Governor Lorenzo Lewelling, Correspondence, Box 1

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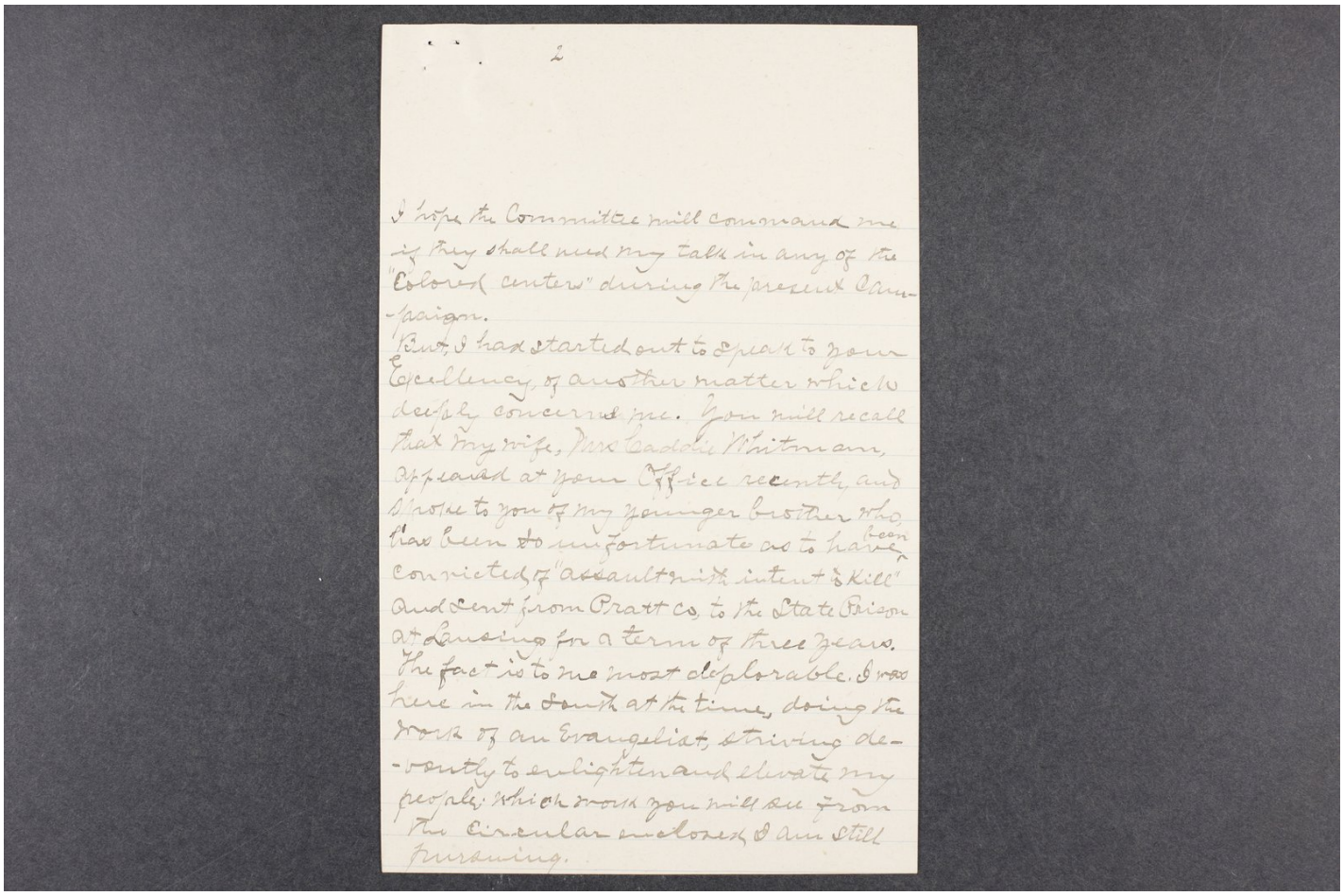
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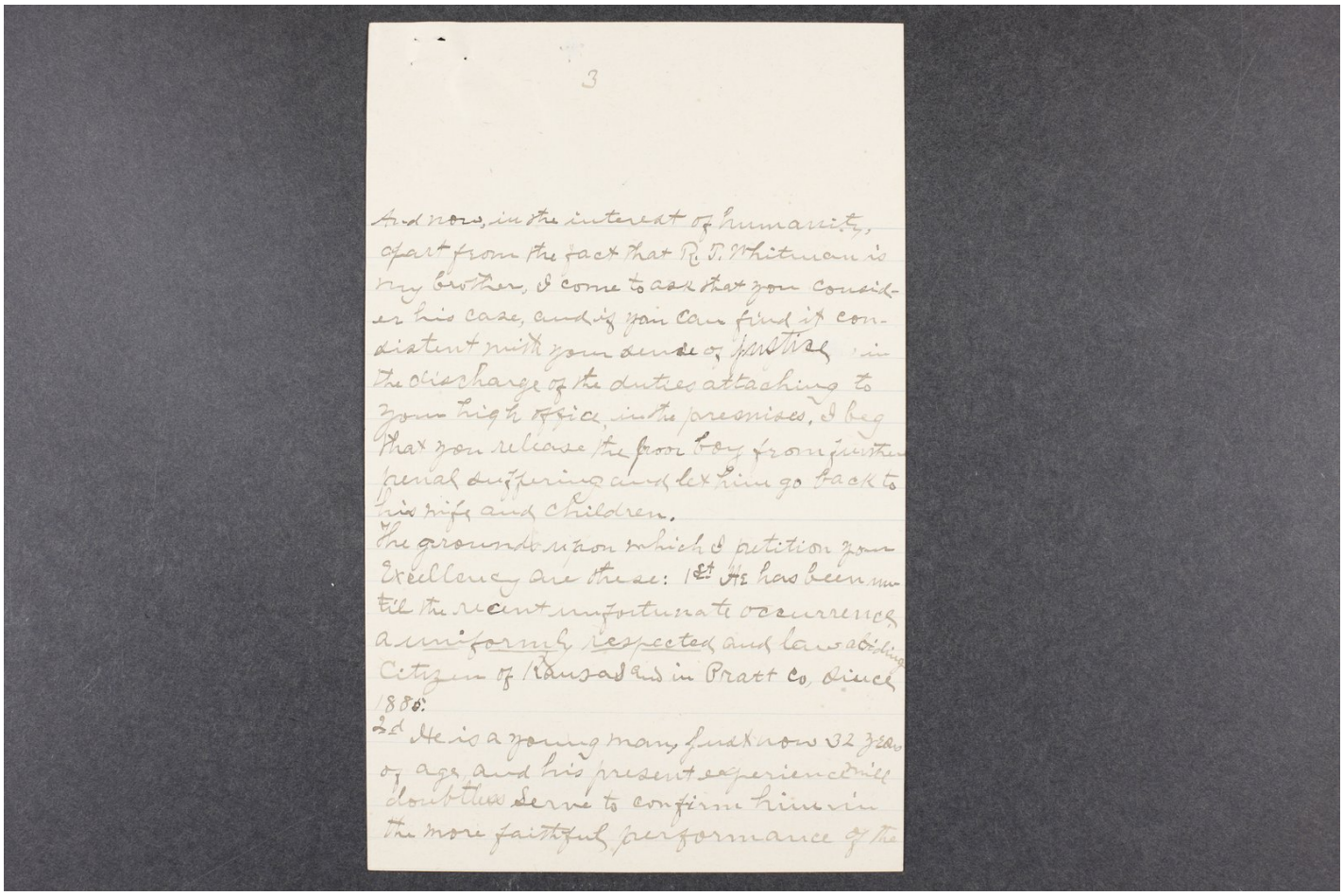
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I hope the Committee will command me if they shall need my talk in any of the "Colored(centers" during the present Campaign.

But, I had started out to speak to your Excellency, of another matter which deeply concerns me. You will recall that my wife, Mrs Caddie Whitman, appeared at your Office recently, and spoke to you of my younger brother who, has been so unfortunate as to have been convicted of "assault with intent to Kill" and sent from Pratt Co. to the State Prison at Lansing for a term of three years. The fact is to me most deplorable. I was here in the South at the time, doing the work of an Evangelist, striving devoutly to enlighten and elevate my people, which work you will see from the Circular enclosed, I am still pursuing.



