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Isaac Goodnow correspondence

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This series of the Isaac Tichenor Goodnow collection includes sent and received correspondence of Isaac T. Goodnow (1814-1894) and also the correspondence of his brother, William E. Goodnow (1807-1876). This correspondence includes early courtship letters between Isaac and his future wife, Ellen Denison, as well as letters between William and his future wife, Harriet Paddleford. There are also several letters written by their brother, Jotham Goodnow. The correspondence is arranged in chronological order. Box 6 includes undated letters arranged by the first letter of the correspondent's last name. Isaac Goodnow moved to Kansas in 1855 and established the town of Manhattan and Bluemont Central College. He died on March 20, 1894.

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Perhaps you would be—
pleased to know what
I have been doing for a
few days past. We hired
a man to trim our old Apple
Trees. We had considerable—
Wool & brush to dispose
of. Uncle & myself spent
some time in hauling
the wood to the house
& piling the brush for
a bonfire. We also hauled
down all the sand & drift
wood fences required—
consequently had a good
lot of soft rubbish to
bring to the door. This being
the first work I have done
out doors this spring, I expect

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To keep on. I suppose my Grapes vines will need some attention soon, & then the garden to make a change. We have had so much rainy & cold weather people have now attempted to do much at Spring work.

I thank you very much for those fine blossoms you seem to be mindful of me in all things. Those caught my affecion. Your climate is far above of ours. We do not see blossoms now leaves yet concenterating on trees.

Then send those fire insurance bills of yours along. I read the snobal

interest that piece in the paper, description of Kansas. Wm. E. Goodnow Author. I think I spoke of Mr. Banfords sickness in my last. He is now recovering quite rapidly. He is to have one years rest from the ministry. They thinks of visiting this summer. I think they will be here some time in June or the first of July. Perhaps you would like to meet them here. I hear from Sister very often she spent nearly 4 months home last summer. I dare say you have seen your brother

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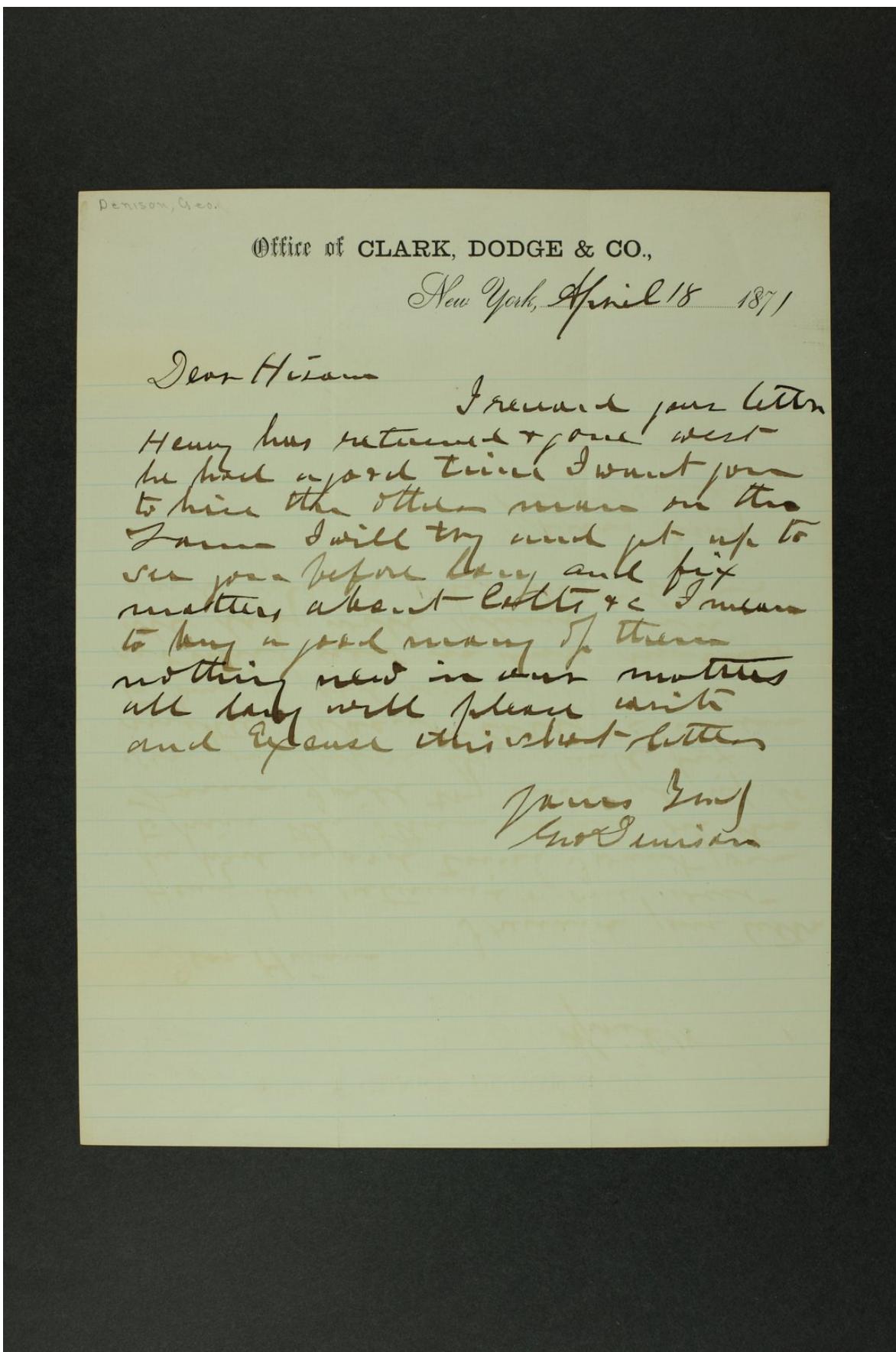
since his return from
the Coast, I have written
him once, as yet no reply.
Hope he arrived home safely.
I send his family well.
Please extend my kind
regards when you see him, or
write him. I will just
mention that, I am to
have the House painted
on the east side this
week, it has long required
the paint. I hope to have
things look as pleasant
as may be when ^{15th inst},
~~you~~ just come. Well I do
think you will now complain
of my writing briefly this
time, I have written just
as they like freely and
easily. I will

