

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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I have the following offer to make
to Genl Davidson: I will sell him
3 acres of the pasture adjoining him
for \$75 per acre, & he shall pay
whatever the wall cost next to
the road, opposite the Boarding house.
This is just what I paid for the land
at the lower end of my pasture.
He of course, must build the wall
between me & the 3 acres I sell
him. Let me know at the earliest
moment what the Genl. decides
upon! I did think I would sell
to me one but the Genl. really
ought to have it!

What do you think of the idea of sow-
ing of grass seed on the pasture be-
tween the barn & the field?
just before a rain, I wish those
weeds kept down & as few cattle
in the pasture as possible this
Summer, not more than one cow
& one horse! Sell of your animals
to pay debts! How about that?

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of the lots? Let me know
at once! Will the 2 trees come
within the 3 acres, or into the pas-
ture? Rosmussen can play such a
game on me! Some lawyer
is just fooling him! to get a
fee out of him! I shall not
fill my contract exactly!
And calculate he will.
If he agreed to defer the work
awhile as you say he did, & then
we agreed to defer to accom-
modate him, this makes it
even. And it is a plain equi-
table case! If he is not satisfied,
I will leave it out to justice,
& save the lawyer's fees. Men
will have to decide it, in either
case. Who are the lawyers in town?
& what one is fooling him?
Can't you get Geo. Higginbotham
or some good man to talk to
Rossmussen?

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I enclose you 2 tax-receipts
for to pay - last half of the tax,
& return at once. I have also
rec'd. Pillsbury's report on survey
of land, charge #3.

Balance due you now,	1,39
2 tax-bills enclosed	1,45
Pay Pillsbury	3,00
total	= \$5,84

I enclose check on Bank #584.
Can't tell yet when we will
go East probably about the
1st or 2 week in June.
Can't describe our journey West
this time, Grand beyond de-
scription! Will tell you
sometimes write soon.

All send love!

Your truly

I. J. Goodnow

Got one word from Solomon!
I think this very singular! to
say the least! Sent Pillsbury's receipt.

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Stephen French, President. L. S. Sawyer, Vice President. J. N. Hutchins, Cashier.

THE
First National Bank
OF
Manhattan, Kansas May 10 1876

A. GALT & CO. ST. LOUIS.

Isaac Goodnow
Wesha Falls

Dear Sir: Yours of
the 8th received, We credit your
a/c \$100. and charge you \$60
as requested.

Respt
J. N. Hutchins
Cashier

\$100. from French.

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Earl, H. S.

New Baltimore May. 11th 1876

I. S. Goodnow Esq.

My Dear Brother.

Yours of the 8th is before me. I think I will take the land & yet cannot say positively. You would greatly oblige me if you would send me a full description of the premises. Has any improvements been made, is it well watered and is the adjacent territory occupied if so by whom?

I would also like to know if the figures you have given are the lowest possible price you can take!

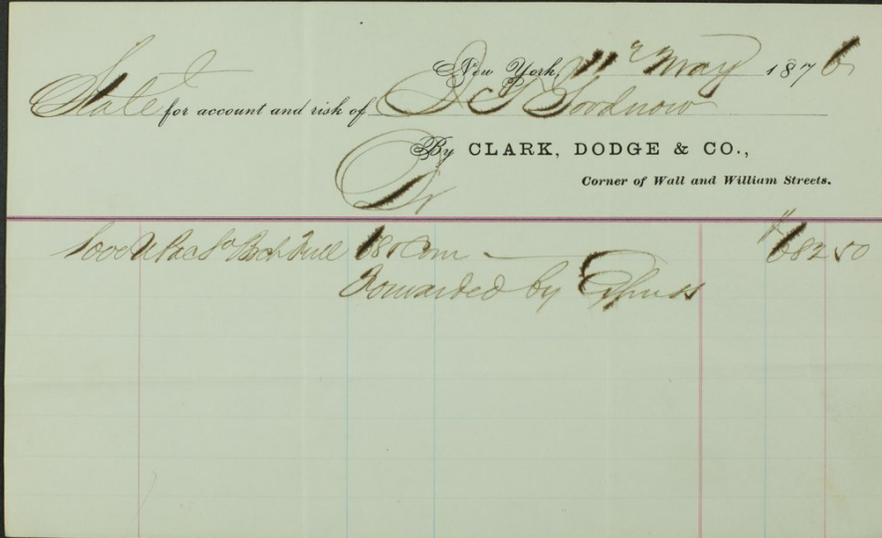
Mr. Mandeville of the Aurora Summary has been negotiating with me in reference to a ~~by~~ section 2 1/2 miles from Colony on the line of the L. L. & G. R. R. This he offers me at \$4.50 pr. acre 25 pr. Cent off -

