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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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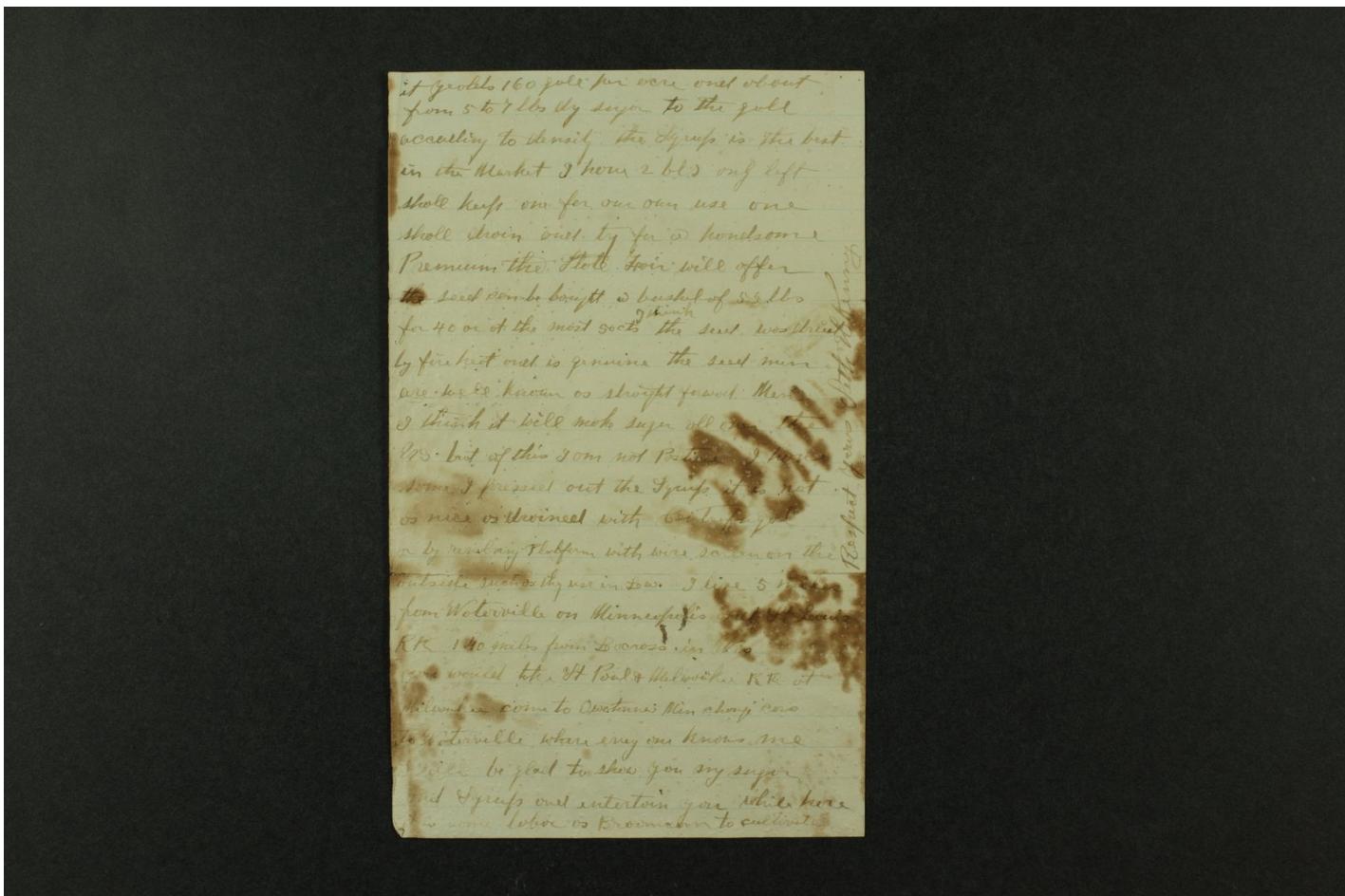
P.S. For Charles & Fanny get one raw turnen a day for 3 or 4 or 5 days - this will remove the tendency to the disease - but then you can't get Turnen there unless they cost a great deal I could send you a lot - my country operations are not profitable - afraid it would suffice so very poor righteous spirits as to lead B.M. G into some difficulty through the infirmities of his spirits, and some bad results follow - Now if You had gone into some locality not so remote and where the State or territory was settled there there would have been handshakes enough for two such tender plants as You and especially as Sister G - My Emma thinks sometimes she is almost out of civilization only 11 miles from New York and she is gaily hinting to me the propriety of carrying her back - but what is our location to yours - I hardly think that Your soil - Forests prairies - Streams, scenery &c Corn &c is sufficient inducement to hold you there - with the predisposition to fevers & chills & fever thrown in - Now my dear B.M. G - it really strikes me, that the better way would be, for you & Sister G to come and make us a good visit and see whether you had better not remain among civilization - But I would really like to see you & be with you in your wild home - but Emma & the children are so many sad stories - but perhaps time may bring us together You here; - or it might be, I there - I will write you soon again - with much love I am
Yours very truly I am Herne
227 Grand St -