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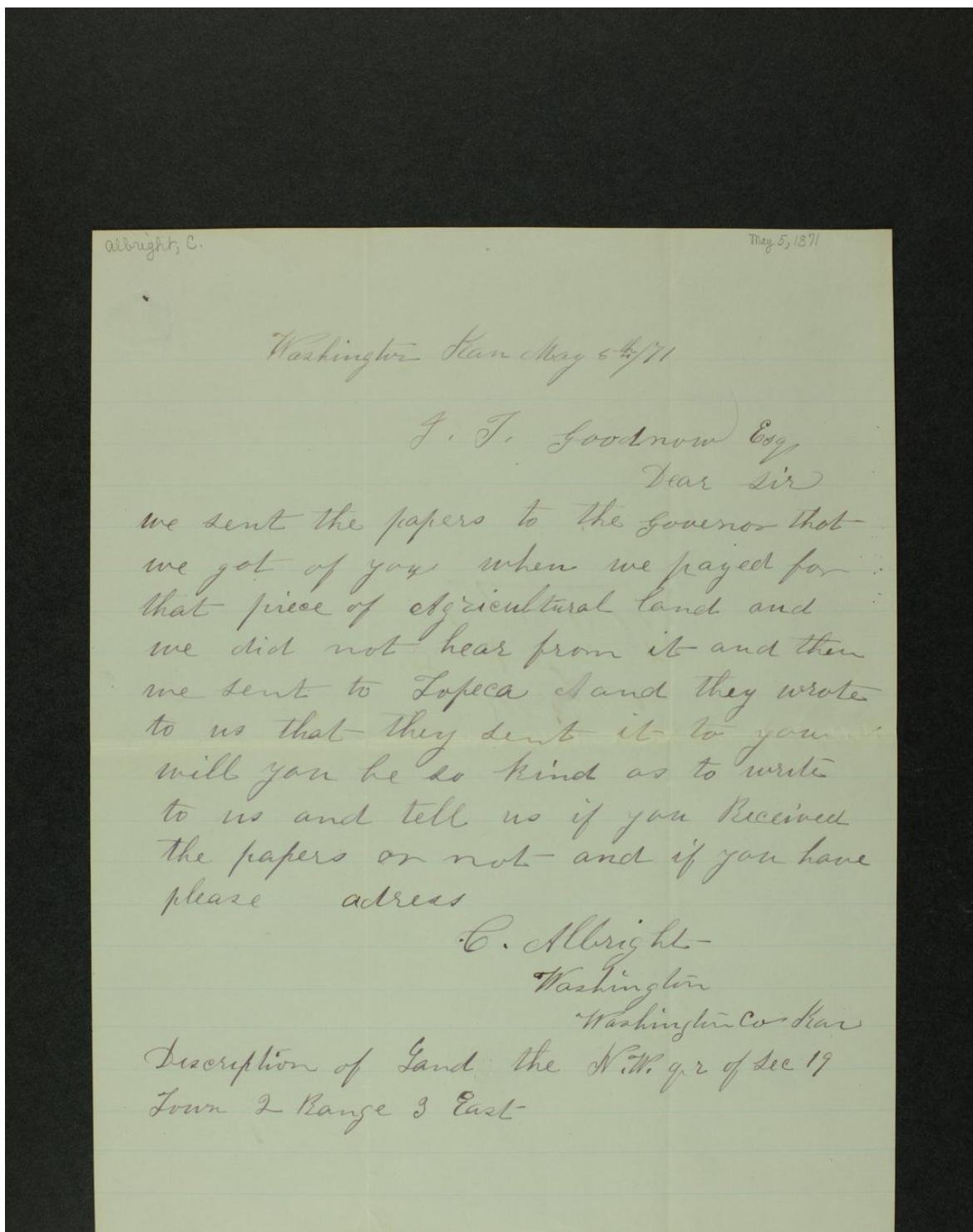