While awaiting your answer I will try and raise the money -

Most sincerely yours

H. C. Earl

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Box 1829,
P. O.

Office of CLARK, DODGE & CO.,

New York, 11th May 1876

Isaac Goodnow Esq
Kansas

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 9th inst., with enclosures
as stated, is received. \$82⁵⁰ your debit —

Respectfully yours,

CLARK, DODGE & CO.

J. D. Dodge

Statement herewith your debit for Bond sent
by Express as directed

Bonds not plenty, & in view
of interest payment, & improved
prospects of road firmly held.

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Cheney, W. E.
Warren
and family
were called
the last we
heard from
them and
nothing at
all

1876
Coria, Aug 13

Dear Sister

It is a long time since I heard any thing from you, and do not know which of us wrote last but I have had it in my mind that I wrote last. I have been wanting to hear especially since we heard of the sudden death of our dear brother George Hiram wrote in February and said he would write again when he learned about his affairs and him, I suppose you have heard perhaps more about him and his business than I know. I do not know what his ideas were in respect to a future state but suppose he was a believer in christianity if he had not united with a church

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and hope that all was well. I was away six weeks last fall with his soul. I was very thank at Demsons and Johns come home full for Jos. Josephs visit last year. The first of December, Demson and heard more about the relatives has three sons, the youngest was and friends than I expected to soon the twentyseventh of January hear, I told Joseph that my health Lucy went there the first of Feb. was better than it used to be but, and stayed three months, when I should have made an exception she came home she brought the I think that I was too active for oldest Herbert with her, he is a few one of my years, and as I had stirring fellow not quite three years been subject to howell complaint old yet, his eyes are very much had my health ran down when warm mixed people said that they looked weather came on so that I had like Jos. Josephs, very black to take advice ^{and medicine} from a number of the second one is of a different physicians. I have not been confined stump blue eyes very brightly and to the house at any time except unning but does not talk so young a while last winter the girls and as Herbert did his name is Ernest I had the catarrhal fever and then they are living in Miami county a few miles from Troy about six miles we were not confined to our rooms from Digna the Sabier family are scattered but coughed as bad as any one in ed Mary went out to Indiana to stay a while with Galla and found a widow we fully recovered or there and came back and was married

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not have not
heard of the
Dr. A. Lynn
since last
summer do
not know
what Emma
is doing must
write soon
if possible
your wife
is young
in her
since she was
here last sum
mer she
must have
went to find
it but she

Charles is married and lives in Troy
Marcellus works with him I believe.
I suppose you heard that the old lady
of Grandmother lives with us, as her children
are dead she has been here two years
she is eighty one, is able to take care
of her room in a common way and make
her own clothes but cant do much to
help us, we have to do her washing and
ironing her grand children give her
small presents sometimes and visit
her not very often. I suppose Josephs
family are scattered and I fear some
that this letter will not reach you
as business is so changeable, please
write soon and I will try and write
again I find that as time advances
that my labors are not less but find
an abundance to do N. E. Phony

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Neosho Falls, Kan May 15, 1876

My dear Br. Wm.

I wrote you quite hastily Friday P.M. will add a little to day.

Mr Brush can own the place, if this was your understanding, & have the use of 365, & 366. this year by paying the taxes. Then, if I think best in the fall to pay him or you \$25. farther for it can remain, otherwise he can remove it!

If you can secure lot 134. by paying \$25 cash, & the balance in some thing that you can allow to go on your property, all right! But I have too much in lots to invest much cash in any more lots!

Has Linhart moved his family to Louisville, & has he any idea of holding his 7 section? He has paid nothing on it, & Sommer will not be likely to hold it long for him, without his paying down at least, one fourth cash.

