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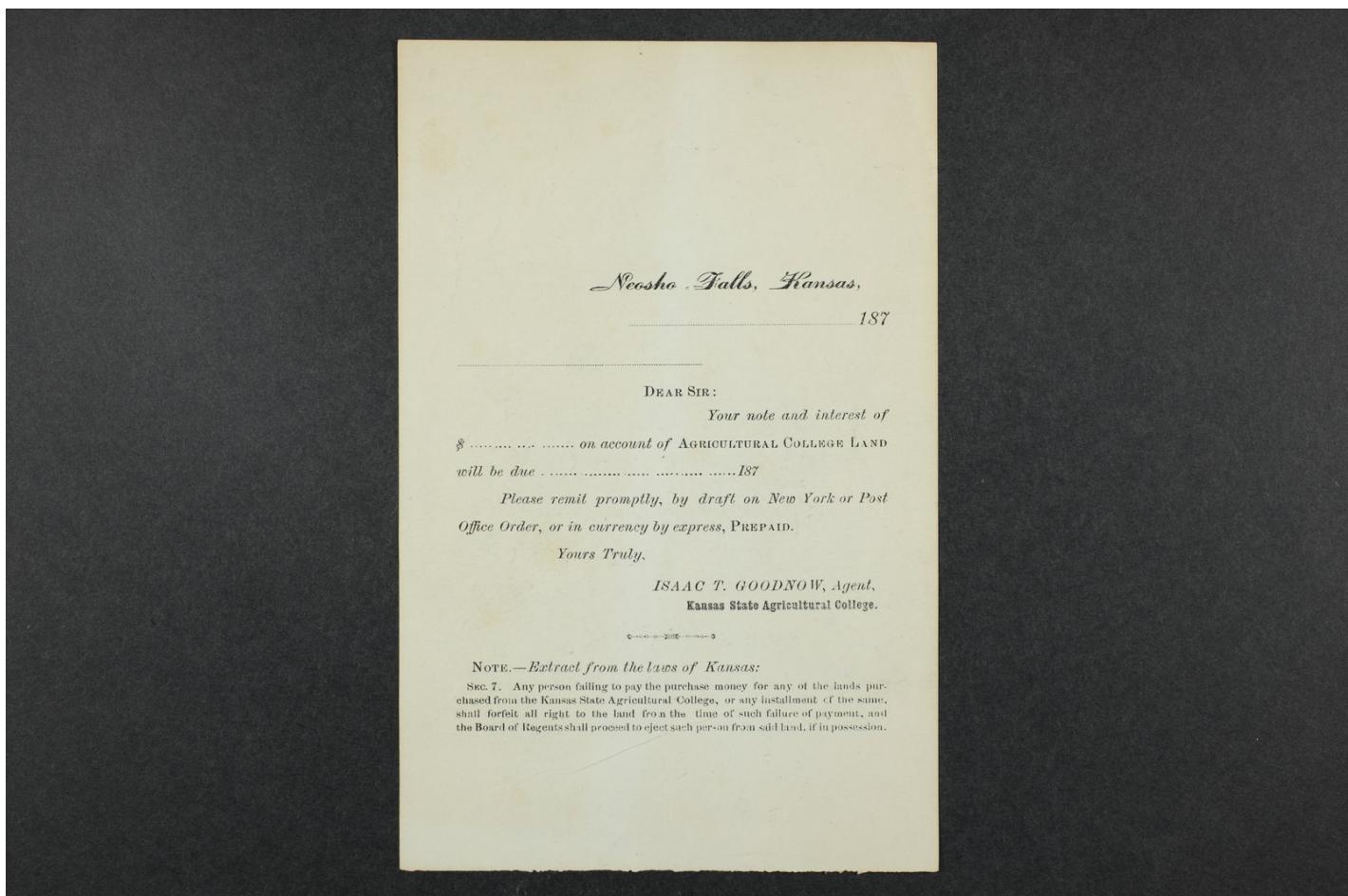
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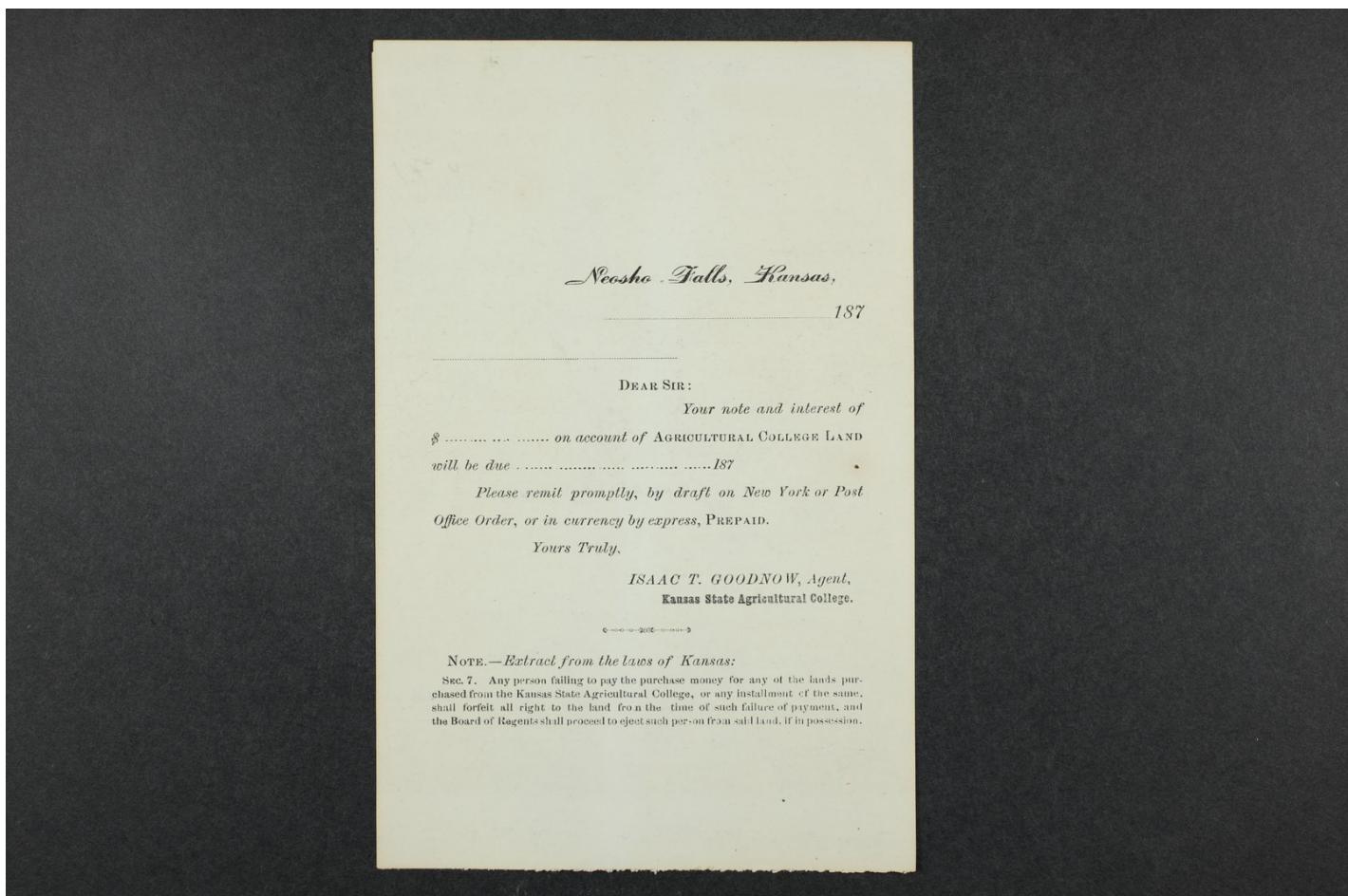
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Politicians, & a successful Comit^{tee}
Showed that Lane had 31/2 sc-
tive adherants, & Pomeroy 27.
Marcus J. Parrott really stood
the highest, & F.P. Stanton,
the lowest, though he had
carried the Senate by a
vote of 13 to 12, Hon. L.D.
Houston, one member of the
Senate from Manhattan who
was always noted for his skill
in organization, called a
private meeting at Miller's
house. It was a little brick
building next west of the Bank
building at the north ^{west} corner
of Sixth street & Kansas Avenue,
now used for Medical purposes.

