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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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Testimony given March 9 1896 in matter of application of Jimmie Cannon for pension.

Am fifty yrs of age; am an attorney at law, post office Topeka Kansas. Was 2nd lieut. of Co.F 7th Cav from Sept. 23 1863 to May 11 1866, and was captain from that time till muster-out in June 1866. I find by reference to my memorandum that we were mustered out May 27 1866 to take effect May 17 1866. I knew a Jas. Cannon of said company. I first knew him when he came to the company and enlisted Dec. 27 1863 when, according to my present recollection, we were encamped at Cottonwood Springs Neb. I distinctly remember his being sent down from Omaha to be mustered in. I remember he then claimed to be 33 yr of age but had the appearance of being a younger man than that. He represented to us that he had recently been discharged from the U.S. Regular Army. I do not remember the company or regiment he said he served in but distinctly remember that he said that it was the U.S. cavalry. He claimed to be a sound man at that time and he was a sound man as far as I ~~xxxxxxxx~~ ever knew or heard. I have heard him often talk about his service in the regular army and where he had been but I never heard him speak of having been wounded. He had an uncontrollable desire for liquor and became intoxicated whenever he got the opportunity and made a great deal of trouble for the commissioned and non-comd. officers and was exceedingly ugly when in that condition. When sober he was of cheerful disposition and fond of telling stories and was continually telling us of his service in the U.S. Regular Army and incidents relating to it. I can not recall the names of the officers that he claimed to have served under in the U.S. cavalry, but he spoke of himself as having served along the Rio Grande river and mentioned the various towns along the river from El Paso to Taos and was fond of describing incidents of adventure in different towns when off duty. He was fond of describing the various Indian Pueblo tribes and particularly the Navajos and told about how his company drove away a lot of Navajo sheep but I nev

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dered to Cottonwood Springs I met them on the road and was with them some time on the Mitchell expedition. I asked a good many questions in regard to the Julesberg fight and was much amused at Jas Cannon's description of the part he took in it. He said the carbine he had was a Gallagher carbine (there were different kinds of carbines and guns in the company but most of the men had Gallagher carbines). He said he snapped his carbine at an Indian who was running across his path and that the carbine did not go off and that he then took it by the muzzle and swinging it around his head chased the Indian a short distance, threw the carbine at him and then ran as fast as his horse would take him to the post; I think he said "skedaddled to the post". I was much struck at his story and recollect it vividly. He made no mention whatever of having been wounded nor did ever I hear until today that he claimed to be wounded. If he had been wounded I certainly should have had it upon the records and should have certainly known it. In response to your question I will say I never heard of any such place as "Dead Island". I have now heard you read the claimant's statement and I wish to state that I do not recognize the man who made the statement as being the man who was in my company. The Jas. Cannon in my company gave his age as 33 yrs and I have in my possession the company rolls by which, having refreshed my recollection, I see his age given therein at 33 yr. I knew no other person by the name of Cannon and the Cannon in my said company could not at this time have been over 65 yr of age. I want to add there and considering his habits, it is not now probable that he is alive. This Cannon in my company told stories continually of his former exploits and military service but he never spoke of service in the Mexican war nor ever related any ~ violence in Mexico. We marched considerably and scouted considerably and I have ridden alongside of him many hours and many miles listening from choice his stories and he never referred to a battle or a fight or to the Mexican war, except as regards the fight out of the Navajo.

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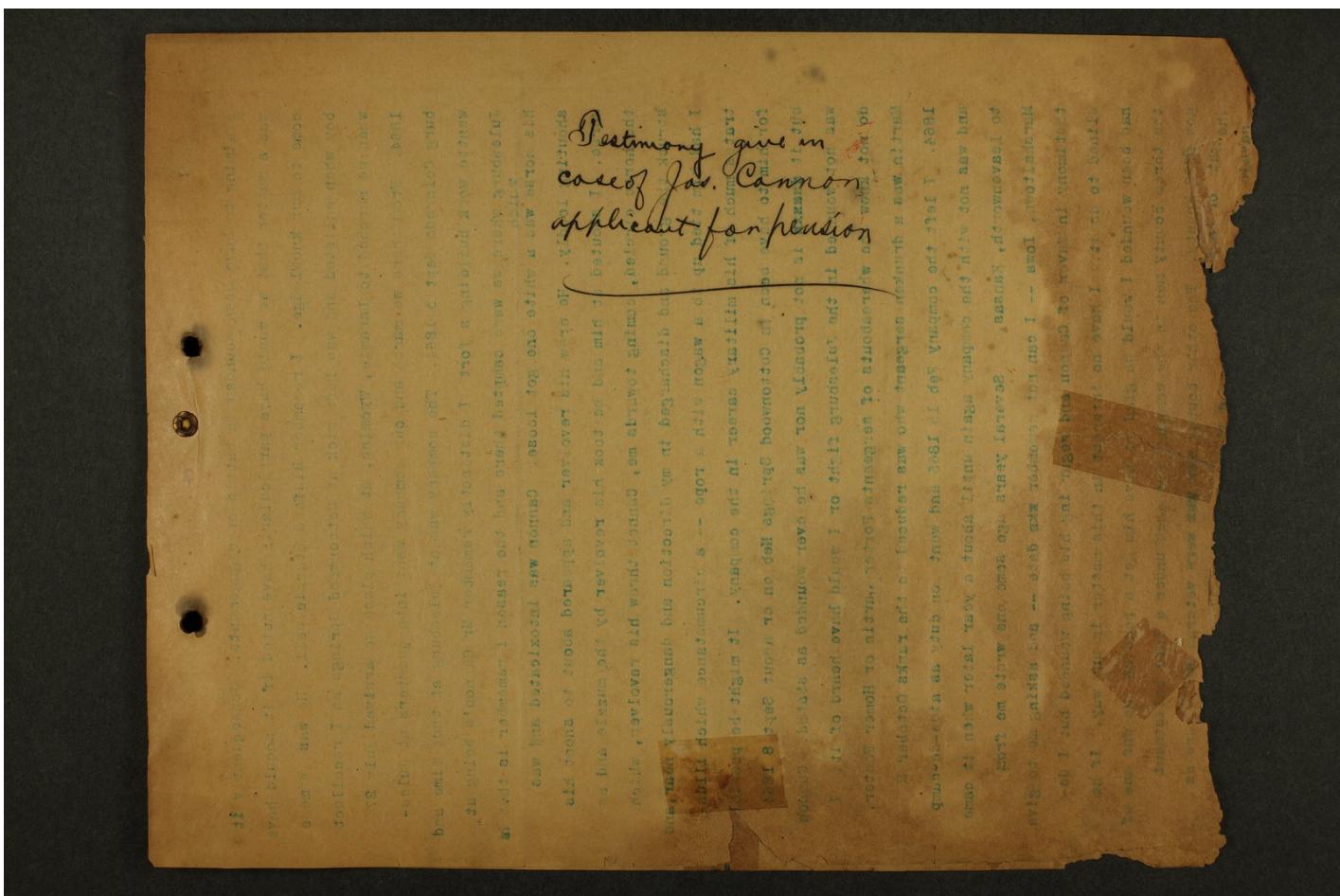
claiming to have been wounded in battle or engagements. Consequently it was a matter that we would have particularly have noted if it should have come to our knowledge. I remember Bluford Starkie well. He was a mere boy when enlisted and was left sick at Cottonwood Springs as I recollect when we marched to Laramie, Wyoming, at which place we arrived July 27 1864. From there we march and our company went into quarters at Julesburg Colorado Sept 5 1864. The company was at Julesburg at that time and went to work building a fort. I distinctly remember Mr Cannon's being at Julesburg where we were camped there and the reason I remember is that his horse was a white one got loose. Cannon was intoxicated and was shouting loudly. He drew his revolver and appeared about to shoot his horse. I shouted at him and he took his revolver by the muzzle and as the horse circled, coming towards me, cannot throw his revolver, which struck the ground and discharged in my direction and dangerously near, and I had him tied up to a wagon with a rope -- a circumstance which illustrates much of his military career in the company. It might be possible for him to have been in Cottonwood Springs Neb on or about Sept 8 1864 but it ~~xxxxxx~~ is not probably nor was he ever wounded as stated. Cannon was not wounded in the Julesburg fight or I would have heard of it. I do not know the whereabouts of sergeants Porter, Martin or Homer Foster. Martin was a drunken sergeant who was reduced to the ranks October 2 1864. I left the company Feb 15 1865 and went on duty as aide-de-camp and was not with the company again until about a year later when it came to Leavenworth, Kansas. Several years ago some one wrote me from Marshalltown, Iowa -- I can not remember ~~xxx~~ date -- and asking me to give testimony in favor of Cannon and regarding his being wounded but I declined to do it. I have no interest in this matter in any way. If he had been wounded I would be glad to have him get a pension. He was one of the three bounty men in the company who each under a late enlistment got #~~xx~~ bounty. The other bounty men ~~were~~ were veterans as the