You spoke of deeding me your lots in Newhutton! How does it stand? Is my deed of Deacon House &c, recorded?

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Who is keeping house for you & do you
keep bachelors hall? Where's Mrs. Hoey &
how is she? When does her uncle go East
& what does Alvin decide upon?

I hardly think it best to sow grass
seed on pasture so late, wish it had been
done in March! Keep the weeds from going
to seed & do not pasture the ground much
this summer & I think it will recover it-
self partially!

Have just recd. your P. C. of the 12th
My advice to you is that you make
every thing bend to paying old debts.
Sell off any thing you have not abso-
lutely necessary for you to keep. You
need one horse & buggy for your own com-
fort. Most other things you can sell,
Sell that mow! Do you leave my
house alone! Seems to me this is a
little dangerous! We have just heard
that the \$10,000, barn of Hiram Sawison
Coleman has been burned with all its
contents, - incendiarianism! Poor fellow!

Your truly,
I. S. Goodnow

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Weeews, N.A. -

White City May 16th /76

Mr Goodnow,

Dear friend I
have just received your letter it
found me quite poorly, I had
almost made up my mind I
would not write any more
until I felt better for every body
will get tired of hearing me
complain, I do suffer & no one
realize how much, I went to
Parsons hoping to get well but
instead I began to run down
I see plainly that if I ever reached
home again that I had to start
when I did I put my best foot
forward & started Mr Wood was
very kind to me he fixed a bed
for me so I got home better than

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I expected but I have suffered
ever since known debility & I
think ^{the} ⁱⁿ ^{say} ^{the} ^{climate} ^{and} ^{agree} ^{with}
desperate we have tried
to get some Graham flour here
but cant I dont have any appetite
it seems sometimes if I had some
kind of fruit I could eat it but
I presume I could not, I am now
taking a preparation of steel
have got a big pill to take to night
to act on my liver I do not rest at
night in a good deal of pain all
over I try to be patient but find
sometimes that I murmur oh I wish
I was a good woman I am weary
of all I suffer I ought not to complain
the Dr ^{at} ^P said if I lived through
this summer I would be better but
he gave me but little encouragement
I hear from Ben & Grand he they are
well Ben has gone to printing thinks
some of going to Centennial

Mr Weeks is breaking ground has
gone to Junction City this afternoon
with Mrs Fisher & son they took her
husband up there to Ben he came
here last winter bought a farm next
to ours was taken sick soon after &
died yesterday) My girl is with
me the one I have had all along
the little boys go to the city to
school all well but me
there has been a man around to
see Mr Weeks about this 20 acres
they claim it belongs to the
Ho-P Road I dont know how
they will settle yet am so
tired shall have to close love
to all your friend
I write soon
M A Weeks

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Gardiners, H.C.

East Weymouth, Mass.
May 16th 1876.

Dear Bro. Goodnow,

Your kind letter came last evening. I had already decided not to go to Boston as a ^{neighbor} friend of mine has just had to pay the \$700 besides suffering greatly; I have not strength to bear the treatment. God seems to have opened a better way for me. I am going to Dr. Lessey, of Philadelphia who has been celebrated twenty five years for his skill in curing cancers and is above the suspicion of charlatanism. Sister Emory told me how he cured her mother of a bad cancer in the corner of her eye which had spread in back of the eye and out in her nose. It had twice been operated on by eminent physicians of Philadelphia and was in a bad condition indeed, so that she was given up to die when she went to Dr. Lessey. He thought she would have to lose her eye but had no doubt he could cure the cancer. But he saved the eye also. It is six years ago and she has had no trouble with it since. Dr. Holwick

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has a cancer cured by him 18 years ago which had been operated on six times without any benefit. Did you know Dr. Hollick? He was connected with the Bible Society at New York. My husband knew him. Dr. Leasby is a devoted Christian, and, although his practice is immense, he does not get rich, because he treats poor people so cheaply. I wrote to him, telling him just how I am situated and he sent a most kind and encouraging answer, saying that his price should be so light as to be scarcely more than nominal and telling me when I could have a home close by with a friend of his. Sister Gracey is going on with me, and Mrs. Tracy is arranging so that I shall have no care on the road. Every thing is so pleasantly ordered that I feel as if the hand of Our Father was guiding me. Dr. Leasby's treatment is not painful and it kills the cancer in from 15 to 40 minutes, sometimes 20. He applies something that deadens the sensation. He says that if I am in a condition to have it treated as soon as I arrive, it will be entirely well in

two or three weeks. I expect to go about the first of June. I feel very grateful for the interest you feel for me and should certainly write to the parties mentioned by you, if this way had not providentially opened for me.