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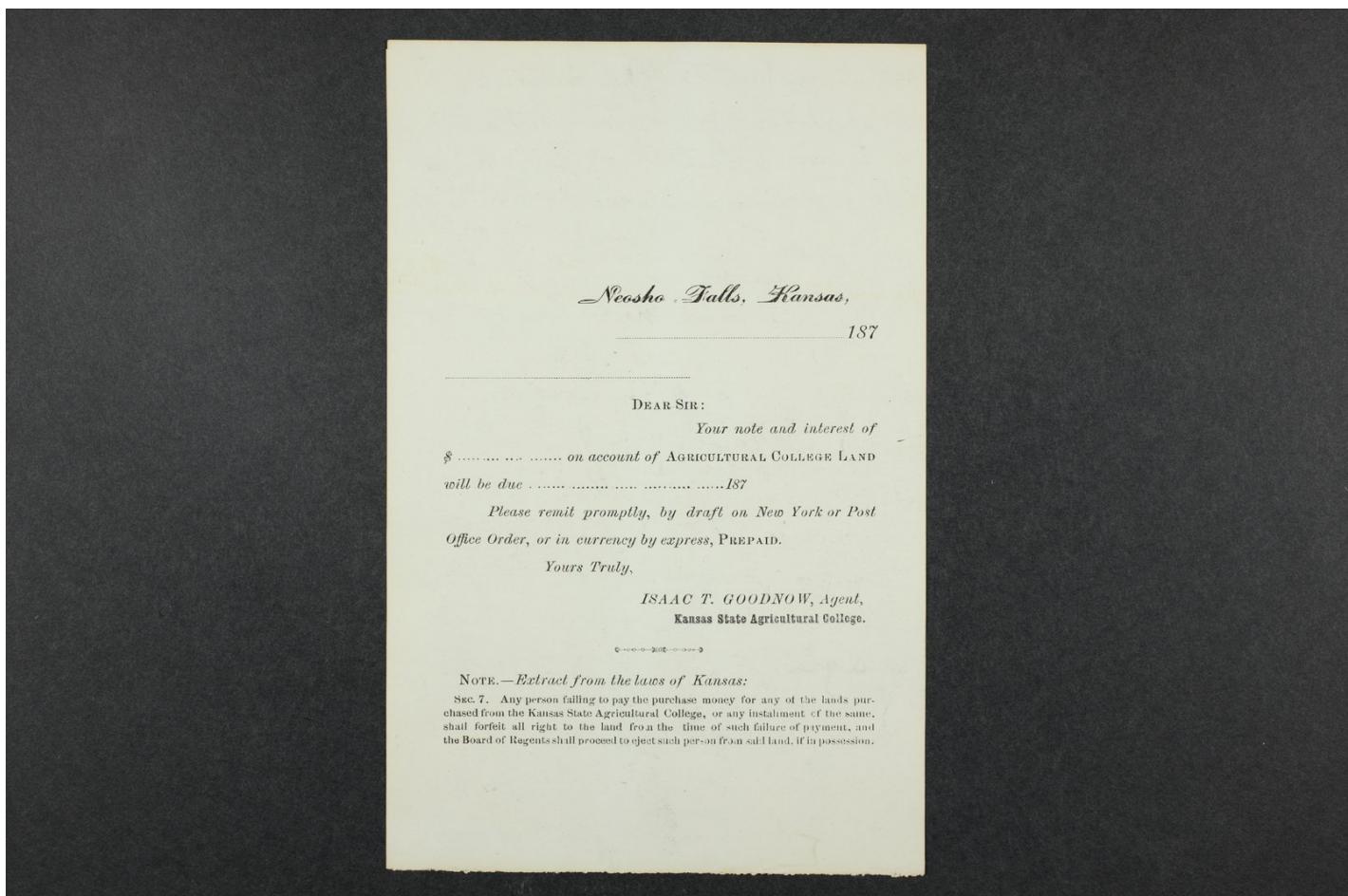
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The meeting was made up of 3
the legislators from Riley & the
Surrounding Counties with a
good sprinkling of lobby
members from the honorable
3^d House, in those days a very
influential body. All told, they
must have numbered from
15 to 20. Among them I think
I recollect Mussey & Thomas,
Pierce from Pottawatomie County,
Hubbard from Wabaunsee with Dan
Adams, & Houston ^{Wm Smith} & W. Pipher
from Manhattan. Most of them ^{were} the
Perratt men. Mr Houston presided
& to my great surprise called
upon me for the opening speech.
To this I demurred because I had
been sent down for another pur-
pose, viz. to secure the location