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that time, believe. I was not with the Co. all of
was with it off and on and not absent from it any length of time
was in command of the company at Julesburg, because Capt O'Brien was post
commander and 1st lieut John S. Brewer, now dead or so reputed, was post
quartermaster. I was with the Co. continually until Jan 2 1865 when I
was sent to Cottonwood Springs to drill recruits. On Jan 7 1865 they had
a fight with the Indians at Julesburg and I heard of it and started to
reinforce them with some artillery Jan. 8 and the company having been or-

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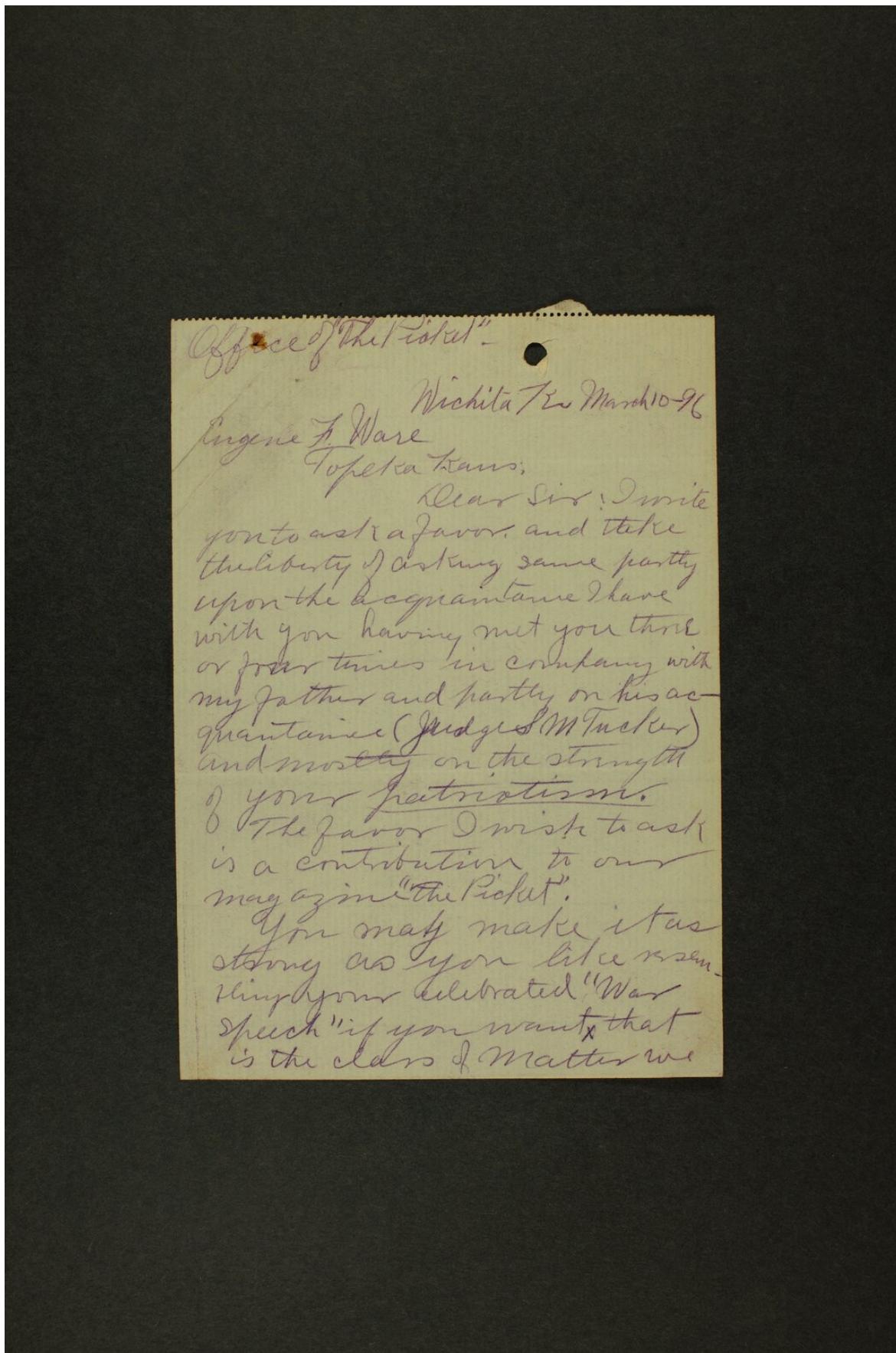
that Bluford S. _____ was killed Sept 3 1864 down on the
wood Springs, Nebraska about 8 miles. The battle of "Dead
heard of before until today. I never heard of Mr Cannon's being wounded
at the time stated or at any other time. I am absolutely certain that if
he had been wounded at "Dead Island" or at any other place it would have
been noted on the company roll and also the muster-out roll. The reason
of it is this: Both Capt O'Brien and myself had served in the Union army
south before we were commissioned in the 7 Iowa Cav. and we knew the sen-
timental value of a wound and the satisfaction which soldiers had in

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desire to print.
"The Picket" you have
already received copies
of no doubt and you
will receive another
which is in the office now,
Hoping to hear from
you with a nice
"War Speech".
I remain
Yours in Loyalty,
W. H. Tucker

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O.T. Sites, Esq.

Dear Sir:-

In your letter of March 11, 1896 you spoke of the "overburdened list of stock-holders" - I do not wish to add to the burden, but I must be paid or secured. More than a year and a half ago you wrote me that I had stood by you most royally and that you would move heaven & earth to protect me, and a short time afterwards you ^{wrote} said you would pay ~~me~~ if you had to pawn your shirt. - and you ~~have always~~ claimed there was sufficient assets. What I want to understand is your change of attitude. On Dec. 15^{last} you say there is no tangible security, that you have made all the advances you could stand, and that you would pay me out of the first money you got hold of. Why this change ^{of} ~~of~~ attitude? - Have not you taken in any money for a year and a half, doubtless, but I have not got ^{any} of it. - Your definite promise to pay has ^{turned} dilated itself

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into a very remote and conditional one.
I am willing to wait if some one will secure
me, but unless I am paid, or secured I will
have to treat the stockholders a heat, or whoever
is responsible. - You have run away & left
me, and I will have to take care of myself
the best way I can. - I have no doubt but
that you can absolutely secure this matter
if you care to because nothing less than
positive information in that direction would
have caused you to make such strong
personal promises, in the past.