Please believe that I appreciate to all your efforts to save me trouble and expense about those letters. May our God repay you. If all goes well I shall go to the Niagara by the middle of July and should be most happy to greet you there.

The reduced fare to Philadelphia makes the expense of travel greatly less. For my nurse and myself it will only cost about 25⁰⁰ to go and return. We go by Norwich so as to have the night's rest on the boat. The round ticket without state room is 10⁰⁰ from Boston. So you see that what I shall get for that land will be quite a heap. I take it for granted that you are interested in all this.

Good by. God bless you. With love to Mrs. Tracy
I am truly yours
H. C. Gardner

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Box 1829,
P. O.

Office of CLARK, DODGE & CO.,
New York, 19th May 1876

I. S. Goodnow Esq
Chicago Wells
Kansas

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 16th inst., with enclosure
as stated, is received. \$1105 - your credit

Respectfully yours,

CLARK, DODGE & CO.
J. W. Dodge

We have statement your debit 2000 U.P. Bank Draft
Cheques sent you by Express as directed
The Bank continue scarce the
price here is governed by the price in Holland
cannot probably buy more
under 69.

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Stephen French, President. T. H. Sawyer, Vice President. J. H. Knapp, Cashier.

**THE
First National Bank**
OF
Manhattan, Kansas May 20 1875.

A. GAST & CO. ST. LOUIS.

Isaac Goodnow Esq.
Washo Halls

Dear Sir, Yours of the
19th received with enclosed as
stated. We credit you up \$299.20
Charge your account \$50 draft on
New York as requested. We received
judgment against the Citizens
Bank of North Topeka in the U.
S. District Court for \$4500. Which
is virtually the Wilson matter
Don't know yet whether they
will take an appeal or not
The Davis case stands as it is
until the June term U.S. Circuit
Court. We are buying some of the
claims for \$0.25 on the dollar
Perhaps will buy them all. The
Kerry Bridge case will be tried.

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before Judge Morton soon now
French's family about as
usual Mrs. F's eyes faint her
great deal, ~~French's eyes~~
which troubles him now
Where is J. Goodnow Allyn's
residence

Receipt
J. N. W. W. W.
Cash

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Denison, H. L.

Colerain, May 22nd 1876

My dear Sister

Your letter of 11th was received in due time. It is true that the Barns were burned on the night of the 7th Sunday, and was the work of an incendiary. Eauline's father was quite low and not expected to live long and as she was not able at that time to Mr. Stewart to see him. I went after tea and got back at 8 o'clock in the evening and put the horse in Barn without a light and at 1/2 past 8 went to bed. Eauline and Webster went to bed after; ~~at~~ at about 1/4 before 11 were awakened by the fire in the Barn. I was asleep and was awakened by Webster. The main Barn was full of fire. The cattle were bellowing where we left the house but the noise

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ceased before we could get to the Barn and it was impossible to get into the stable. We got into the horse barn and got out one horse, the only one in this Barn and some waggons and sleighs but could not save the harnesses, saddle etc. Two Horses that were in the barn cellar were burned. There were burned six very nice Cows, two Calves, two Horses, 15 tons nice Hay, 4 tons Oak straw, 3 tons nice Hay straw worth 16 per ton, 2 Carts, 2 two horse sleds, 1 wagon, 1 Hay Tedder, 7 Harnesses, Hay Cutters, Fan mill, Horse hay fork, Shovels, forks, rakes, axes, Axes, saws, and a variety of tools too numerous to mention. The Barns were insured for \$9000, and the Hay and Grain for \$600, but there was no insurance on the stock or other property. The other buildings came very near burning but were saved by very strenuous exertions. They took fire a number of times.