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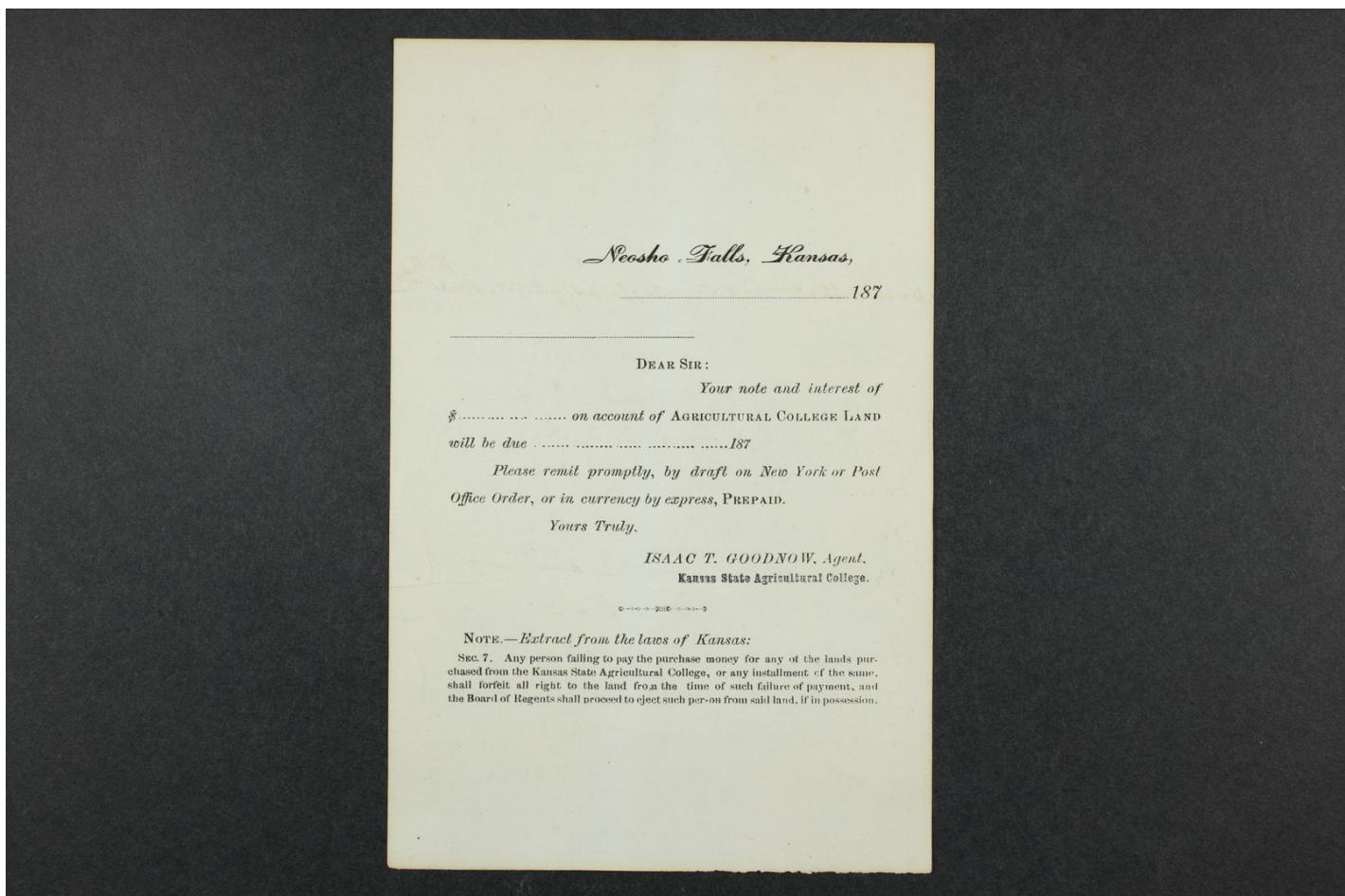
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at Manhattan of the State University, by a donation to the State, of Bluenmont College Building, the Library of 2,000 Vols. with the Chemical & Philosophical Apparatus worth in all \$20,000. The Bill passed the House & Senate, & failed by the Veto of Governor [unclear]
I stated that my views were at their service provided they could be given Confidentially without prejudice to my cause.
By a rising vote Mr Houston pledged them to perfect secrecy. I committed by saying that there were 4 Candidates for the U. S. Senate; J. H. Lane, G. C. Pomeroy, M. J. Parratt & G. P. Stanton, only 2 of whom could be elected.
In the first place the election

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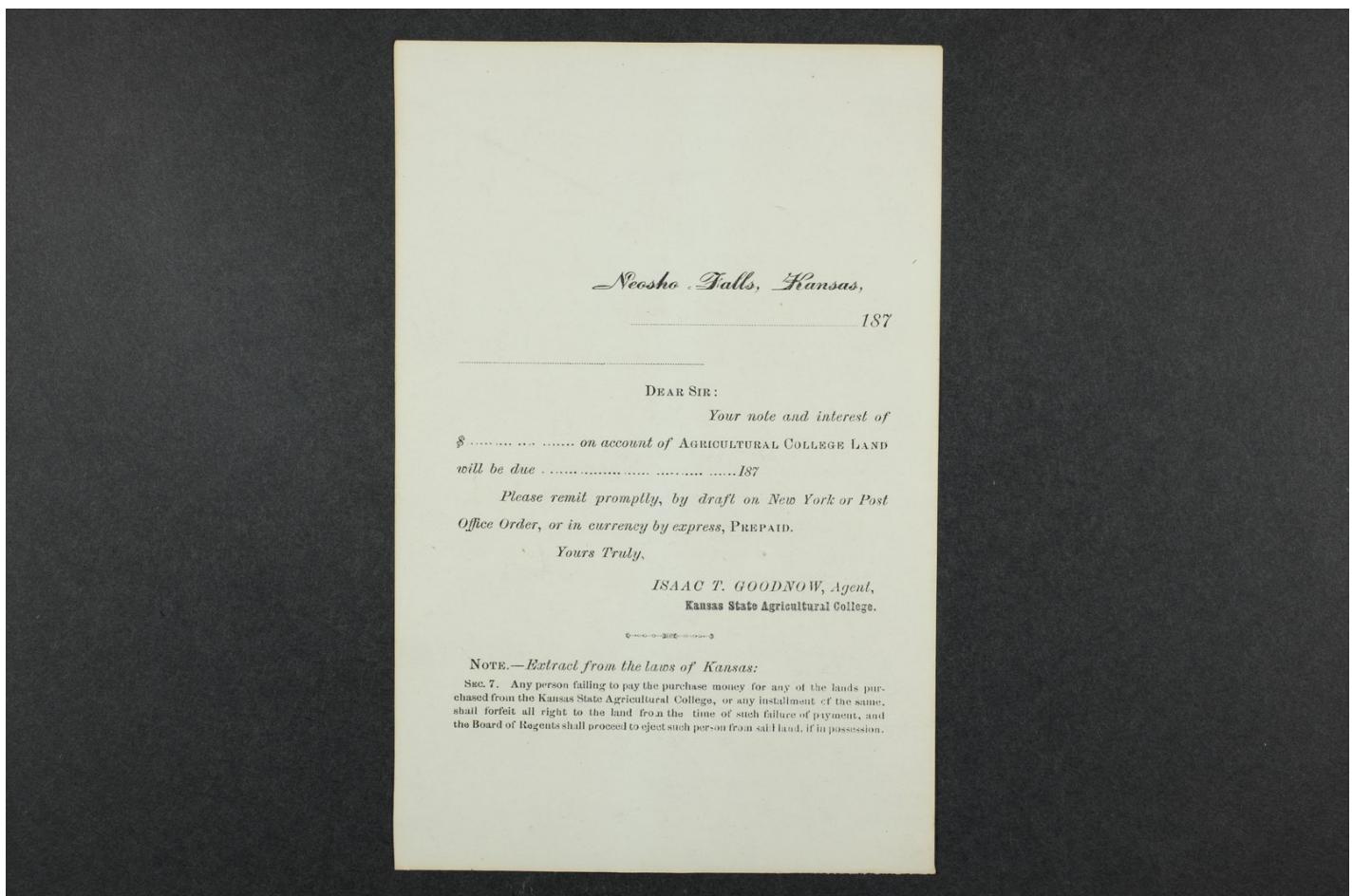
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of J. G. Lane would or foregone
Conclusion whether we liked
him or not. In the second
place there was not the least
possible show for F. P. Stanton,
however much we might de-
sire it. In the third place
it left our choice between
S. C. Pomeroy & M. J. Parrott.
In settling the question we had
no right to be governed by our
personal likes or dislikes.
but we were called upon as
true patriots to select the
man who ^{would} best subserv
the best interests of the State.
Parrott had been tried as a Terri-
torial Delegate at Washington.
He was a man of fine literary