P. S. write very soon

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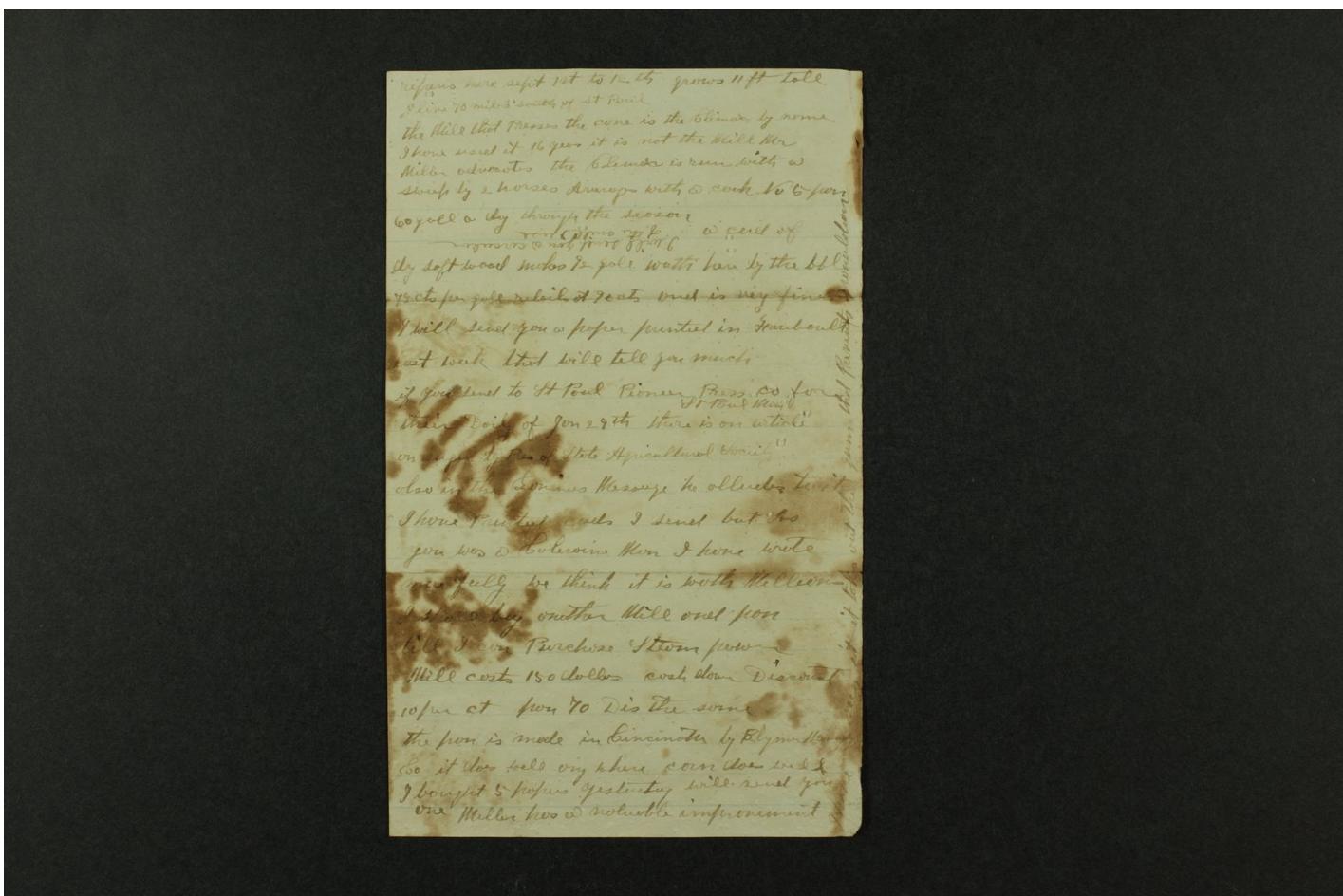
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I suppose Miller gave
you notice of his
giving up the trust
and for you to suggest
who you would like to
have pleased in his
stead.