We had to watch the cinders for several days as the remains continued to burn for a week. In doing this and trying to get a clue to or trace of the incendiary has occupied all my time since the fire.

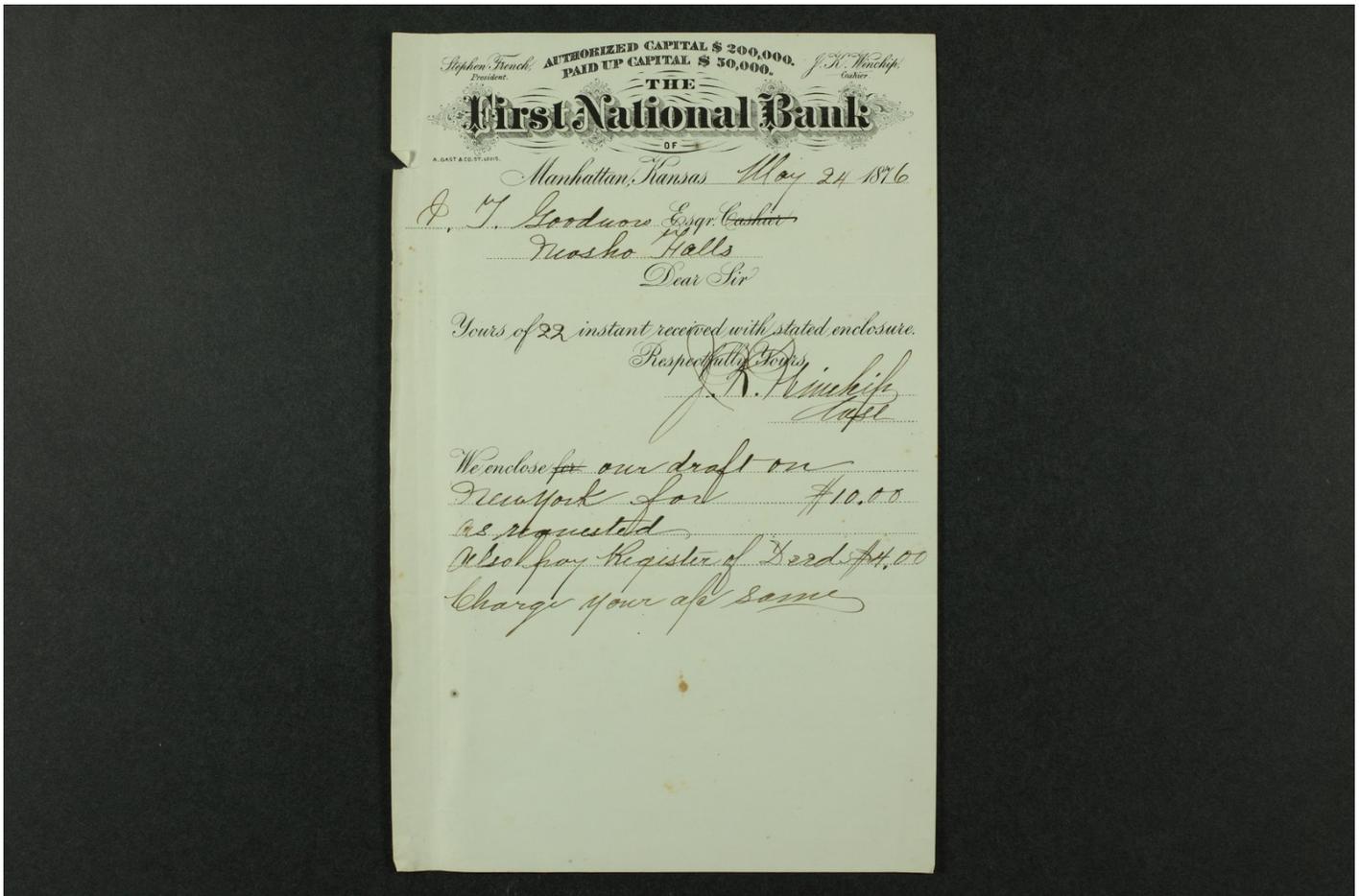
A man who worked here when you were here and who is ugly and was supposed to be in Hartford was seen just below Griswoldville that night just at dark coming this way and I can get no other trace of him. When Webster got to the Barn the Bull dog in the horse barn was barking with all his might and trying to get into the main Barn. As soon as the door was opened leading into the yard he dashed into the yard and rushed for the door where the incendiary entered the barn and took his track and followed it with all his might out of the yard and down the road and in a short time followed it back. A few minutes before the alarm was given a wagon came down through the village and was gone the next short time and then went back into a very