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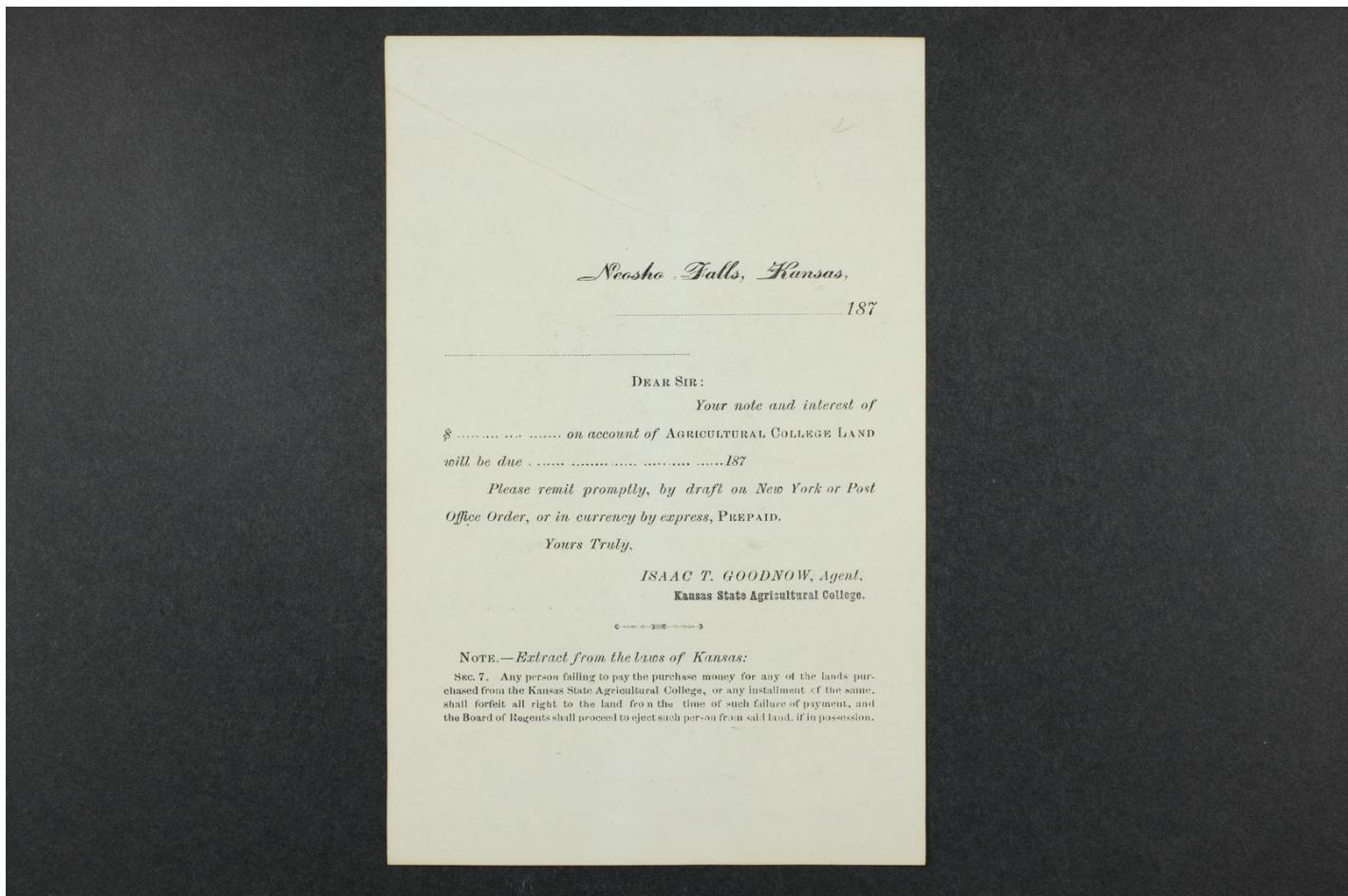
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attainments
taste, & could make a flower
of speech on almost any oc-
casion but was a man of no
business ~~habits~~ & qualifications.
You would seldom find
him in his seat in Congress
but frequently ^{he} might be found
riding out with the ladies,
when he should have been look-
ing after the interests of his
constituents; that some need-
ed an associate who would
not duplicate his vices, —
one who would give moral
tone to our representation in
the Senate. It should be possess-
ed of a high business standard
and characteristic. As a dis-
penser of aid to Dorothy

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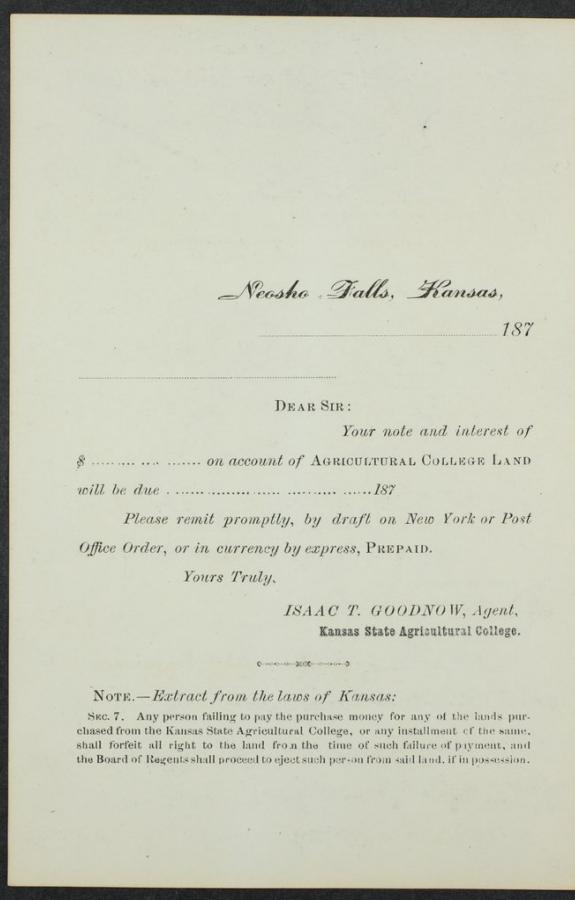