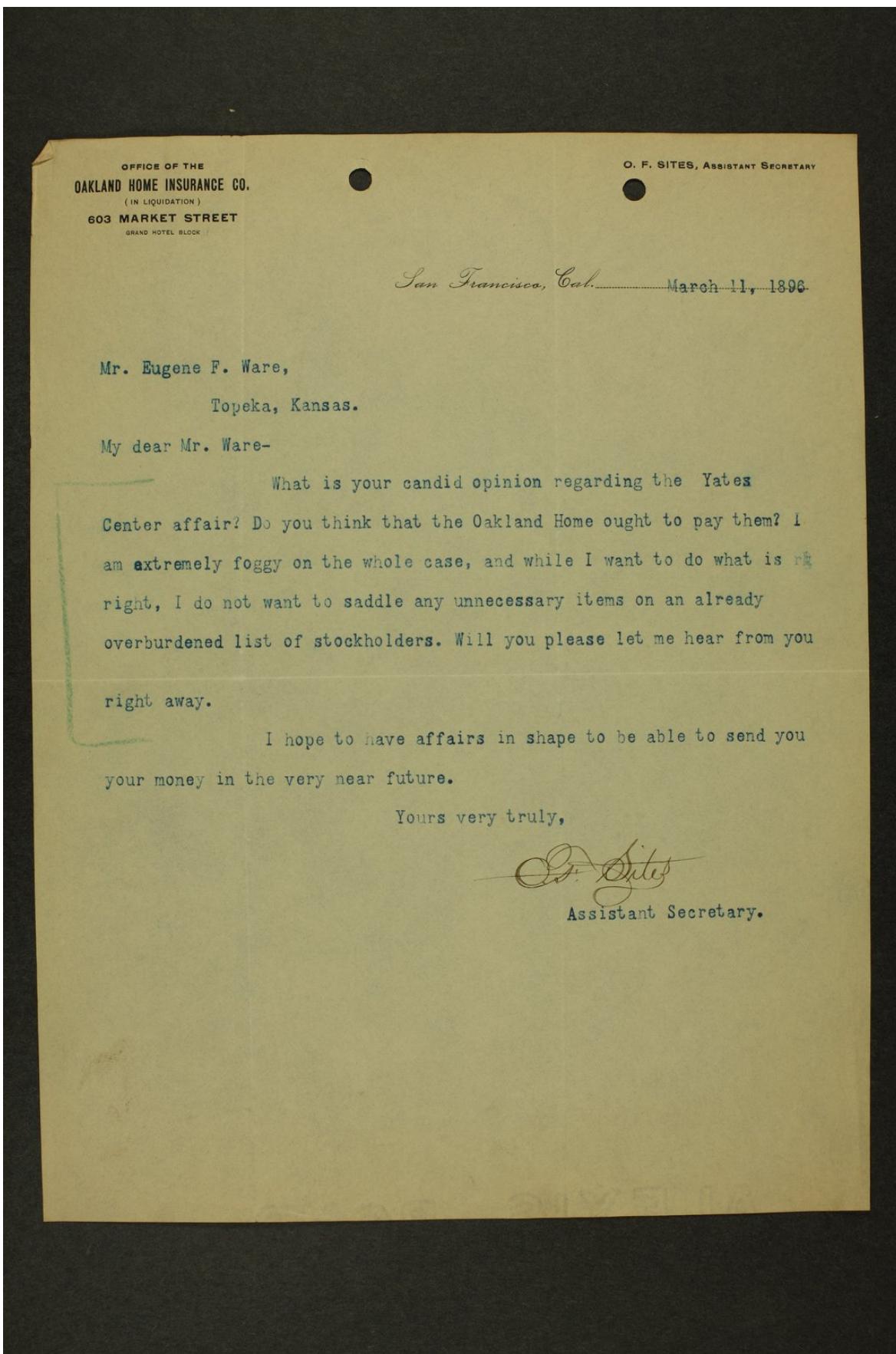
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185 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

March 11, 1896.

Mr. Eugene S. Ware,

Topeka, Kan.

Dear Sir:-

The delay in responding to your courteous letter has been due to the fact that I was absent in New York for three weeks; my mail has waited for me.

No, I have had very little difficulty because of my radical work but I can see how living in a small place, it might be quite a serious business matter for a man to be known as "liberal", more's the pity! I did not "smoke" you out, however. I knew who you were long time ago, having talked over your work with Prof. Ridgway nearly a year ago and he told me who you were. He is a great admirer of yours.

I have this day ordered sent to you the book of mine which you desire, "Men, Women and ^{Gods} Guards"; that is published by a New York publisher and will come to you directly from him; otherwise, it would have my autograph and other things written in it. I have no copies here at all, I am sorry to say.

Hoping that you may like the book and with admiration for your own work, I remain,

Very sincerely,

(Dict. to H.)

Helen H. Gardener.

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J. B. Larimer,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
28 Columbian Building,
Topeka, Kansas.

March 11th, 1896,

Mr. E. F. Ware,
City,
Dear Sir:-

I have again gone carefully over the briefs and record in the Home Insurance Company case, and think it will be unnecessary and not best to file an additional brief.

On oral argument I tried to cover every material point in both briefs and the rail road attorney did not advance anything new in his oral argument. Judge Garver took the original record with him to Salina last Saturday, and, I infer, has already investigated the case preparatory to writing an opinion.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. B. Larimer".

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[Mar. 12, 1896]

My dear partner: I am spending lots of time and yet not working very hard — except that it is hard work — and yet it seems decidedly best to stay. If we don't trade we must have the two foreclosures and it is not safe to leave them to locate themselves. I got finally this proposition out of the committee:

For Beaumont
65 ops in bonds
40 " in preferred
60 " in common
All expenses and counsel fees in cash

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Anthony
The bonds they won't take
but they will pay
our judgment thus

100 op in bonds (price 4⁰)
110 op in Anthony bonds
The Committee holds 15 50⁰⁰
of Anthony bonds -