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rapid speed and up the mountain very fast.
There is no doubt that the route was in the
waggon and I think was met between here and
the village and escaped in that way.
A detective is working the matter up and
does not want it known that he is doing so.
There is nothing left of the buildings, as they
burned completely up. There were several
thousand dollars worth of that the insur-
ance does not cover. — You ask what
I am going to do. I have not decided yet.
I am going to wait until my affairs
are closed up before I decide. You
say your relatives are too busy to write
you or don't care to. I have been busy.
I have helped others a great deal and
now find I must help myself and get
straightened out the best way I can. Charles
Allen was benefited 8 to 10 thousand dollars
but would not lend me 40 for a month to save
me just before I left New York. I have now
all I can do. When you come to Orange you
can write me and I will let you know whether
I can come there or not.

Yours truly,
H. S. Devison.

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Capital and Surplus, \$110,000.

P. B. PLUMB, President. W. T. SODEN, Vice President. L. T. HERITAGE, Cashier.

EMPORIA NATIONAL BANK.

Emporia, Kansas, *5/24* 1876.

*Now I have not
made full.*

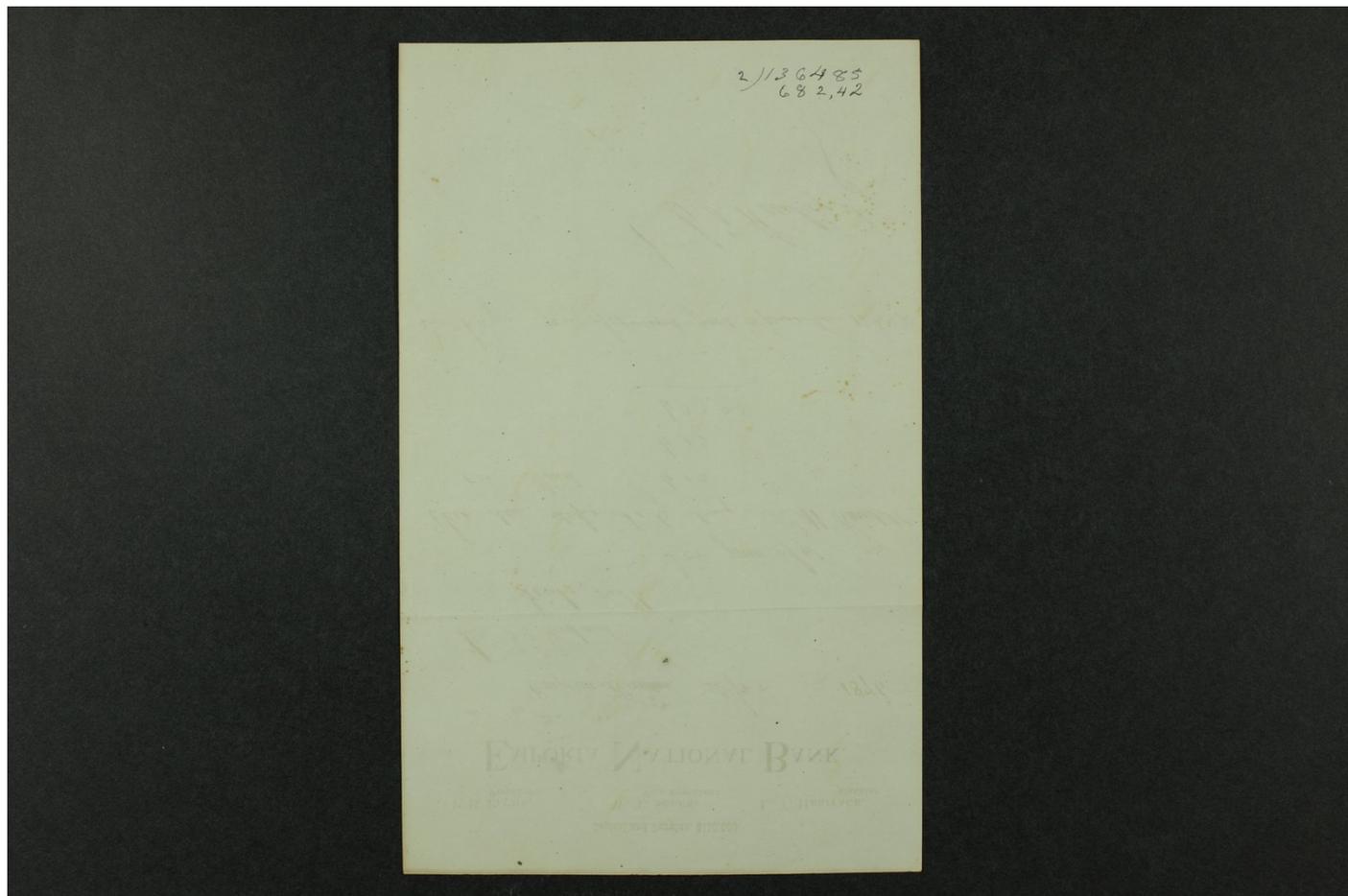
*I've given up
this day, deposited by *RW Rand**