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Kansas, Gen'l Pomeroy had
shown himself both a Philan-
thropist & a man of fine busi-
ness qualifications. And between
him & Parrott there ought
not, & could not well be, but
one decision. As Houston & most
of our delegation were strong
Parrott men, my remarks
could not have been very
palatable. But the most
remarkable thing of all was
that not a man attempted
to reply to my statements.
A motion was made to adjourn
& carried. - As we filed out
of the room with a stillness that
reminded us of a funeral. I

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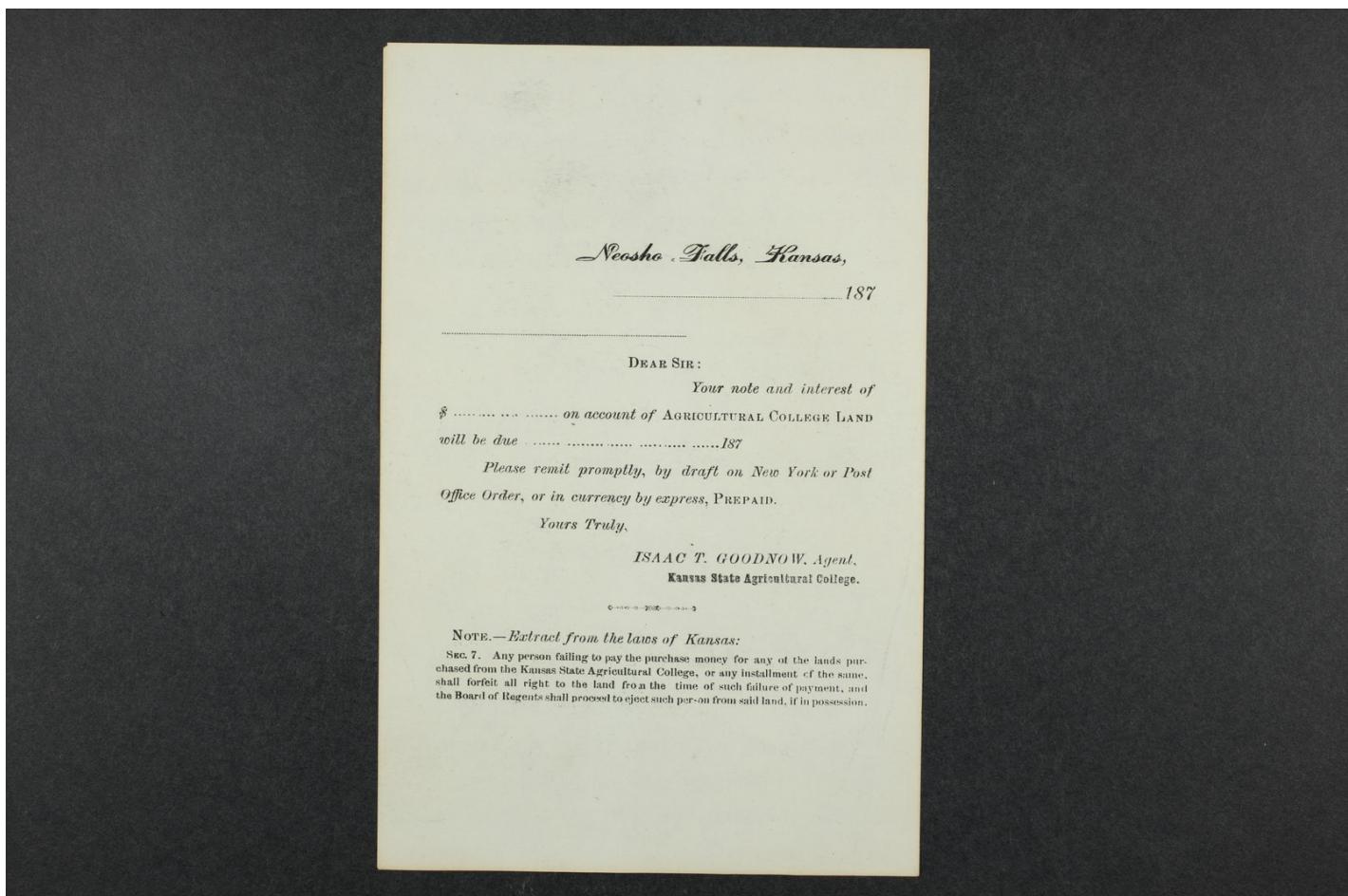
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Said to Dan Adams, a great
Perratt man, what do you think
of it? He says, "I think you
were rather hard on Perratt."
Did I say any ^{thing} that is
not true? He answered, "I
guess you didn't!"
My next visit was to Gen.
Pomeroy, at what was called
the "Bean House", where
he kept a free hotel for
all his friends. I found him
very low spirited. I enquired
for his 51 supporters, spo-
ken of at Atchison! He admitted
his mistaken. The fact was he
was naturally confiding & had mis-
taken words of kindness & encou-