This I have submitted
and am now awaiting
an answer

Get well
We shall have to forgive
the Anthony anyhow

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~~Wm Eastman~~ 3/12/96

E. W.

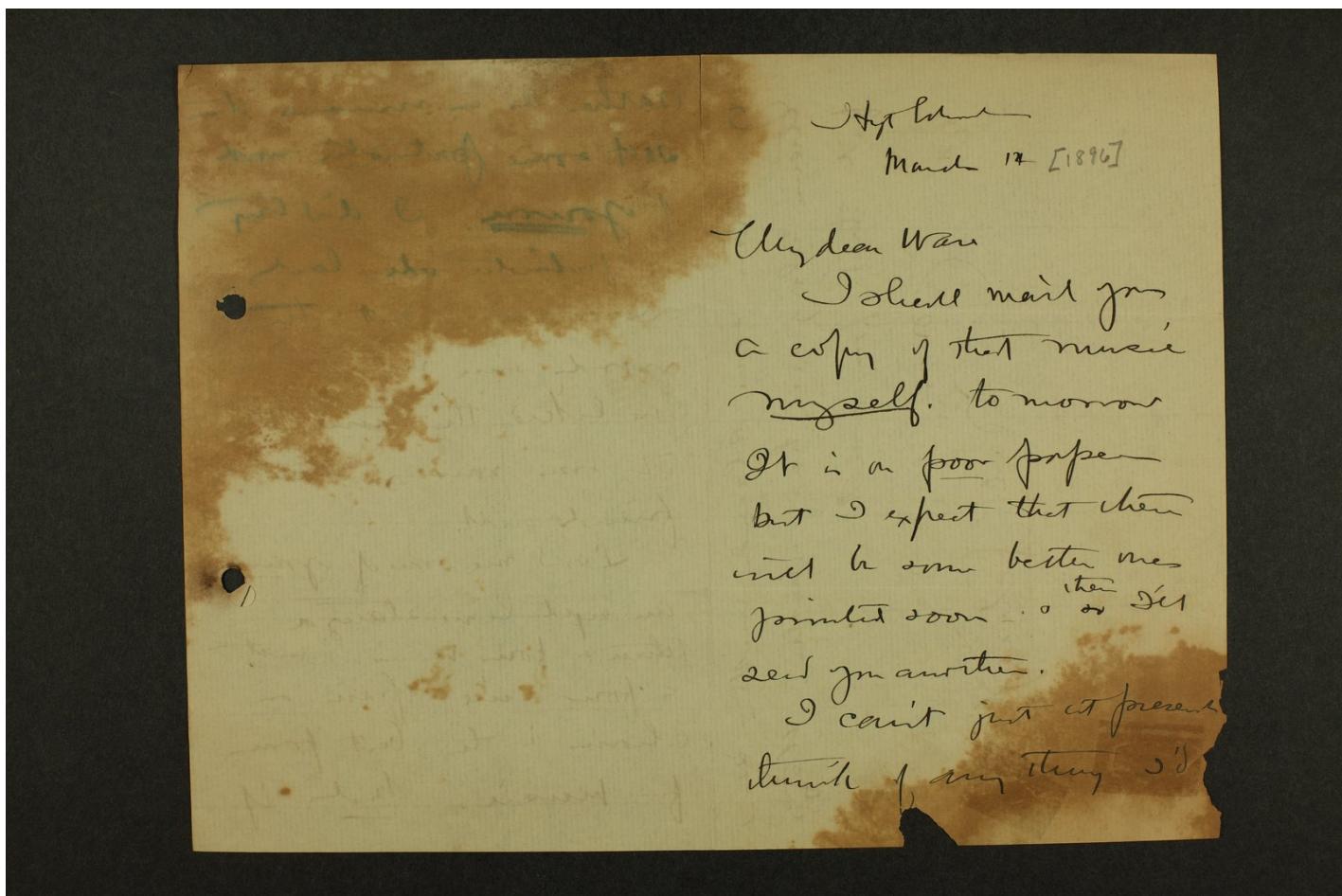
I jumped Green hard
about the AP matter
and he said he
would strain the
straps to get
good clear orders.

E. W.

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rather do in music than
set some patriotic words
of yours. I did try
a patriotic ode last
December - but the
word was wash - Every
one liked the tune though
~~it~~ was noisy etc. as
friends will.

Send me some of yours
an eight line stanza
(three or four verses) with
a four line refrain or
chorus is the best form
for music. And if

You have some already, would you
show them along and see whether they
fit best from or not?

Jones

McC Schuyler

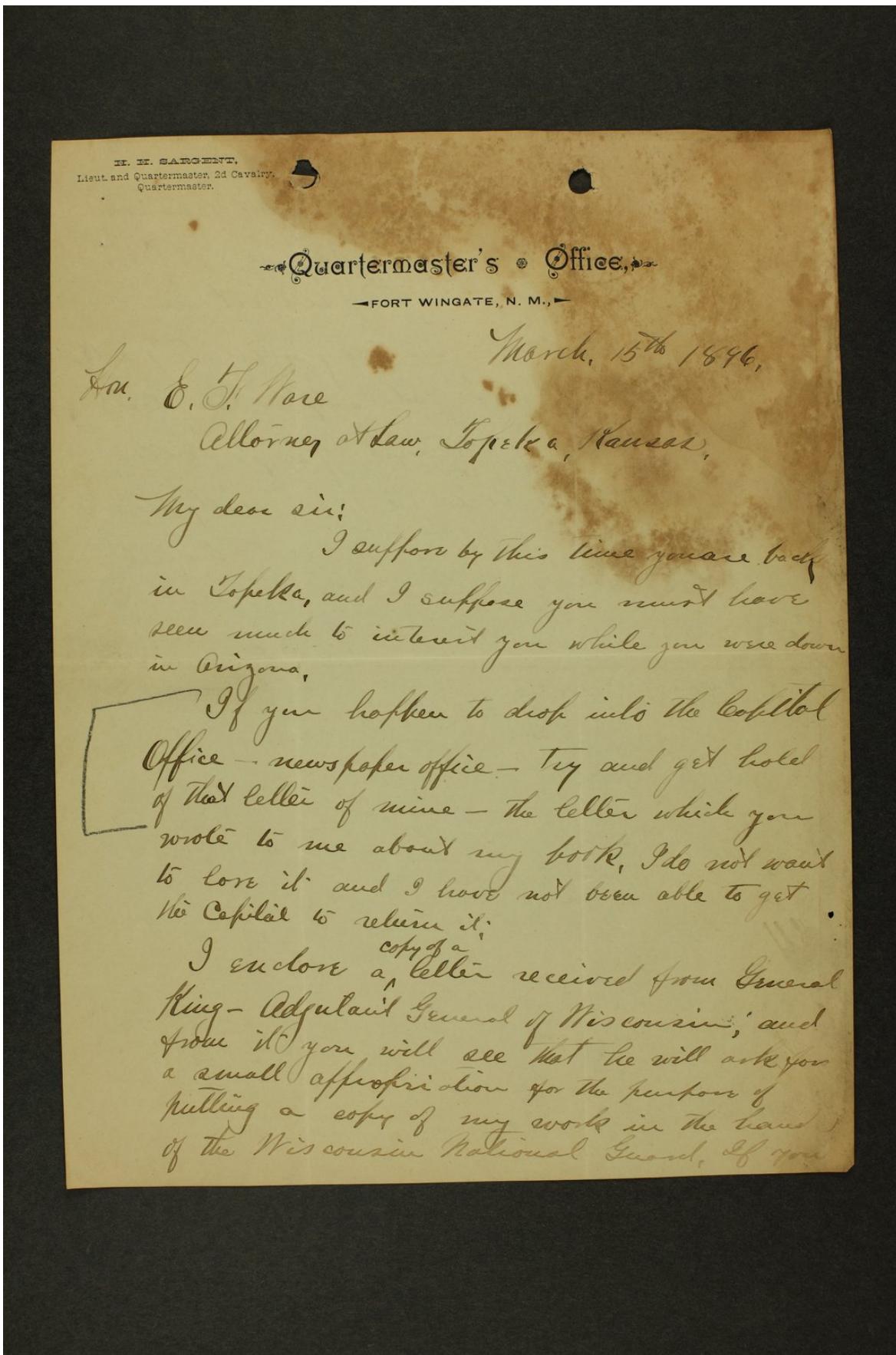
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all acquainted with the Adjunct General
of Kansas and can say a good word
for me to him on the subject in the
same line, what you say will be greatly
appreciated. I have already forwarded
him a copy of General Faig's letter,

I should of course be greatly pleased
to have the work read and studied
by the National Guard of Kansas,