For Bond	412
"	412
"	<u>633.95</u>

I charge you \$1,000 and paid 4 pens to \$1,364.85

J. S. Hersey

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Neosho Falls, Kan. May 24th 1870
 Dr. B. B. you, yours of 22nd rec'd yesterday.
 I think it well to act on Mr Purcell's plan
 of doing business, - insist on clear titles! And
 want to know you can receive them. The party
 holding mortgage on Bebel's house & lots
 cannot reasonably object to releasing lot
 134 from the terms of that mortgage. He of
 course is perfectly secure. If this cannot
 be done, we can all wait till the mortgage
 is regularly released, - which Mr B's
 transfer will be in about 6 months. He can
 use the lots &c, till then, he has been
 using my lot without any rent to me!
 Had a letter from Branch - all well!
 I wish you to ascertain whether lot 141 or 6 is on
 the high or low ground west of the old stone school
 house: some one wishes to buy it through Elliott,
 for \$15. What think you of the offer?
 We don't intend to defer settlement till the

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There is lower! This is only a question of time!
How does Elisha stand on Morris' debt?
What is the share for you or part of your house
next term? And for my getting anything
on Hunting Woodman? Has Lionheart moved
his family to Louisville? Has he given up
buying R.R. land, or living on the 2nd or 3rd
4th section? I think he may as well: he has
not the least show for paying for it!
Ellen & Hattie send regards. Hattie says she
guesses she will not cut you out of house &
home! You don't mention any peas! If you
have not any I will suggest that you start
some this wth weather at once.
Answer the questions in my back
letters. Yours Truly,
O. J. Goodnow.

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Wesley Falls, Kansas,
May 26, 1876.
Col. P. B. Plumb, Pres. &c.
My Dear Sir,
I send you herewith per
Adams' express ~~two~~ Bonds
~~3300 &~~ 3592, on deposit for
Mr. Randall to be drawn on
after Mr. R. - takes Bond 3105,
sent up last evening; for this
~~two~~ Bonds he must pay \$622.00
~~each~~ - [Six hundred & twenty
two dollars each -]
I also send in separate
package or envelope,
ten Coupons \$30, each =
\$300, which can be used
on partial or first pay-
ments on land; Mr. Randall
can have these at a discount
of 10 per cent, - \$270, for the
\$300; if he wishes to use them,
over