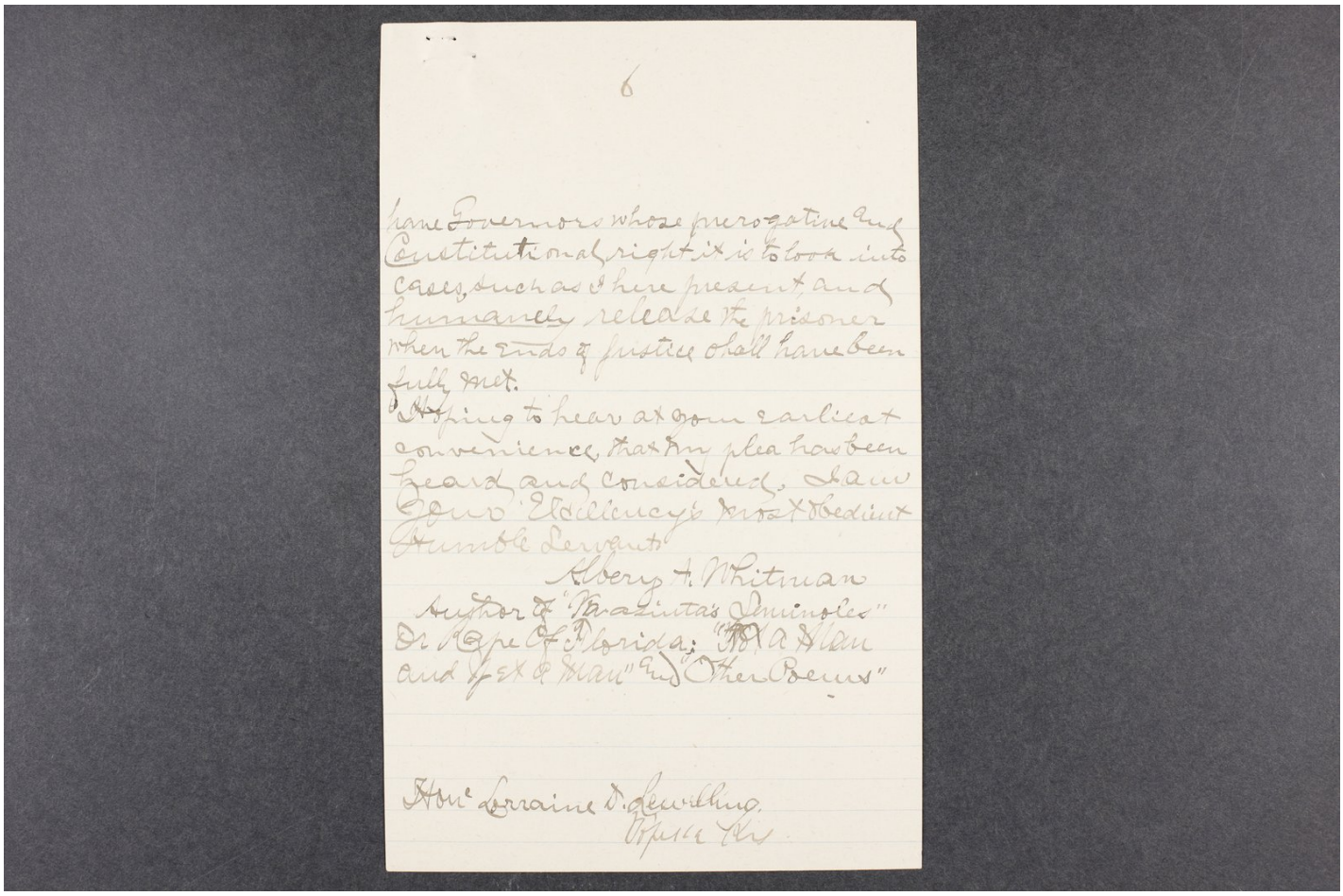
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And now, in the interest of humanity, apart from the fact that R. T. Whitman is my brother, I come to ask that you consider his case, and if you can find it consistent with your duty, further, in the discharge of the duties attaching to your high office, in the premises, I beg that you release the poor boy from further penal suffering and let him go back to his wife and children.