This Sargent joins me in
kindest regards. Very sincerely yours

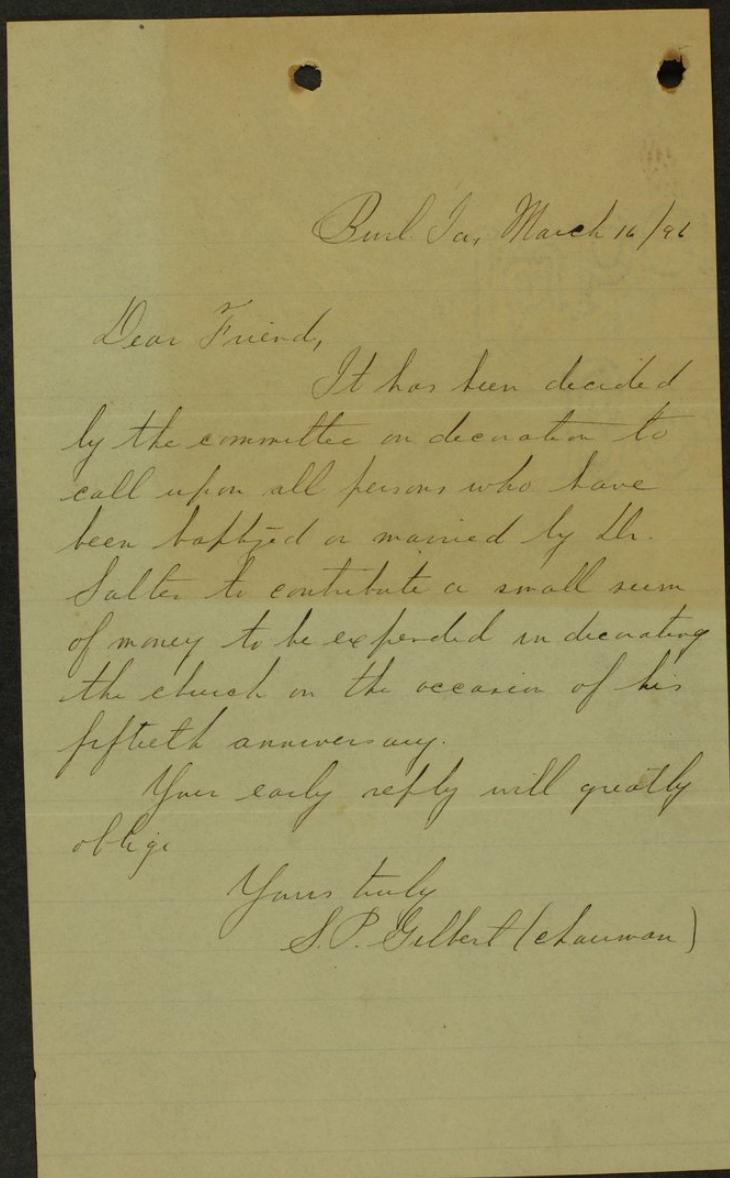
H. H. Sargent.

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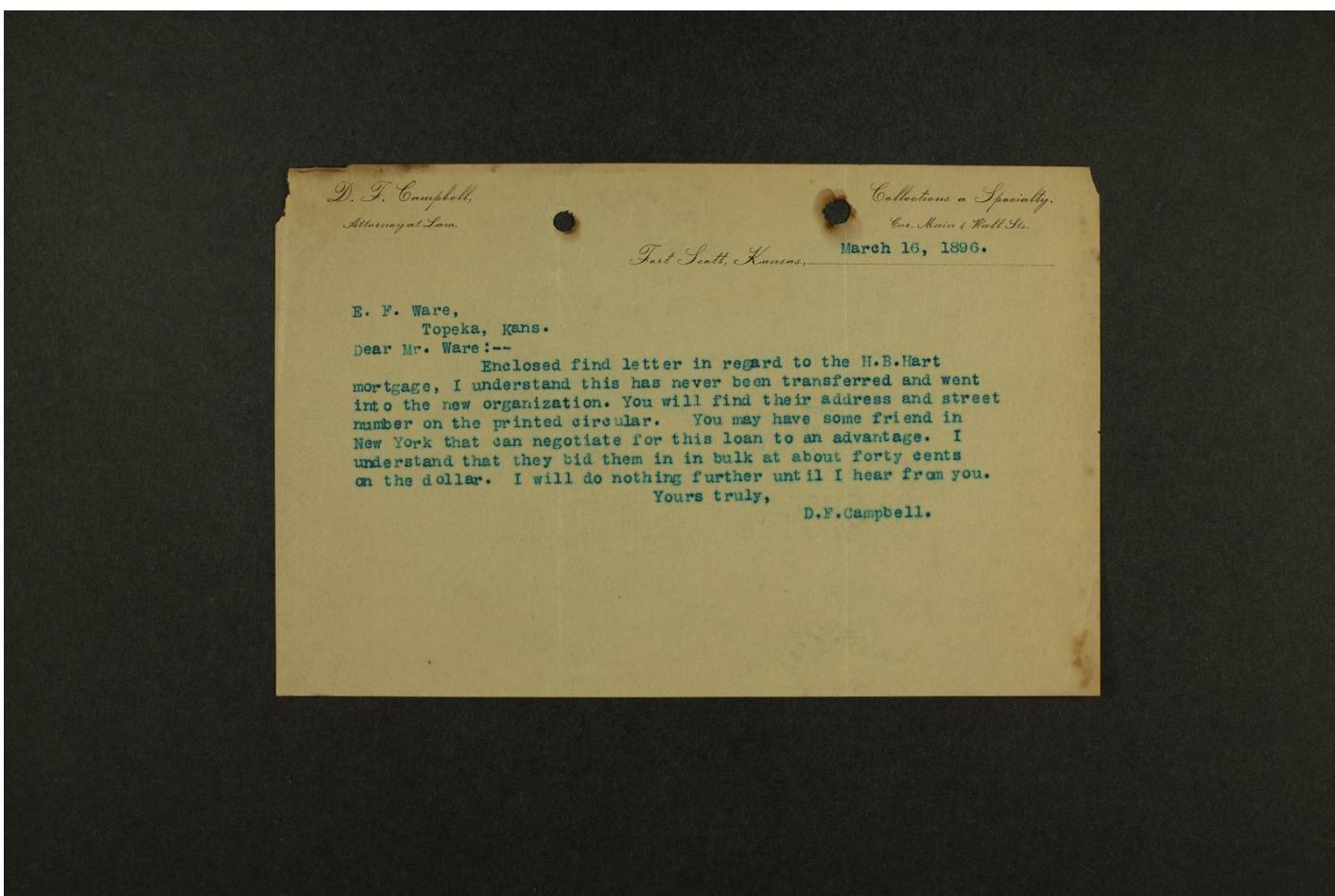
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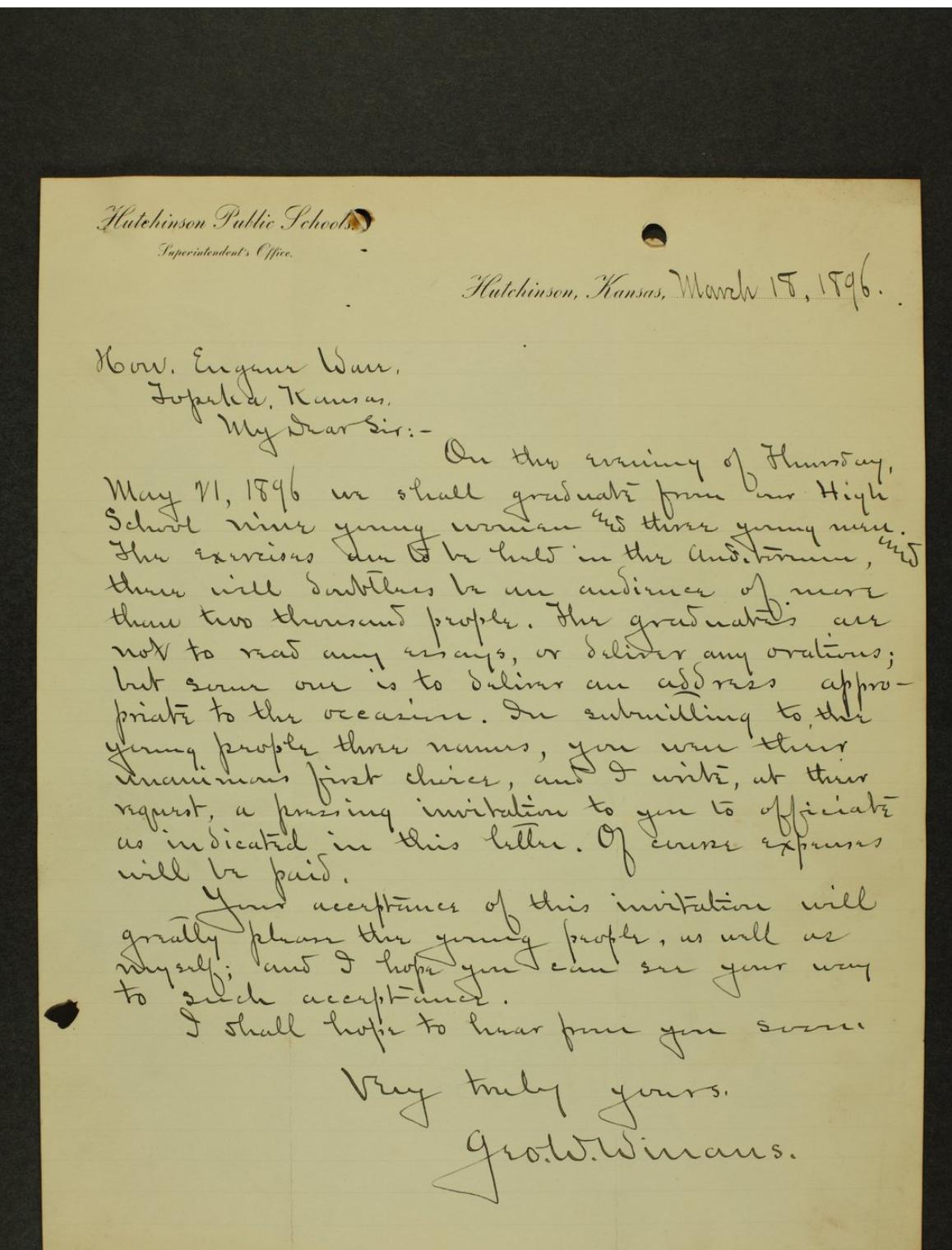


