps not incorporate at all, if they have these fees to pay; but if they do incorporate, the state ought to have enough of compensation therefor to give a careful scrutiny, as your bill proposes, of corporations, and I believe it most timely.

This letter you are welcome to use with the name of the writer in the presentation of your report or suggestion, if it seems good to you.

Yours respectfully,

Edward Russell