The grounds upon which I petition your Excellency are these: 1st He has been until the recent unfortunate occurrence a uniformly respected and law abiding Citizen of Kansas and in Pratt Co. since 1886.

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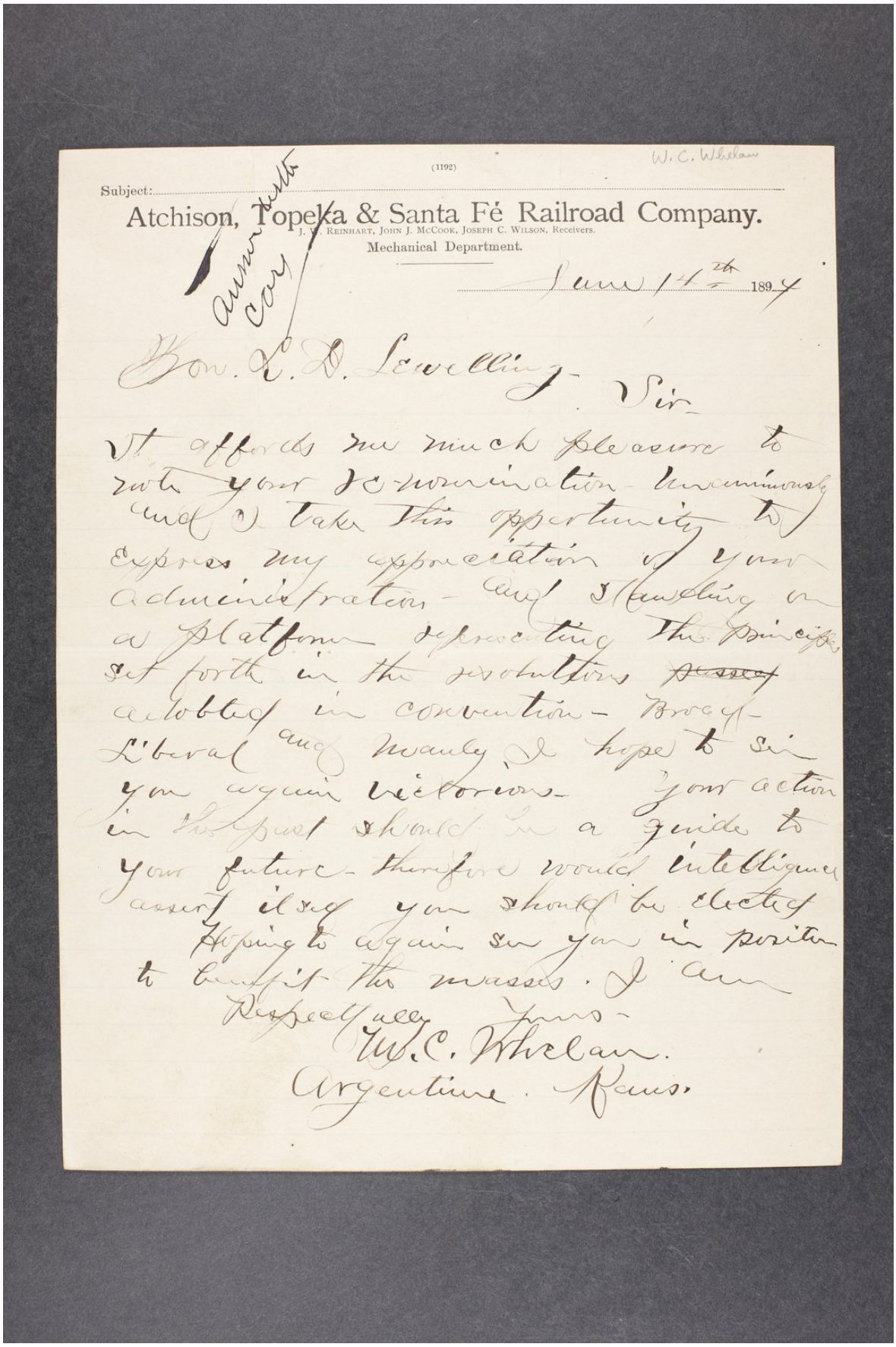