With best regards
I remain yours truly
P D Mayson
Fremont
Iowa Co
May 8th 1860

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to be on hand as he
left it to Mr. Miller and
myself to fix on the time,
we fixed on the 20^d inst to
be in Junction City —
Clark and myself thought
best to begin at Junction
City about 14th of this month
and so wrote Miller, but
he wrote me, he preferred the
20^d as he would be absent
at the time I named;
so we agreed on the 20^d.
and I shall proceed to go
ahead at that time.
I am sorry we had not
commenced at the 14th
of this month.

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Property is still advancing &
small piece of land along the
track about as far out as 2 miles
as "mis" land sold for \$15 per
acre, & no improvements, wood
or water - & no road within 13 rods
I would not trade acre for acre
for it & this piece sold for less
cash. I figure it this way, 10 acres
at \$15 per acre, 10 acres at \$15 per
acre \$150 Total \$150. Wood & 50⁰⁰
appregal of \$150.

Scouring roads & bridges, and
such &c are all we're strain-
ing to get to work. We have
seen gradually axes, files, saws,
& putting tools in readiness &
getting ready generally - & soon
as we learn more we will start the
deed or pass into some place got
work all can begin. Not now the
wind block all work something.
A man will injure his body -
I.C. Miller

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No shall make no demonstration
here to stir up any stir in men un-
til the deed is ²on file in Wash-
ington.

My school closes in two
weeks when I will be let
loose for me & the 300 or four
looking for you other sources
will put me on my feet for the
present. The only & distinction
one has is in a surgical clear-
ing house as a cat & is inserted
in all sorts of organs & leav-
ing us off well. The late bad
matter would have delayed
matters had we had possession
other delay has developed all
the weak points in the busi-
ness and we feel confident
that we have the inside track.

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[Miller, F. P.]
has \$800, at once, will own pocket
etc. I intend the deed to be
made in Emma's name. It
is within a day, drive of Hattie,
Lawrence, Baldwin, Lawrence
& Kansas City. It is one the best
natural milk locations in fact
in K.S. - first that grade of lands
that are selling so high now
in Brown & Franklin counties.
For milk raising & this very bad
may go as high as \$1,500.00 per acre
within 5 years. We are just
nowed for year we shall have
the chance. With the \$500, we
shall have enough to purchase
a small house, fence, bay
cows, tools & scarry us over
to next fall when we shall
be independent & it needs to
I can teach a cow, leaving
act, after 3 years yet.

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will be delayed until we have
for us to take advantage of
of opportunity. The owner is in
the Eng. Mr. and Mrs. old couple
here, Mrs. J. P. Abbott, whom
you may remember, is doing
all he can for us & is a warm
personal friend. The houses
we are visiting we must give
us in April at latest, & there is
not a shanty, even 50 yards
within 5 miles that we can
buy. There has been much
activity in real estate here
 lately & prices are going up.
A new water power near this
fact that will be developed
soon, will add still more
to its value. It will make
a splendid home, give
as good business right
from the start, besides put

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is not worth the candle. No one could do it without money, & no one can afford but has has plenty else to do. And such a field does cost us \$8. even when present figures, it would be the least of 2 rods, for people to get several hundred from the place this season by getting things in motion at time. I can't afford to wait for \$8. let alone wish to be turned into debt. If we are to get anything this summer we must go up & doing. Of course everybody is curious & they assume that the place will cost me \$8 per acre by the time I am done. No one can come in except by raising the price & I don't see the debt. considers a less bid than \$8 and it will cost them \$80, besides to get things around & then they will have to return all other money to us.