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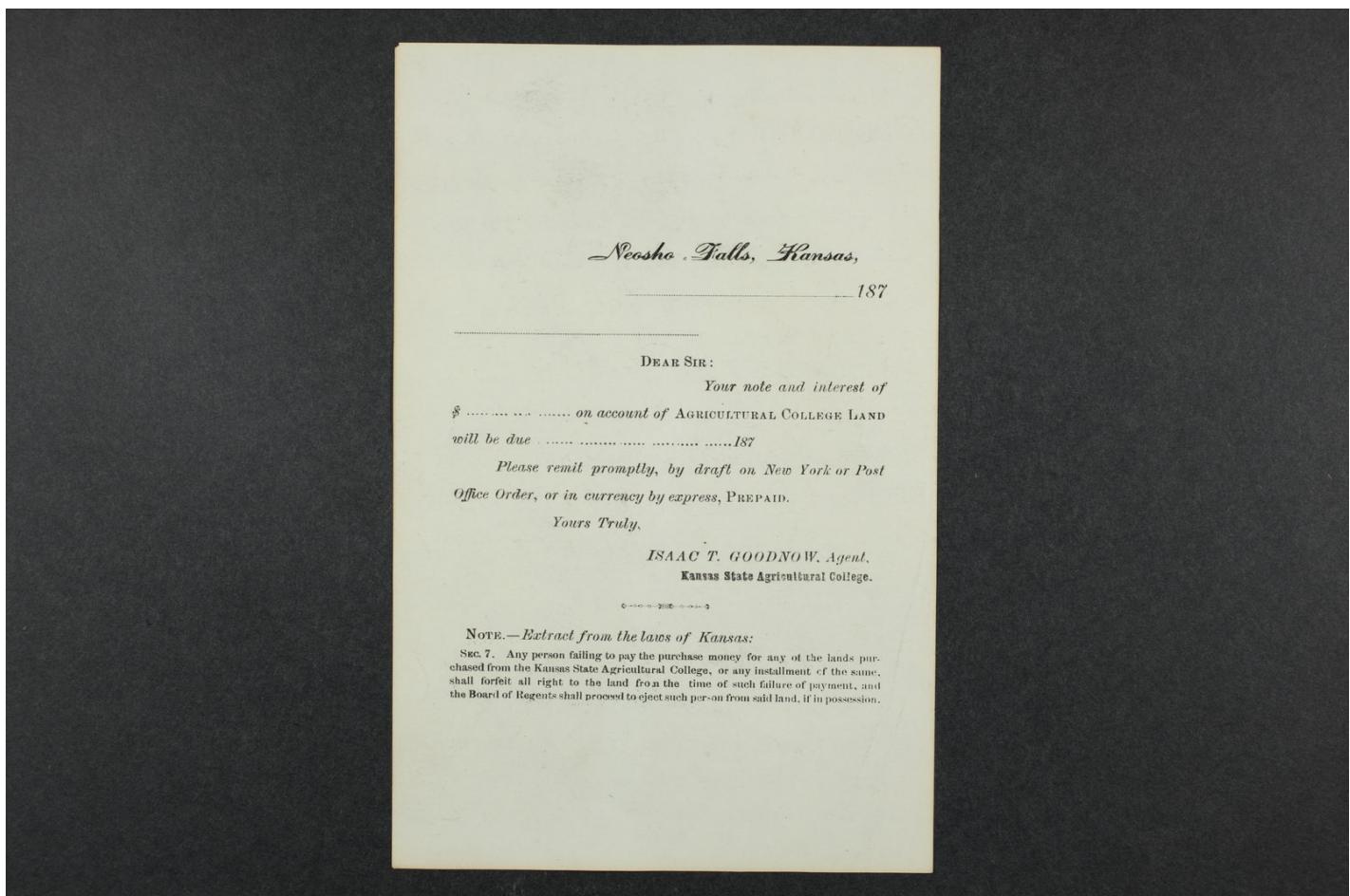
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gement as a promise of sup-
port. He was reminded that
his only chance of success was
to combine with Genl Lane.
He requested me to see Genl Lane
which I immediately did at the
~~Poppy House~~ his home in Webster &
found him terribly disheartened
& sick! One of his strongest
friends Uncle Chet Thomas.
Said he believed Lane would
die if not elected! When I
told him that Genl Pomeroy
was now ready to see him,
his face shone with new life
& says, "I have been ready
all the time to act with Genl"
Pomeroy, but he has stood
aloof. "For some reason". I
am ready now to consult

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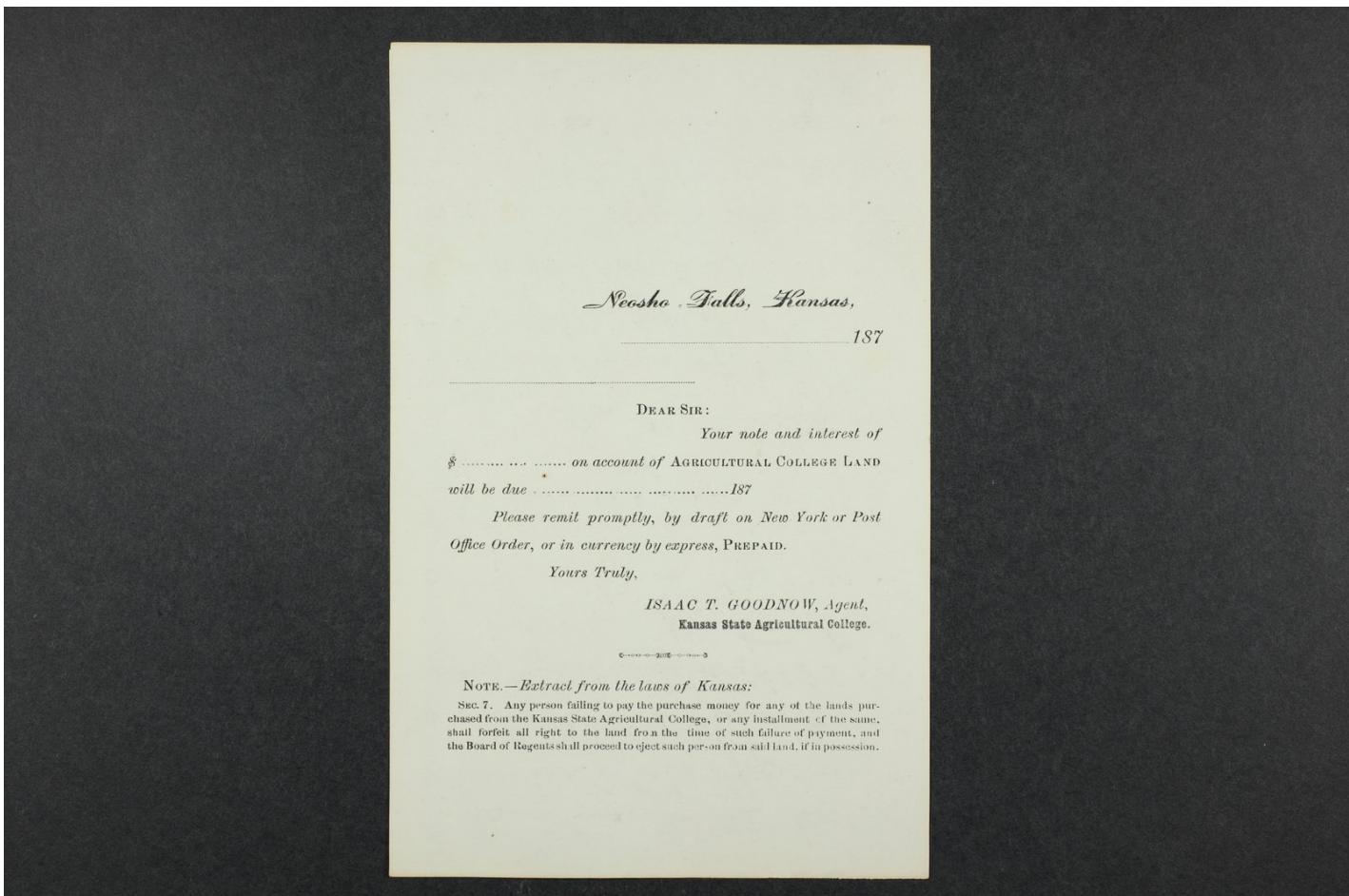


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with him", I ^{ought} might ¹⁰
They slept together at the
"Bean House" but not
till after one o'clock, &
the next day in joint
Convention both were
elected together as U.S.
Senators, Lane by 55 ~~and~~
Voted, & Pomeroy by 52,
There was a good deal
of changing votes and at
one time Parrott ^{had been given} stood ~~for Senator~~
^{the number of votes for Senator} elected, & had the Clerk dis-
closed the result he would
have been Senator, but a