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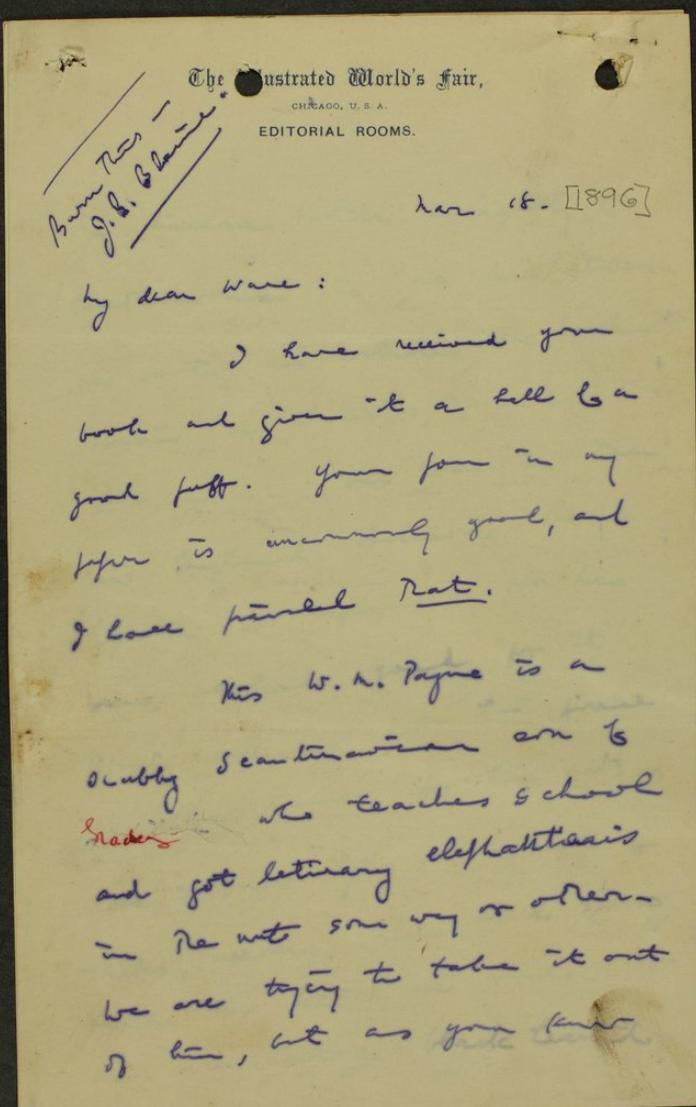


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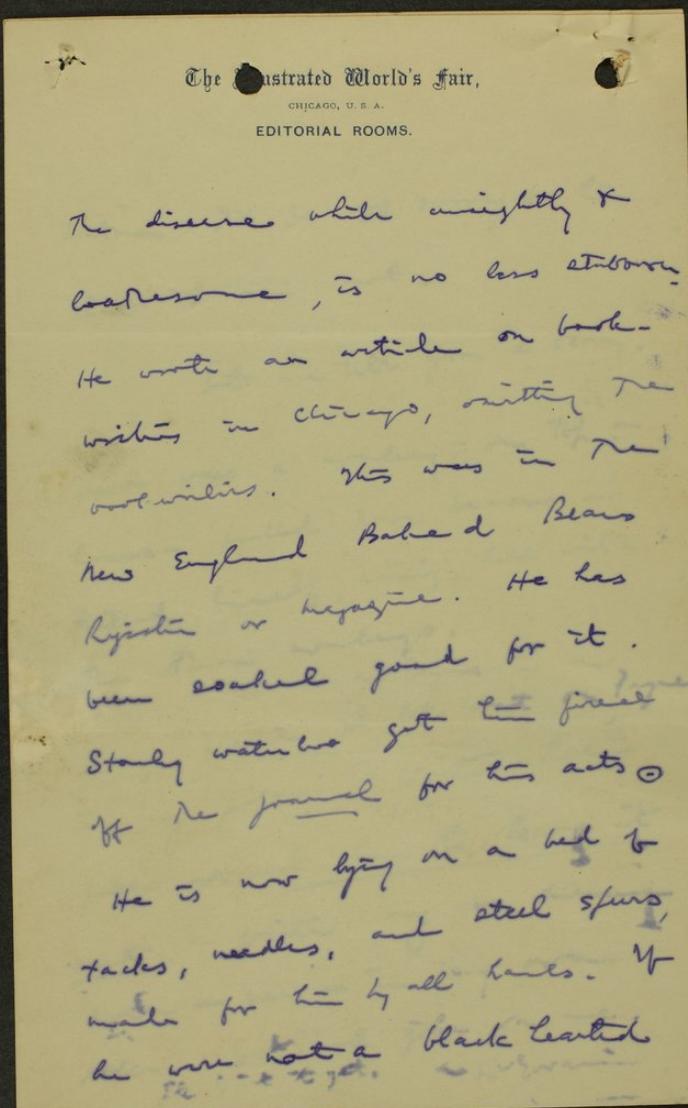