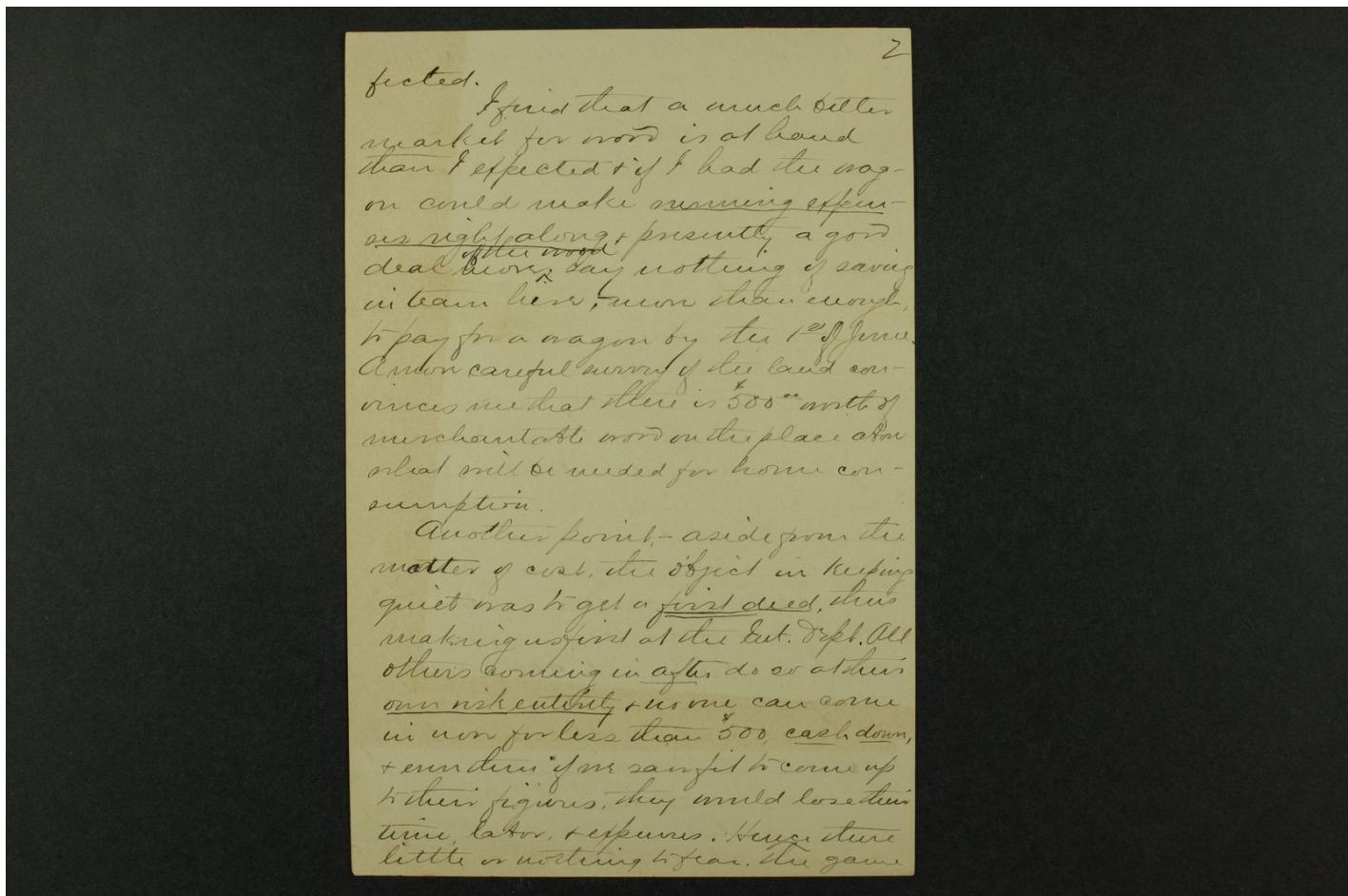
Our hands will be practically tied without a little money till we get this out as the money was wanted. My own money coming along in May or June