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In Nov ¹⁸⁵⁸ husband returned
with a new Melodeon as
present for me. The question
where shall it stand. But
one place the trap door that
leads into cellar the only
steady boards in the house.
All the shaky. When through
playing the only place was
in side the bed up stairs. To cumber
some to keep out as long as
the church was finishing.
(Then to the church)

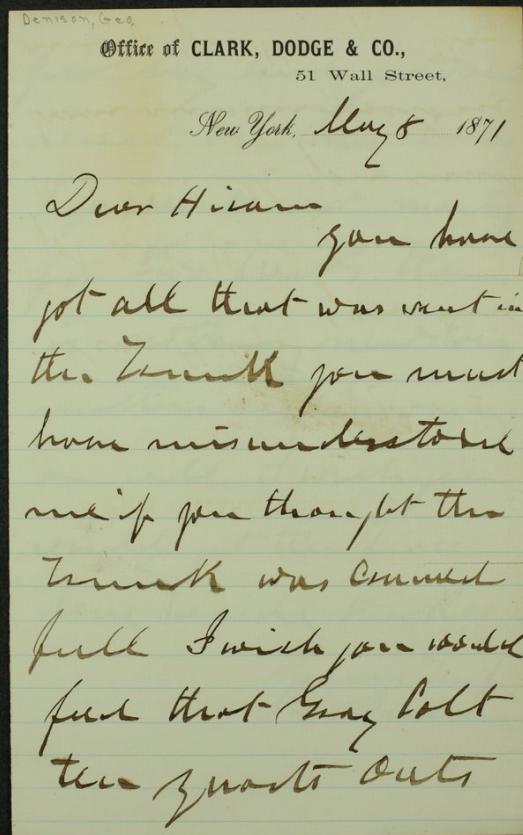
C. Albright
Dear Friend
Aug 10. 1871

MS. A. 1. 1 v. 14

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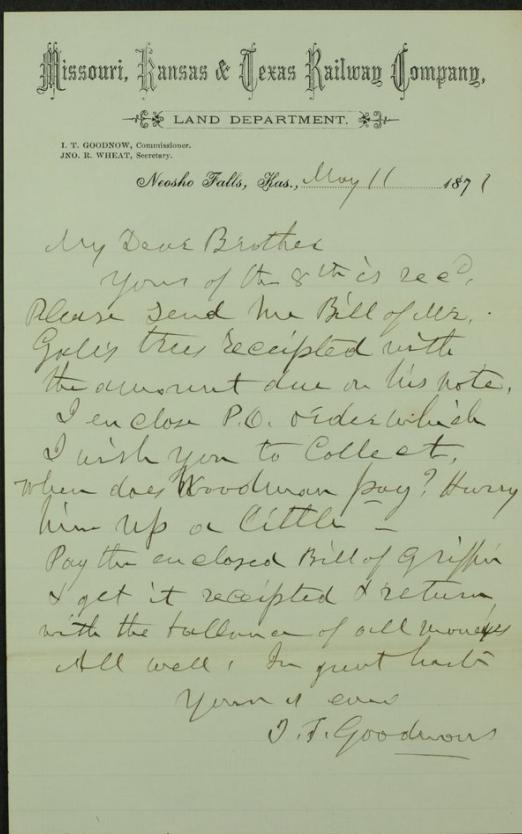
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Dear Sir
I am sorry to inform you
that I have not been able
to get any news from you
for some time now. I have
been very busy with my work
but have had no time to write.
I hope you will forgive me
for not replying sooner.
Yours truly,
Isaac Goodnow