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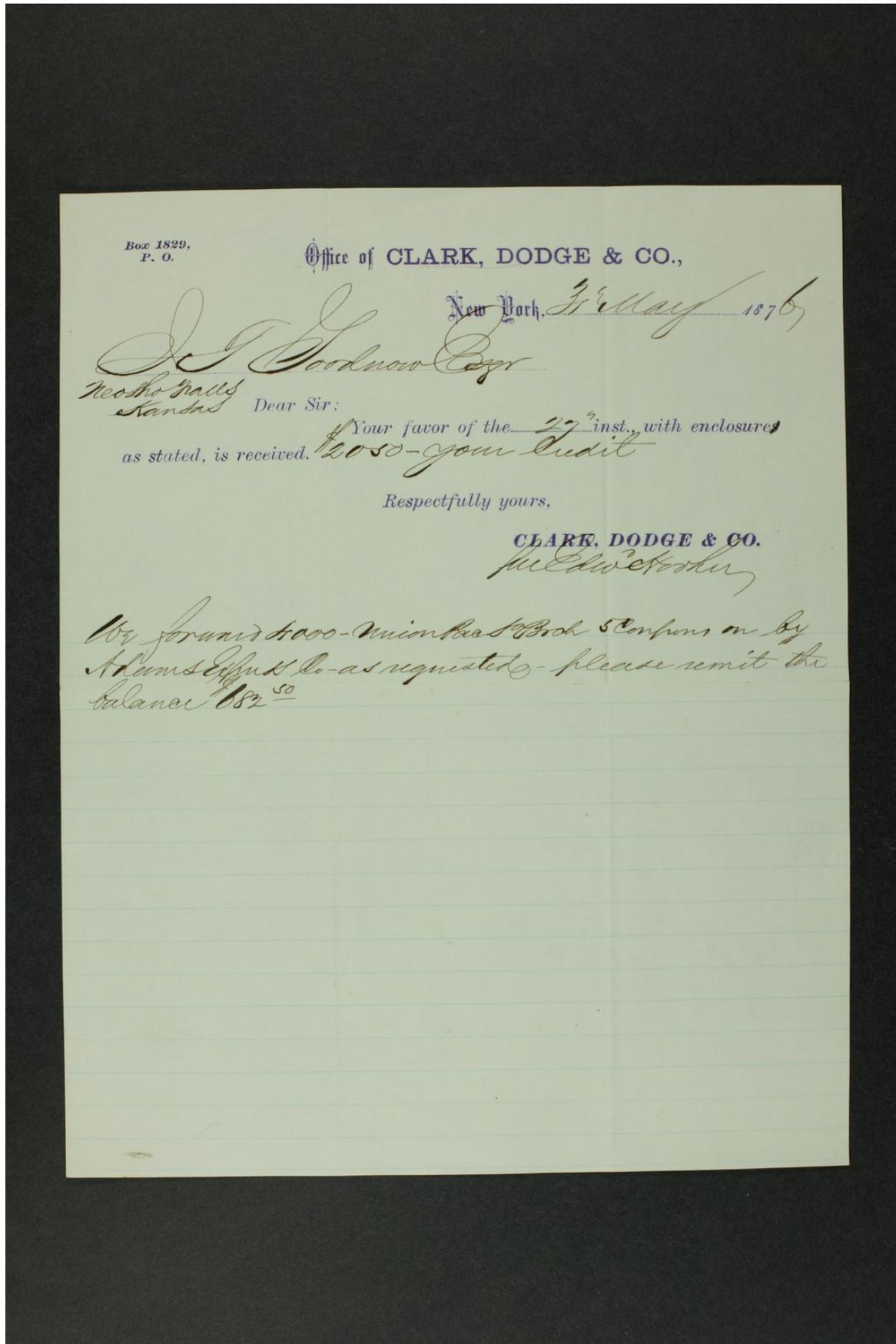
Most of my profits, come
from the Coupons, - not very
heavy at that! Please
inform me next mail
how stands the account
to that date.

Yours very truly,
Isaac J. Goodnow

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623.95	
683.95	
3113.90	
186.85	
3295.75	
1365.75	
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Box 1829,
P. O.

Office of CLARK, DODGE & CO.,

New York, *3rd May* 1876

I. J. Goodnow Esqr
Neosho Falls
N. Dak.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the *27th* inst., with enclosure
as stated, is received. *\$2000 - your credit*

Respectfully yours,

CLARK, DODGE & CO.

H. C. Dodge

We forward \$1000 - Union Trust Bank 50 cents on by
Adams Express Co. - as requested - please remit the
balance 187⁵⁰