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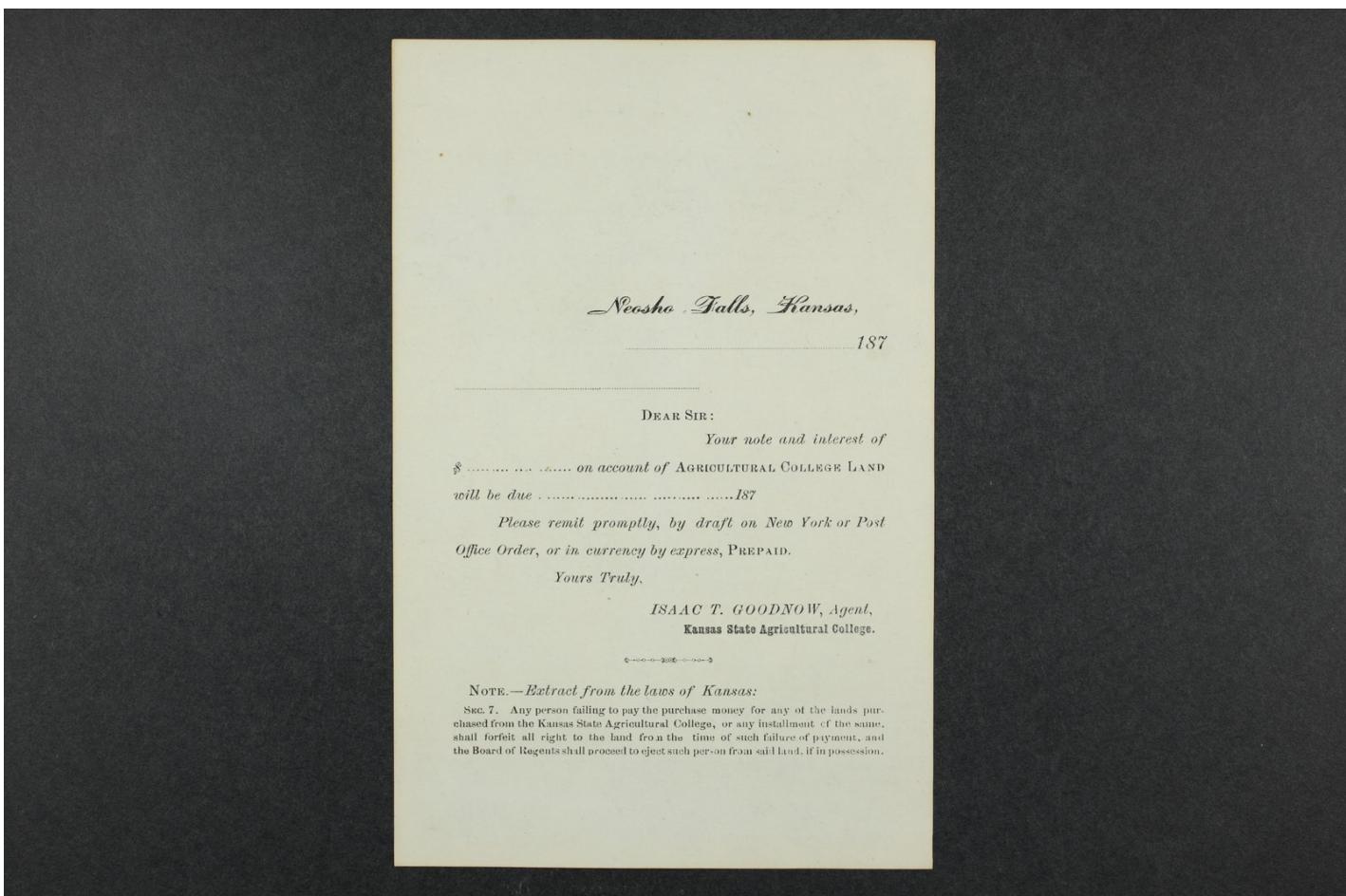
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Sudden turn of the kaleidoscope & his opponent was ahead, Parrott's vote was read off at 49, It is undoubtedly true that at one time the Senate Secretary, Capt. A. R. Banks, had the power to make Parrott Senator instead of Pomeroy.
had he ready off the top Most of the legislators in I around Manhattan were original Parrott men but finally with S. D. Houston voted for Pomeroy. Quiry! How would they have voted had

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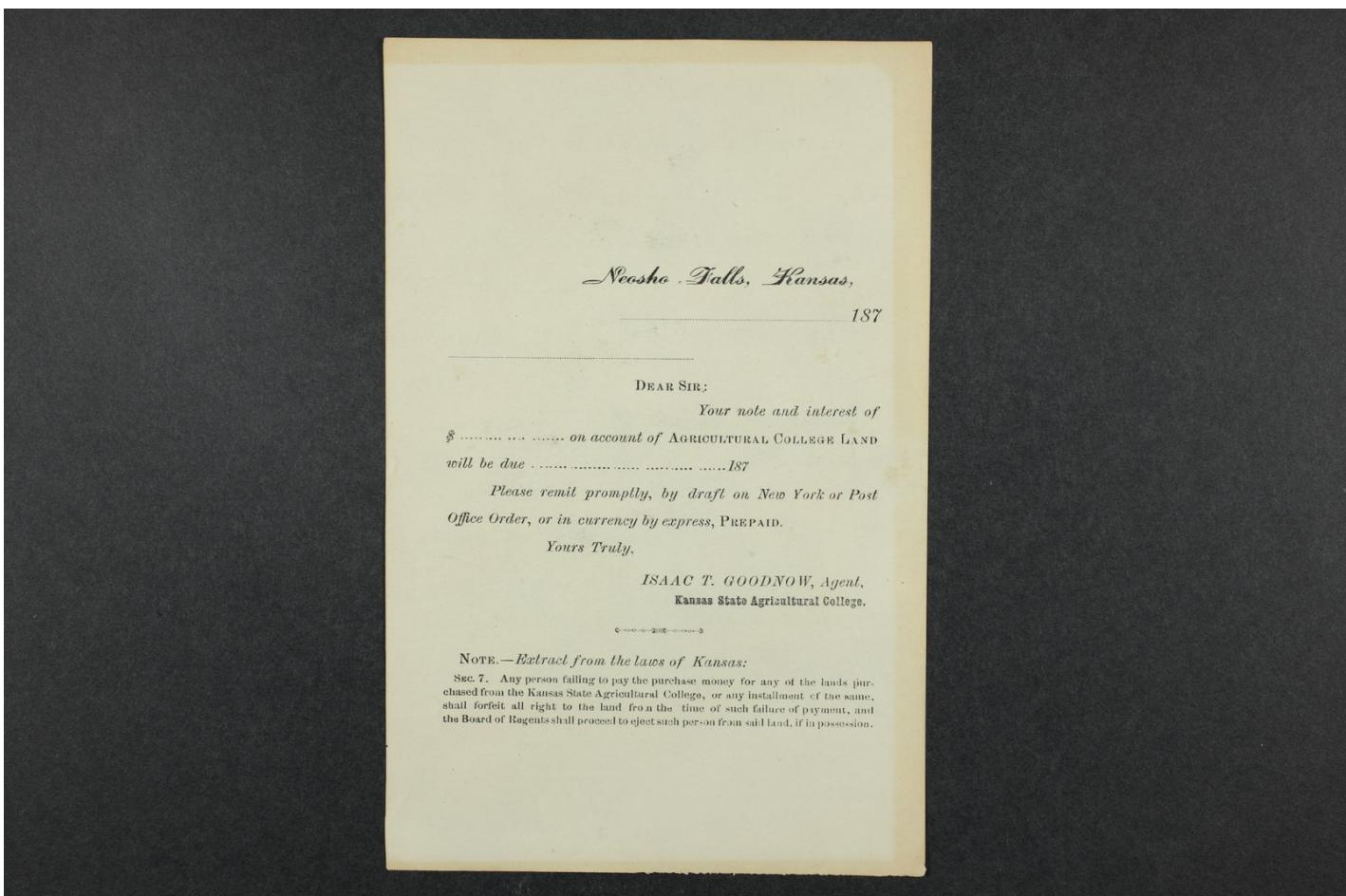