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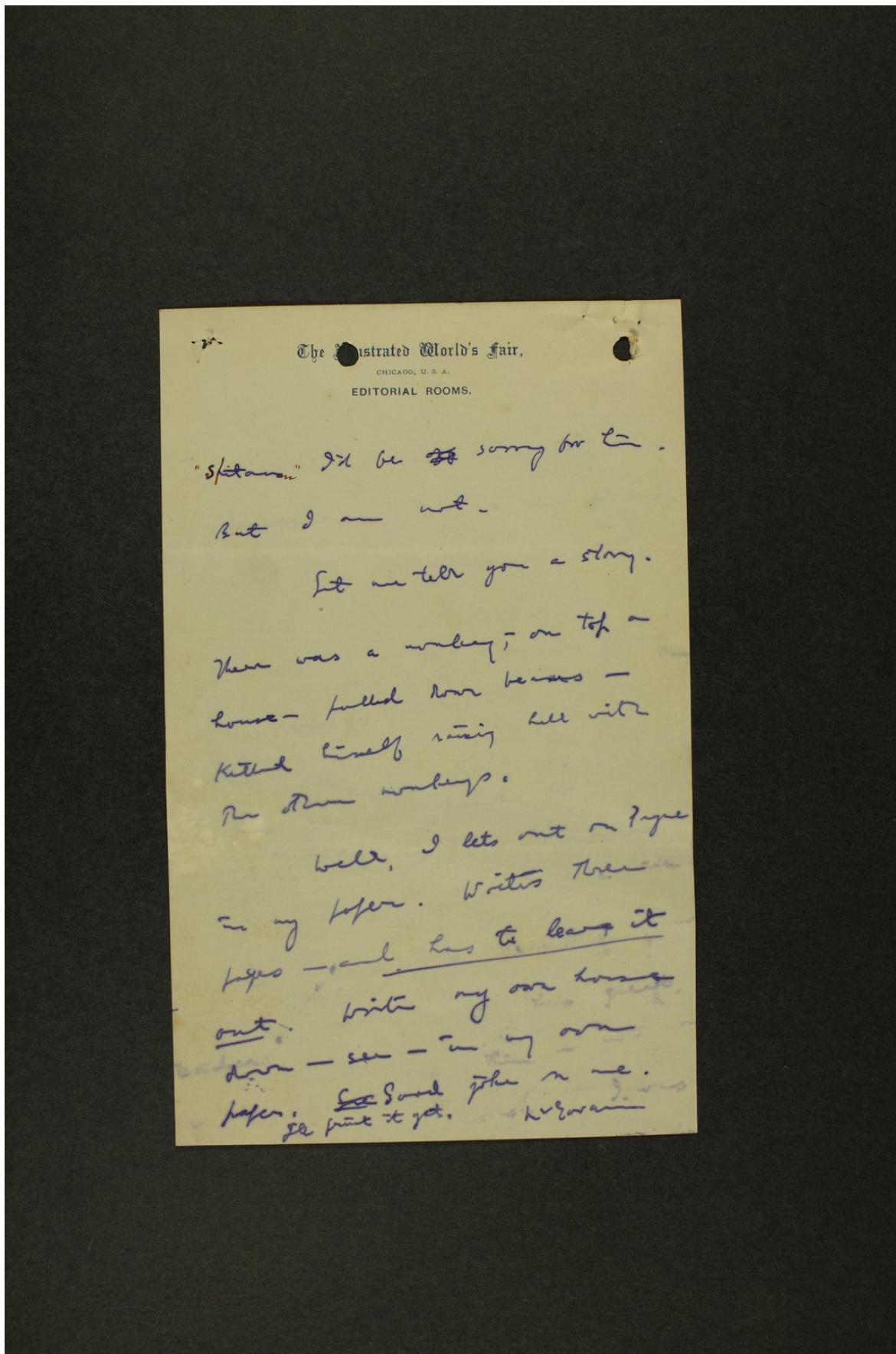


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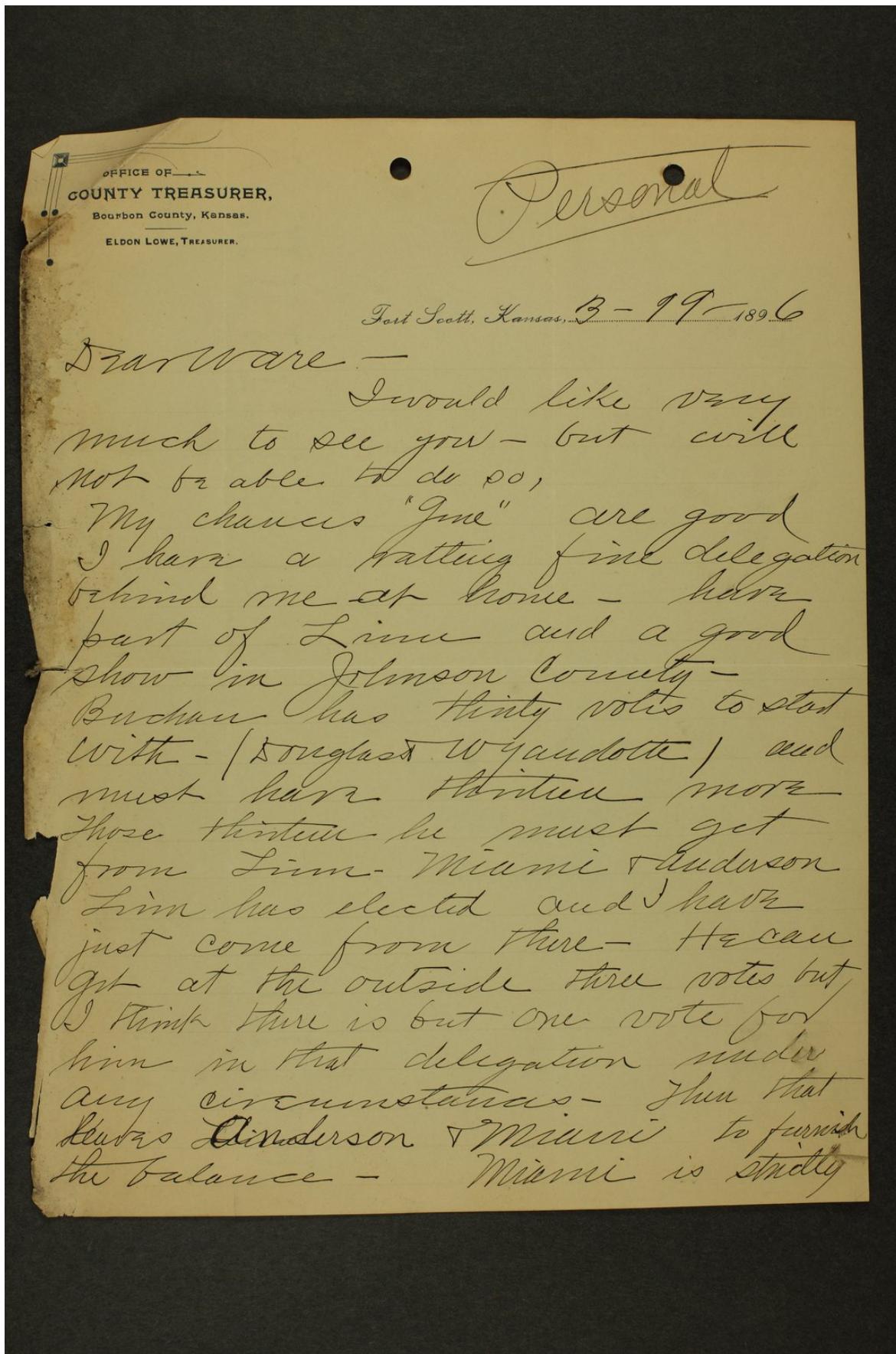