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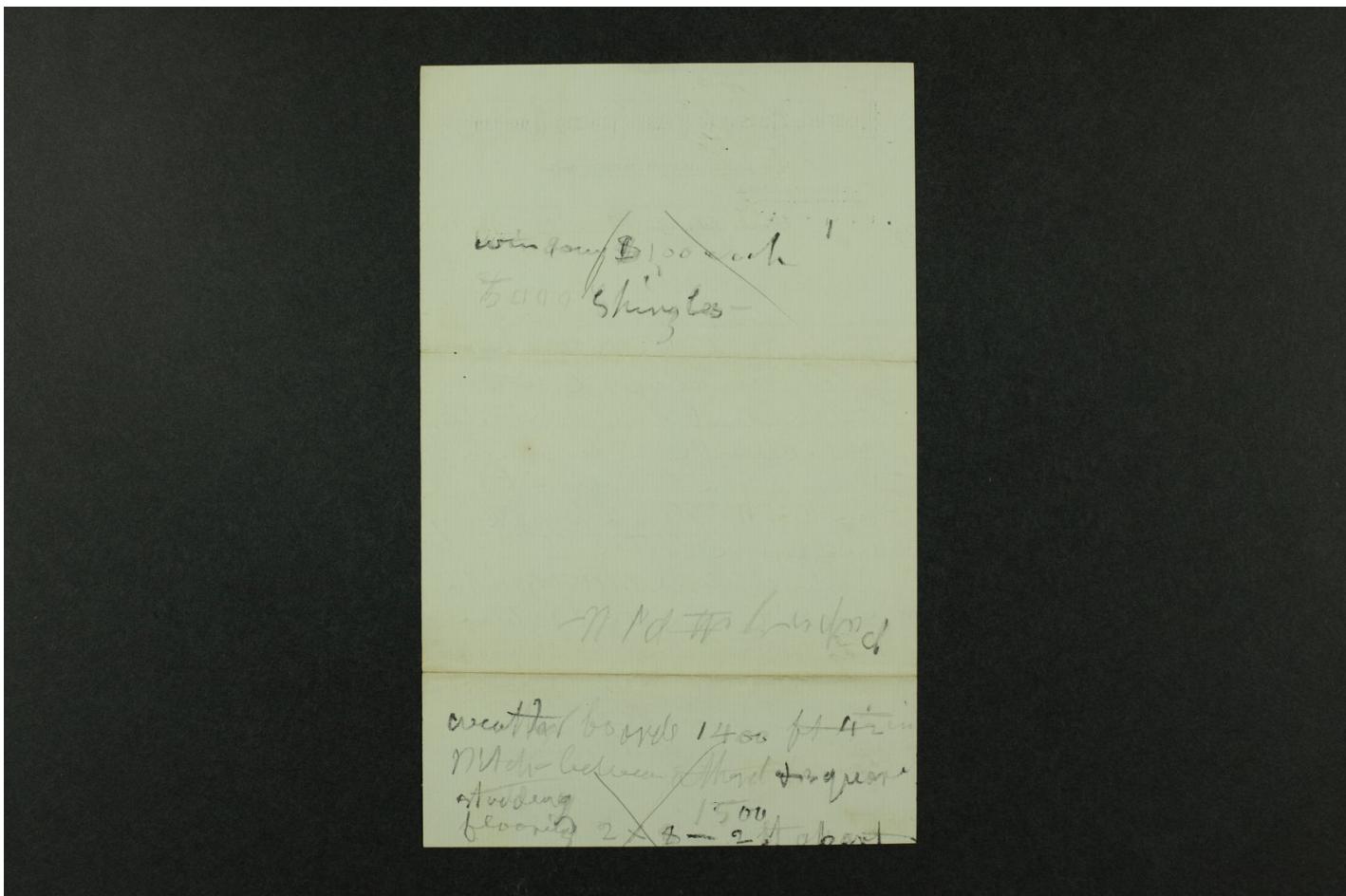
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Dear Sir my
Good & very
affectionate regards
I am sending you
some flowers
from my garden
yours very truly
W. C. Goodnow
May 14th 1842

Dear Friend Wilson
I send you with this some flowers
& sincere regards. I cherish for these
I will assume my pen being the subscriber
so often use them. But the chit
is beyond our command to copy.