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it not been for that little
Caucus in the Miller House?¹²
Every one of my acquaintances
know very well that I have a
repugnance against making
a speech & avoid it whenever
I can well do so, but on that occasion
I was glad ~~that~~ that I made
the speech, which I did with much
difficulty, but I did it all right.
Would like to hear from S.D.
Houston or any other member
of that little Caucus.
Manhattan, Kansas
Jan. 17, 1893.
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Neosho Falls, Kansas,

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Your note and interest of
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Spirit Spring
Situated 3 miles S.E. of Lawrence,
Kan., in a bend 40 rods west
of Solomon River.
It is in a large cavity formed
Something like a basin with
the same character the thickness
of the interior of the basin,
The spring flows at 40 ft.
in diameter & the current
is composed horizontally
layers of limestone from 4 to
4 inches thickness, formed
undoubtedly by a deposition
from the spring itself by its
flowing on all sides from its
top. This theory is favored by
the fact the banks all around
are of the same material
as the top of the spring. The
Spring is fed by natural layers.

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Savine extending all across
soil at. The depth of
this on the N. Side is about
about 15 ft & on the South
Side some 32 ft with
a gradual descent from
the highest point to the
lowest. In a SW direction
from the spring 80 ft
from it is a small
spring oozing out between the
layers of rock forming the
spring some 10 ft lower
than the top of the rim.
While the main spring
is quite saltish, the little
spring is more so with
more of a brackish taste.
It apparently is a leakage
from the main spring.

which is said always
to be nearly full.
In June, 5 yrs since
published by Good, 19 ft -
The center has been broken off
& a in diameter as tested by
a road, strong exposed fracture.

Analysis, shows to 1 Gal.

Calc. Carbon	765.76
Brom. "	234
Sul. "	183.60
" Magnesia	85.28
Bicarb. Soda	26.72
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Silicate alk	trace
Chloros. "	trace
Organic matter	0.00
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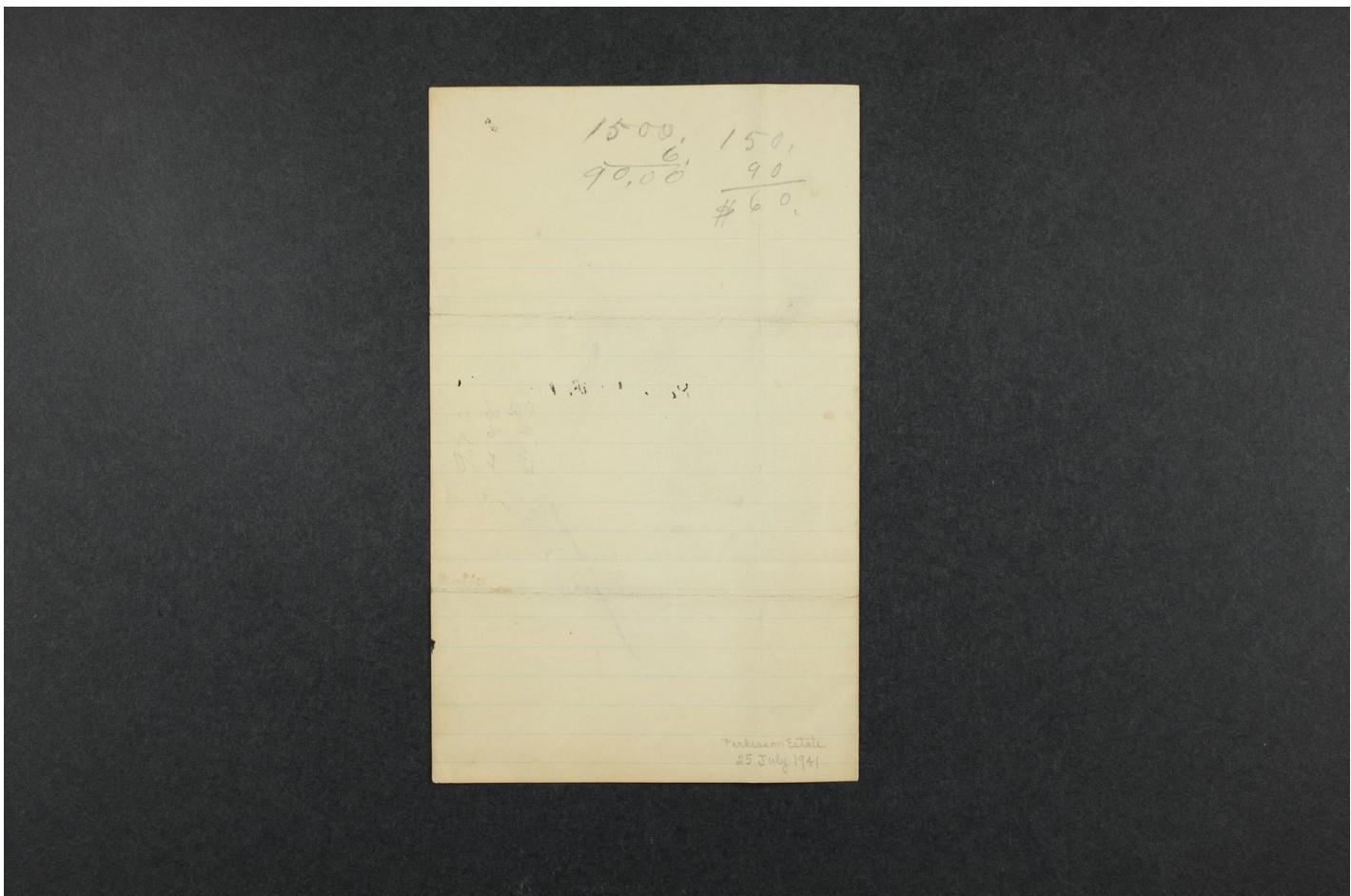
Prof. Patrick -

Indian reference -
Offerings -
Efforts to make it a water
ing block -

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