Arrived March 25th came back & had a good time

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they were prospering a usual
They have bought a house & lot
in Town & when their boys
can take charge of the farm
may go there to live.
One of the girls will teach
if they are suited with a
situation.
Laban is Chaplain in
Hennet's Cavalry Company
His wife & 10 daughter
are boarding in Kenia
We had a little snow last
night, but the fruit is
safe
Callie will make
her visit at Springfield
after a while Mr Dial
now charge of the school

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they have boarders &
many cares, but I
trust are doing good

Now I must close, hope
you & yours may visit
us at no future day

To, Cathie May & Boys
all join in love
and good wishes
to you all. Shall we not
see Mr. Goodnow this winter?
We shall clean house
soon & paper two rooms
& have a new kitchen
I hope, write soon

Mrs. Goodnow C. A. Sabine

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but like many others my forethought is not so clear always as the after thought.
As I said before I regret it very deeply that things took the turn they did, and that the Dr.'s feelings were hurt as they were. I am sure he meant to advance the interests of the institution, and as I said to the Board I always appreciate his interest & solicitude for our welfare. I am very liable to mistake but trust I shall ever have a disposition to make amends for any fault I may commit. I shall write the Dr. and so far as I am able, do what I ought in the case, and trust he may have the goodness to overlook what may have seemed to him an intentional slight, as I can very positively assure him that there was no such intention.

I go to Manhattan tomorrow to attend the State Ass'n. Will remain a short time only. Yours very truly H. H. Sweet.

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me at the last. And I feel as if I were the very last of all the sufferers from his death. As yet we know nothing about his business affairs, or what will become of his wife and boys - He left so, now by endearing for the Sparagis, and tho' we are aware of their failure to keep their promises; but his honor was clear and we hope that he had enough other prospects to support his family. I want to ask you to send me word of the action of the Bank at the July meeting, and what is the probable prospect for the future. I sincerely hope that it will result favorably, for I do not get unqualified approval in making so far off an investment. It shall be sent before the 1st of August - after that in Wyoming P.L. Please send me a check.

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for any thing you can now
within their before or go on their
afterwards. If it does not
win at least the concern will
pay at least 10 per cent more
a year, I shall wish that the
grae Loppers had taken
every body up, except yourself,
in the whole affair (thinking
myself in no a gratuity). We are
pretty well - I am dreadfully
tired, and looking forward to
the rest of my father's letter with
much anticipation. In haste
affectionately
I. G.

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professor, and in this growing
city there is work enough for three
such men, while there is but one
upon the ground. We expect to
start for Swan Valley Monday for
the beginning of our vacation - but
work there. This in Northampshire.
Then, back to F.G. and back to
work again the first of Sept..
Our little girl is now a big one,
who reads and writes like any
body, and is very fully informed.
This is a dry and rather
statistical letter, for I am
writing with a headache and,
besides, am limited for time.
With love to Mrs. Goodnow. I am,
affectionately yours
I. G. S.

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of her than we are She is an interesting
lady to say the least. I have had a
tube made for the bottom of my well
at the house of 2x6 joists 6 feet
long and just large enough to go
down without rubbing the walls. This
we sunk about 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet by digging inside
of it and driving down and now we have
a plenty of water. The whole thing
cost me out \$8⁰⁰ & we have been
without water for a year. When are you
coming up? Give our regards to all our
friends and remember us as yours
Most truly

Solomon Whitney

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to fill his place who would act if elected
nearer than Carolina Mills. I should not
be surprised if one or both of the Banks
should take action before long to close
up business - I do not know of any bright
spot in all our village or society matter to
turn my eyes to - Although, since our present
minister has been with us (a little over than a year)
there has been a good deal of interest in religious
things, and twenty four have professed faith
in Christ, and have united with the church,
still there exists so much ill feeling between
different members of the church, especially
between myself and several other
church members, that it is very unpleasant to
live where there is such a state of things.
Mr. Prior, our minister, is a thorough gospel
preacher - an earnest and faithful worker: but
is not acceptable to some of the church & congregation
chiefly on account of his methods and manners.