I inclose your last missive
with as much promptness as you spoke
of receiving mine. Thank you
kindly for the same return.

I was so extremely busy
during the days of last week that
I could not possibly get time
to direct you my thoughts as I much
desired. I would feel so very tired
comes evening. I wanted to retire
much earlier than usual.

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I suppose you have felt a little disappointed returning from the office no letter from Aurora. I hope it may soon all the better when perused. We have just to do our farming. The rainy weather has had a tendency to backward farmers greatly. I think most of the people will plant wheat Potatoes they intend to this week. I hope to finish planting my beets in the garden before another rain. The weather indicates at the present time a cold & dry spell. The wind has been in a westerly direction for several days. I do not like such extremes & such sudden changes. I know Kansas must be the country most desirable. How soon it will be my good fortune to become a resident of the West - An inmate & house keeper of your nicely fitted pleasant dwelling. Am glad you speak of enjoying good health & happiness of mind. I think you must of improved your time very diligently to have accomplished so much in the line of transplanting fruit & ornamental trees. Our fruit trees have not bloomed yet. They are very heavily laden with buds, we have had a very late spring rather dryish. I suppose you have reverenced the Sabbath by attending church. The wind blew so cold & bleak I thought it wise for me to stay home as I would be walked. Our Presbyterian

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Minister has resigned
for the summer to
resticate for his health.
I think they do not now
sustain regular preaching.
The new Methodist Minister
gives good satisfaction thus
far, has a wife & 3 children.
Uncle Health is now very bad
He finds his strength rather
fails at steady labour.
I hear from my sister
often. They do not set any
time in particular when
to visit us. They may not
come till the first of
July. Your mentioned
of interesting to see with
us about the 17th of June
your birth day. I will
make calculations to speak
that memorable day with

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dear. I am hoping
we all meet with a
prosperity for our favor
in the course of the
ummer, & give provision
in the coming fall.
It is not wise for one
to have so much com-
of responsibility resting
on myself. I realize
the burden is resting on
my constitution.

I thank you for
your generosity in giving
me a long letter filling
up such a big sheet
of paper. My paper is
smooth this size I have
on hand at present.

The clock gives
me warning of
closing a clock. I close

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him for nearly 12 years
our family circle has
changed greatly in that
time. I think you would
be pleased to form his
acquaintance. I would like
to have you see all my
near relatives. Mr. H.
is not recovering very
fast from his sickness,
his disease was of such
a nature that it will
require months of quiet rest
to regain his health.

I have received a
short letter from your
brother since he visited
you. I shall answer this
soon, at my first
leisure moments.

I hope I may know
the interpretation of your

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not think I could
furnish you sense
enough to fill this sheet
than I can now
writing. I am trying
to get somewhat sleepy.
Please excuse me
if I draw these inopportune
remarks to a conclusion.

Those papers come
regularly from New York
support they are sent
direct from the printing
office. Please accept
my best good wishes
for the prosperity of all
your undertakings.

With affection & sincere
regards, & yours to enjoy
from your best friend
on Earth.

Wm. W. Brown

2d

You at your leisure.
I hope nothing interfere
with our during your
stay to cover our happiness
& great pleasure. I shall
be glad to meet you again.

I have very recently
received a letter from
my Elder Brother now
residing in Mattole Mexico
that he has made his
arrangements to start from
Brownsville Texas the first
of this month like a steamer
bound for New York Harbor
about 4 weeks voyage. Should
be detained in N.Y. a
sufficient time to purchase
goods, & then return hither
I think he may not
get here till some time
in July. I have not seen