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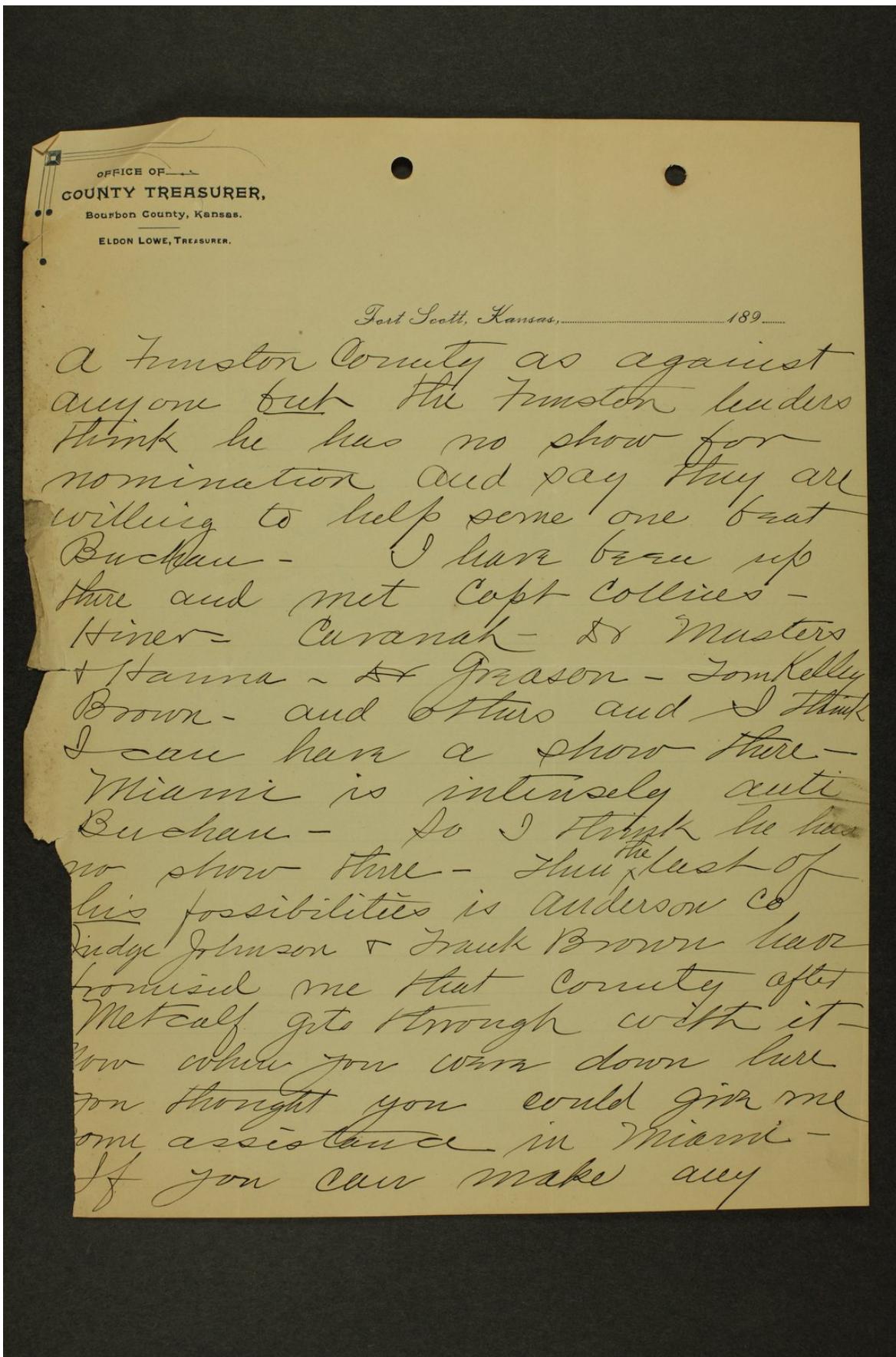


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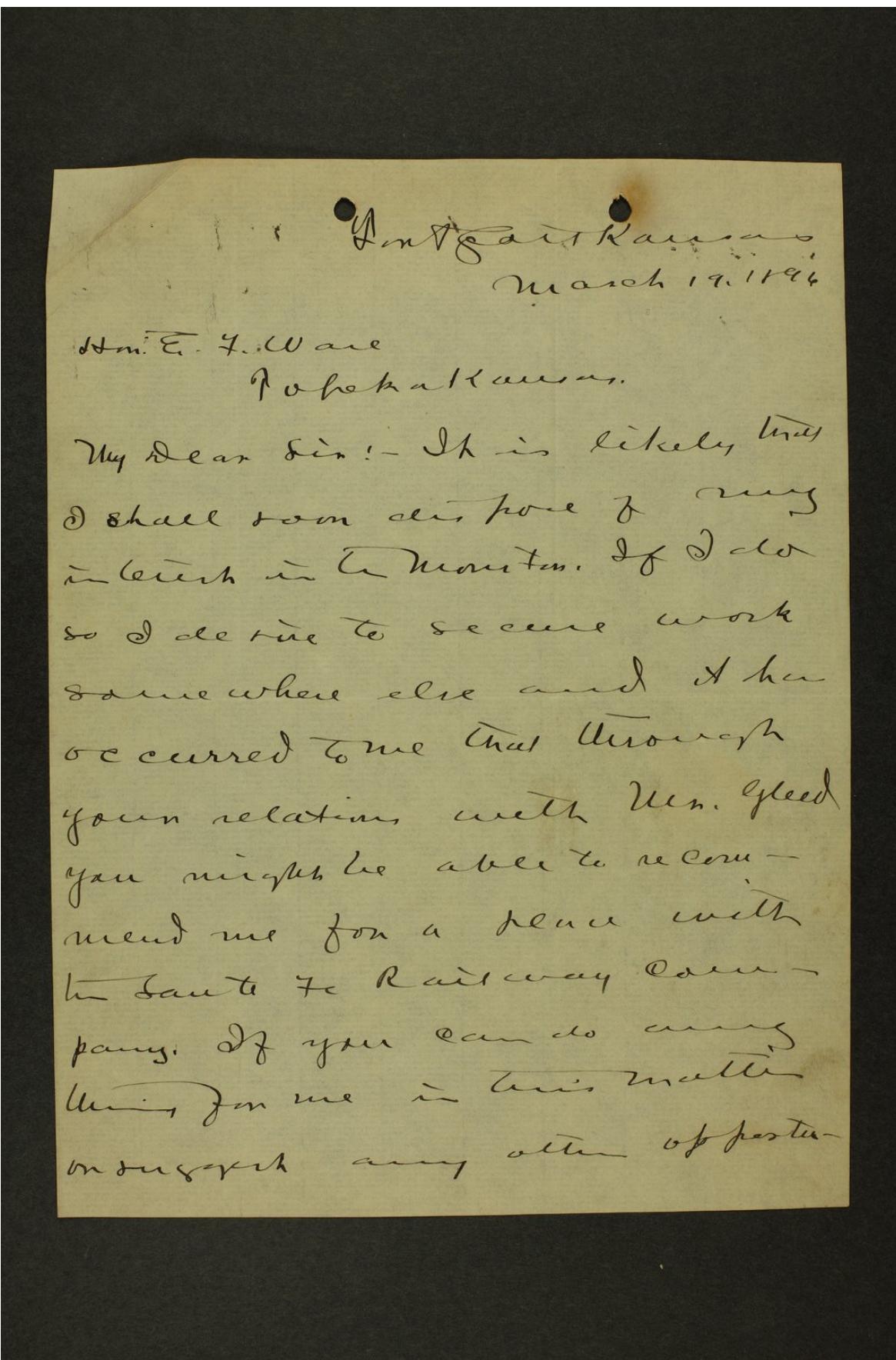


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only for employ me. I shall⁽²⁾
be very grateful.

Very truly yours
W. A. Laundon