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We feel that it is a hard place to work in. and especially hard on account of the want of union amongst Christians. He is now trying, both by preaching and by individual effort to bring Christians together. It is my prayer that he may succeed, and I would that all who pray may beseech the Lord to help him in his endeavor.

Mother Wells is pretty well and quite bright for so old a person (86) and we have two other ladies in the village, viz Mrs Lydia Aldrich, who is 88 and Mrs Does, who is 87, who enjoy good health and are usually at all Sunday morning services, unless it is stormy. Aunt Julia and Hannah Robinson, together with Sister Maria, Haquidore's wife, all went to New York, on a visit Thursday evg-20th inst. There has been a great deal of sickness all over the town and almost every where that I have heard from, this winter, mostly very severe colds or influenza.

owing very much to the sudden & extreme changes of temperature. It has not been so cold a winter as we frequently have, yet the thermometer has sometimes been as low as zero for a day or a night and then perhaps in 24 hours would be up in the 30° or 60° and after several days of quite mild weather it would frequently go down 40 degrees or more during a night.

I commenced this letter on the 20th. It is now the 22nd P.M. I am writing at the Bank and it is about time to lock up -

So I must say good bye -

With much love to you & Eleanor in which your Mother & Helen would join me if they knew I was writing

I am Yours truly Daffy

J. H. C. Wells

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four or five years of self-denial
I have been laboring through Agency
for every being upon this earth in
order to secure their welfare and happiness
and I am particularly anxious about the
people in your part of the world. You will therefore find
me sending you with letters full care of
young men, women, children, and old people
and now we are to have a great and noble
National Gathering. I am always glad to
have of you news in regard to these and other
things and will be well rewarded.

If I should be successful and am in Washington
when you return, let me arrangements for a visit
to your family. It would be a great pleasure to
Washington for our trip to be interrupted. If I
cannot tell when to expect you, please
write me again as soon as you have time and give
me exact day.

Very affectionately - Mrs. Bangham
Charlotte

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To Mr. Douglass. And would - She has been in
dear health - and now in a state of perfect
ease - but owing to her age - she is not
able to go about - I would like to see
her - some time - and hope you will bring me
to her -

I have no objection to follow
descriptions you make - & now will send
you a few lines - and you will give it over to Dr. T. S.
for my signature - I hope you thought
well before you called upon your
associates - I believe you have a right to do
it - and am anxious to see the result of their action -

Very truly yours Isaac Goodnow

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whence chance to open their hearts
and take me in to their home.
I have been fond of in finding
home and friends and I think he was
kindly cared for by neighbors at the
last. I always told Mr & Mrs G to be
sure and do him all the good they
could and if at any time he became
unconscious and need my care to send
for me I will not stop to write more
now but what ever else I learn about
matters will tell it ones with you when
I see you. Suppose you have rec'd
my card that I send stating that
I will be here if nothing prevents
the last Tuesday in this month.
I am already anticipating the
pleasure of seeing you all, much love
from all as ever. Tell N. Whitney
I have written all about this to sister
French and I do hope the news will
all be as favorable to me as possible
and I may have my old dear home.

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Kansas, Religion & Education.
Once "the great American Desert"
Now, a beautiful fertile Country.
Once the battle field between
the powers of Darkness, & of Light,
of Slavery & of Freedom.
A contest between the worst
& the noblest possessions of the
Soul.
For the first time, to the present
Century Slavery has suffered
defeat,
Never was victory more
decisive,
Present aspect of the field.
Churches & Schools
1. What is to be done?
2. What the means to be used?
Now a harvest time,
Contributions & labors, now,
Men & Money now!
A strategical point.