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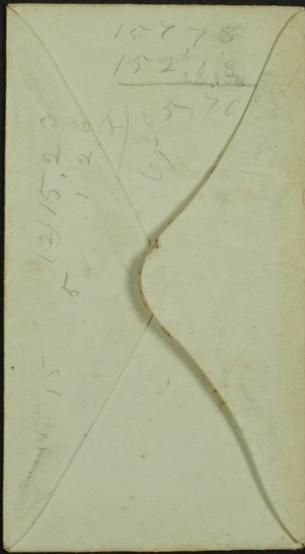
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Dear Br Willain
Yours is recd. Mr. Goode's
note was \$110. in the first
place, & was on interest nearly
a year, & should amount
to \$ some \$120. & in your
Account from Peaseell it
was \$104.20 I believe,
How is this? \$240.00 for the
Cottrells, total = 344.90
Please look into the matter, I can-
not see how that mistake about
Mr. Sofus lot could occur. I had
lot 27. in my mind all the time,
& wrote for the Deed, paid for it,
& gave Mr. Sofus a receipt for
\$20. towards the lot & I suppose
the rest of the lot is given in
that receipt, whether the lot
was on one side of his house or
the other, I suspect I was careless
about it, it was immaterial so
be that he was satisfied & accounted
for it. Look at his receipt.

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One thing is certain, lot. 27 is
bought of Barrows, & can't go back,
27. Kibbe's is not bought, &
I don't believe can be bought
~~at \$100~~, as he is in no hurry
to sell, - while Barrows would.
It was all the same to me which
lot Mr. Lofink had, only I
wanted him to have the one
that was cheapest as he is a poor
honest man. I suppose our lot is
just as good as the other, As our
is paid for & the other not, it
strikes me that Mr. Lofink had
better have the use of both as he
can, right along for years, till
he can finally buy Kibbe's!
I leave the money to Mr. Lofink to
accommodate him. If he is not ac-
commodated I cannot be in the way.
I propose, I am at a loss to know what
to do! Please talk me & the matter
with him, I will try & be up in
May, the last of the month. All well,
I wish you would haul the dirt away
from the apple trees, & put fresh dirt
in the place. It breaks up the roots

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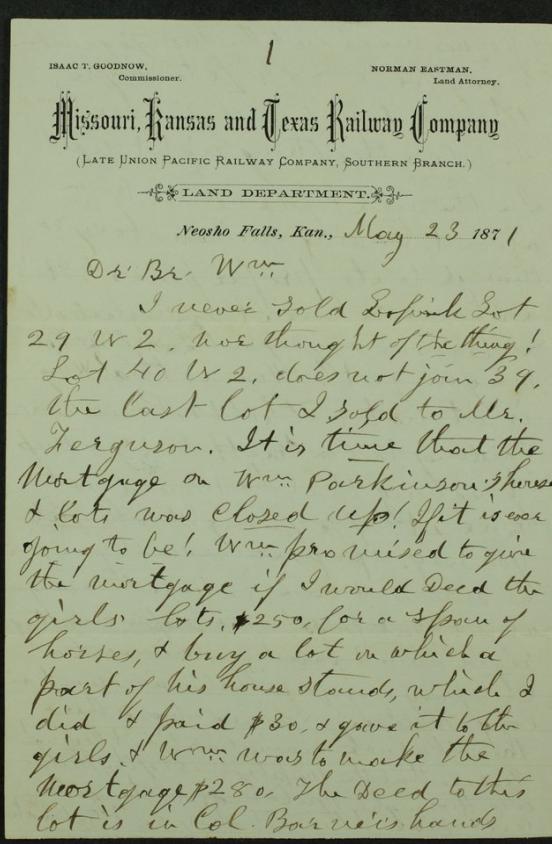
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I am ² down off for Parsons
I was down to New Chicago
last night to divide town
lots & to day or two evening
I go to meet R. S. Stevens
at Parsons. Will be back
in a day or two.
Keep me posted
on every thing pertaining to
the halton or the College.
Did you offer Youngée a
place to work? Will he
return? Ask Mr. Dension
if their College money is all
lying idle for the want of
investment?
In haste yours truly
I. S. Goodnow
May 16, 1871

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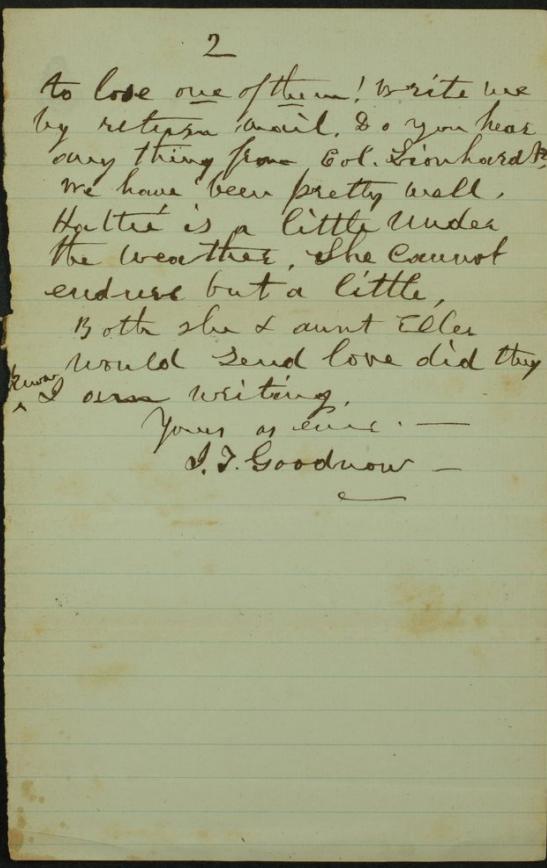
The has made out the mortgage all
ready for Wm & wife to sign,
1st See Barber, & 2nd See Wm.
I close the thing right up!

In the next place see Wm
about having Lucifer's body re-
moved to its proper place! It is
a shame to have it so neglected!
Solomon says you have the old
wagon yet! How is this? Why
is it not with Mr. Powers ac-
cording to Contract. Did you keep
it so long that he would not
have it? If so, you ought to keep fit
yourself. I propose to be with you just
as soon as I can, in time to arrange
about that pass! Our people are getting
rigid about pass! Gen. Dawson with a
company of New York Millionaires went a-
long yesterday, I dined aboard their
their Palace Sailing Car! fat living!
Beside that the Maples West of the Harbor
are thoroughly felled! Nothing else
will save them, they cost too much

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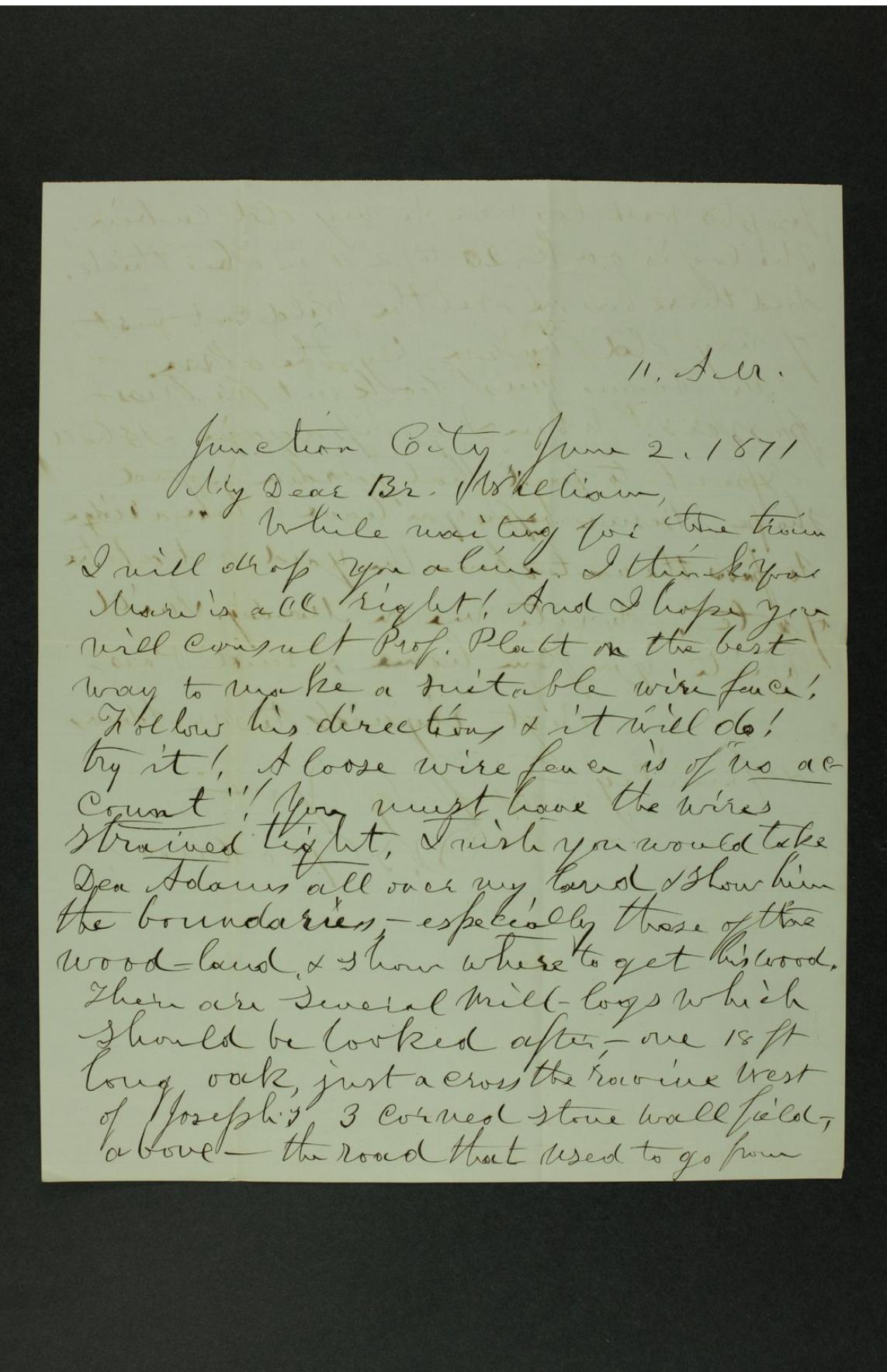