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who can give, how & when.
use to be made of wealth,
stewardship of the Almighty,
Children & relatives generally
not benefitted by inheriting wealth
Lei's generally ungrateful;
Rich men die unregretted,
Freedom to do good while
living;
No benevolence in giving
what we can no longer re-
tain.
Be always of your own boar-
ty. now!
Give to religious & edu-
cational purposes rather
than to relatives,
Founds schools &
Professorships.

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Acre Price 20 per Acre
19,360. 9,63. 7.70 - Parsons,
9,890. 8,46 6.77 - Ozwego
5,820. 10,22 8.18. Chetopa
97,501 6,25. 5.00. All remain-
ing lands, usage beded.
132,071 acres 5.65. All usage land
Amounting to \$747,047.90

120. 40 4500
60 480 130
7200 60 350 68,
208,0 288
72.

97,501 5,320 9,890
5 818 6.77
487,505 42560 69230
5320 69230
42560 66,95530
435,15,7,6,0 19,360
1355200
13552
149,072,00
43,515.60
487,505.60
66,955.30
\$747,047.90
186,76,93
933,34,87

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640	640
350	350
32000	32000
1280	1280
1920	1920
2240	2080.00
	2240.00
	314320.00
	1440
	2880
	2560
	320
	4820
	400
	17280
	2592
	360
	32
	3780
	8120
	580
	1160
	58
	4320
	572
	30240
	21600
	2110
	318350
2560	
2431	
77	

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I have just seen Mr. Griffis
d he has received a letter
from Park who says he will
pay his subscription to the
College in Manhattan lots
of average value provided
you will allow a fair
price for them. Mr. Griffis
says provided ^{also} you will
sell also for Park some
3 lots to raise Money to
pay his assessments &c
in Manhattan while
I am.

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In regard to your inquiries you shall have, fully & definitely, all the information I have been able to get, without any suspicion. I have asked some questions where I was sure I it would do.

Your 1. There are a 150, students, this term, and during the fall term there was over 200.

2. Miss Kowara has between 25 & 30 in her department, this I have visited twice during the winter. I like her much as a teacher and friend. C.H. is making fine progress in her studies, if is not as ambitious. 3. I have not been able as yet, to get all the information you desire concerning what classes Mr P taught, but will inform you as soon as I can conveniently. He bears a good reputation as a teacher, and from what I can learn is liked very well. He has never lectured on natural scenes before the school, unless very recently, this I had from a student. The same student told me that Mr P had a large class in physical Geography which Mr P has now taken to the gratification of the whole class, as they thought Mr P - crop, and score, and seemed to enjoy

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more of them than they were able to do.
At I think Mr 2 - very popular with
the school, it appears so at least, I have never
seen anything to the contrary, otherwise I have heard
him very highly spoken of being one well calculated
to fill the place he is in. The Gladz teachers are very
much like I think, I do not think too much
can be said of the Deceptress, and Miss C - is very
much beloved by all, brother as you know is as good
as ever, I think Mr. May is not as popular, at least his
reputation says so. He was some trouble between
him and the Gowen girl late term. They left
school and Mr. D had to settle it. It was rumored
that he was to leave the commencement of this
term, but he is here yet. His wife has not been
here since last fall, and she can be spared as
well as not, I cannot exactly give you the particula-
respective Mr. N - and the Wood girls, but they are
the healthiest and most gentlemanly, and was very well
consulting it. You ask to know on what ground
I express the idea that the teachers are all better
deserve your return to teach. I made the assertion
from what I at different times consider gather. You
know my ears are ever open to your dear wife.
Some of it was gathered from Mr. D - he is a
true friend of yours some from what some friends
was come from other sources which I do not recollect
but you may be sure your loss was very much com-
mented both in the school and village. They have
young Anthony in your department for a while after
you left, and I think from what I gather from
Mr. D - that he did not suffer for want of
want of a good teacher until Mr. D came and I
shall do better more particularly about his
popularity and let you know the next letter
I have never heard but one soul raise a single ob-
jection to your return, and that was Uncle Tom and
he said soely on account of your Mr. D nothing you could
do is a regular blather. And you may rest assured that every