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Joseph's wall comes to my old cabin.
The log is oak, 20 to 24 inches thick.
And there was me over the Wildcat trail
of my old barn by the ~~elbow~~
Mr Adams must look out for trespassers!
When I go up again I shall
expect to find that garden in good
shape. Beside before you leave to have a ridge
to pass the water from the yard or at the
~~gate~~. Write me on Monday. I will
write you from home & send Paris.

Best regards to Mr Adams
& family — And truly yours

I. D. Goodnow,

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Waco, Tex., June 5, 1871

D. S. B. S., Wyo.

Have you ascertained
the residence of that runaway
Reese? Bring along the sta-
tistics! Say to Mr. Parish, if you
see him, to give an account of
where he got that spade of
mine! Make your fence tight
if you have to nail a board
all the way round, & don't kill
yourself over it! Tell one friend
Ed - Hunting to send along \$100
to buy a colt here, & you will
up, say, twenty in a sack &

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All well —
Yours very truly
with kind regards to Adeline
& family, & Ella —
Isaac T. Goodnow

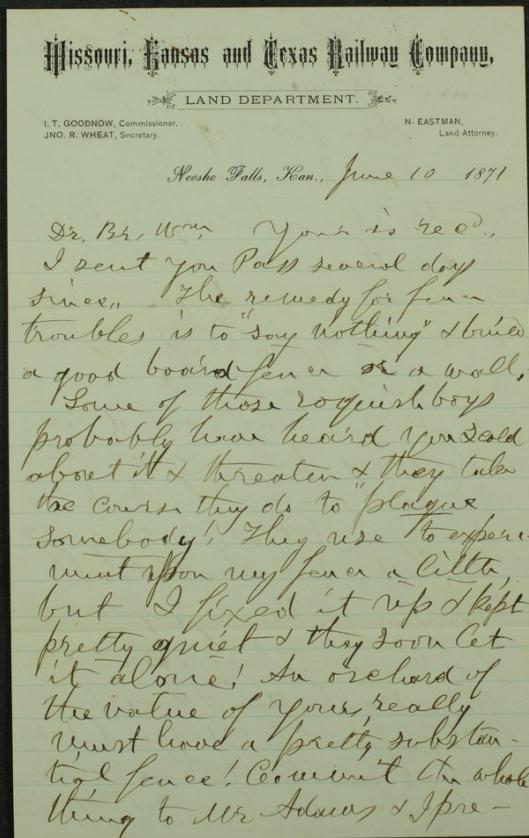
Arrange to go by Pittsburg
& see Frank.

N.B. Bring along \$50, from
Friend Woodburn, if you
can't get it —

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Dear Sir, I am sorry to say you bring up a very
grave all will be well,
The idea of being driven off.
an old Kansan, by a few
boy tricks is hardly in keeping with your early history.
I would not help you with
H. M. B., Go ahead, turn
neither to the right nor
left, You have worked too
hard & got nervous, best
will do you good, And
things will look entirely dif-
ferent. We shall look
for you on tuesday. If you
pass this carriage, telegraph me
from Manhattan, & I will
telegraph to Ticket Agent U.K.
& get you a train to New Concord
to pass you down here. Best regards
to all. Yours & family, Isaac Goodnow