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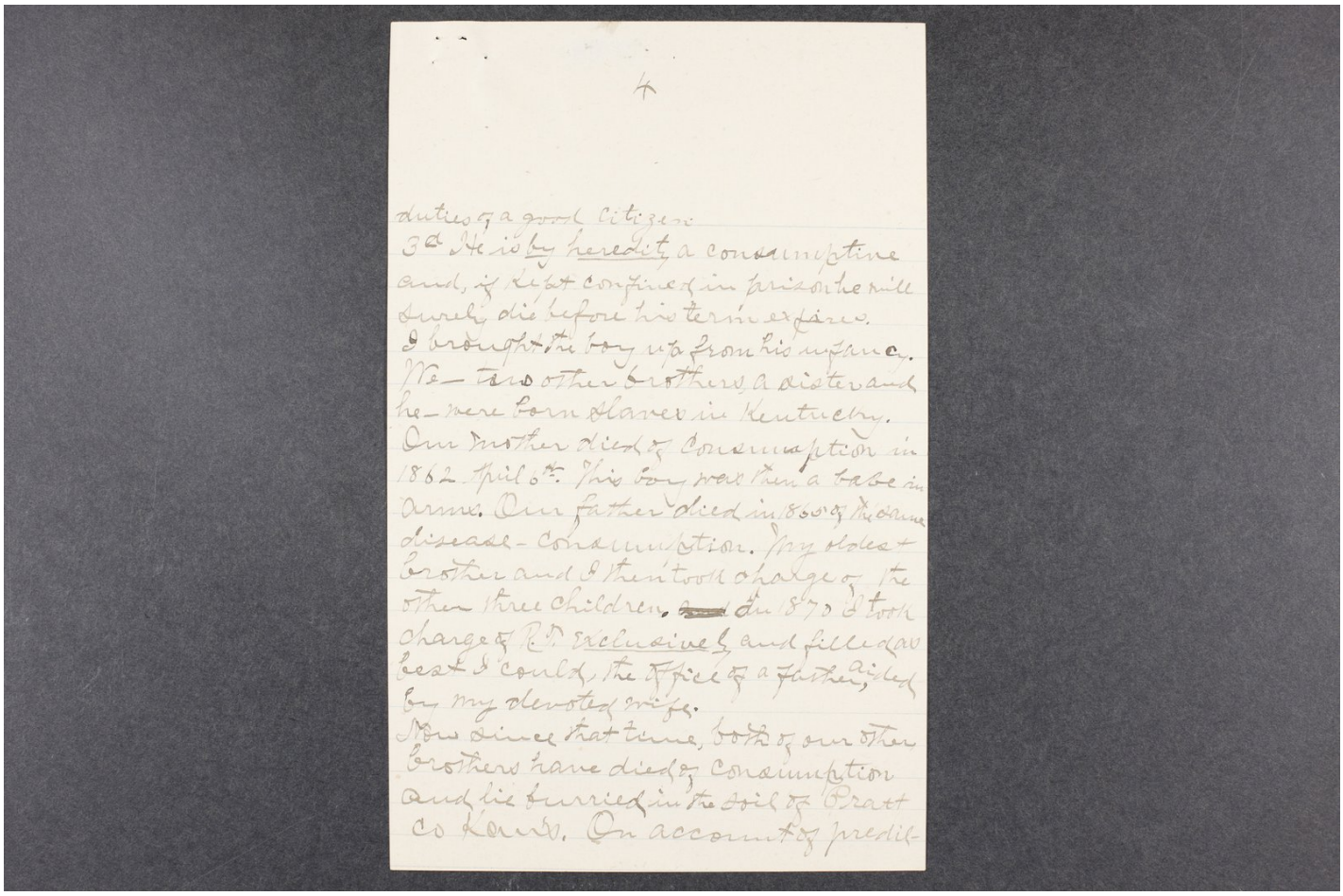
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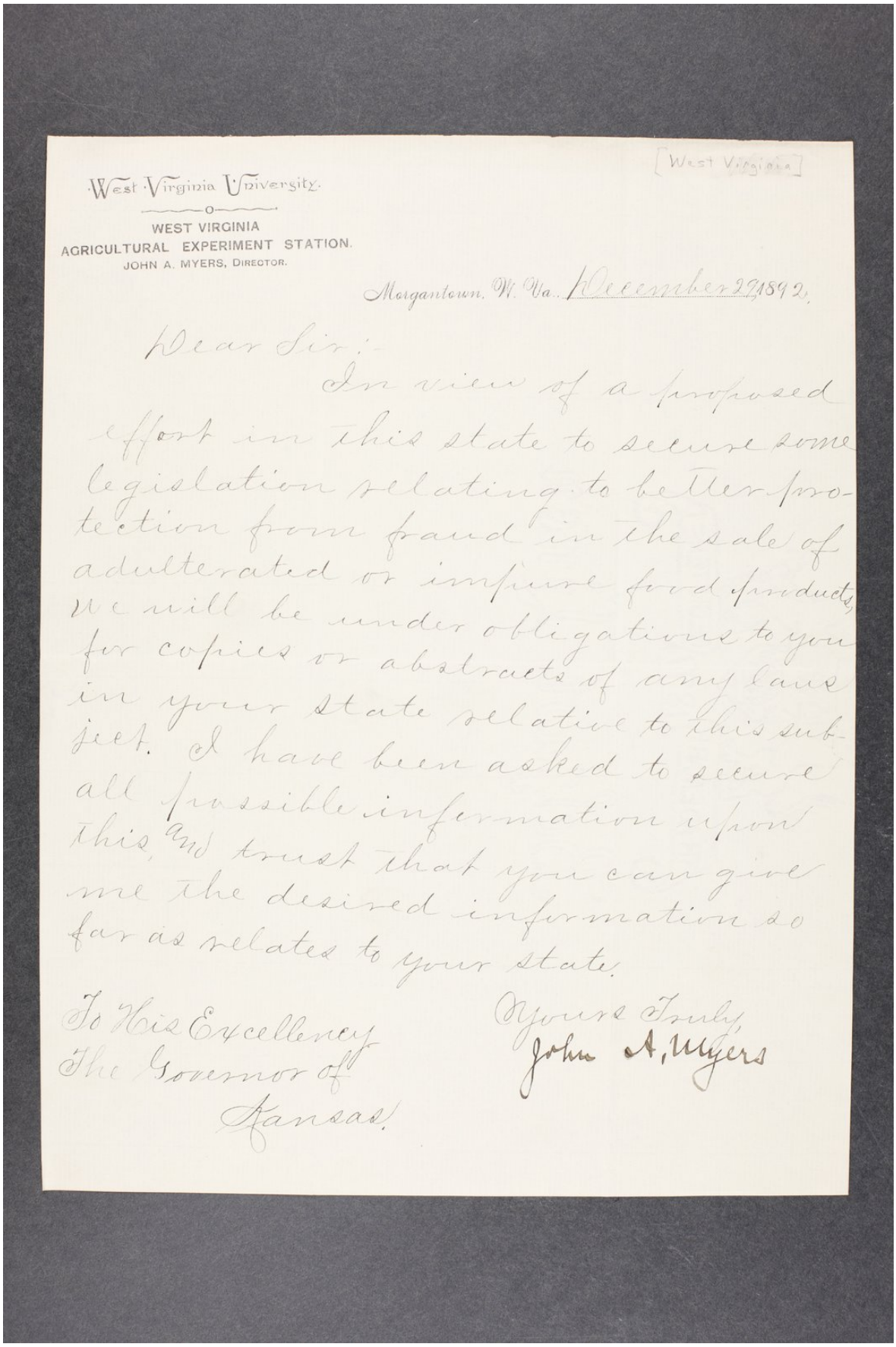
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duties of a good citizen.
3d He is by heredity a consumptive and, if kept confined in prison he will surely die before his term expires.
I brought the boy up from his infancy. We — two other brothers, a sister and he — were born slaves in Kentucky. Our mother died of consumption in 1862 April 6th. This boy was then a babe in arms. Our father died in 1869 of the same disease - Consumption. My oldest brother and I then took charge of the other three children, — In 1870 I took charge of R.P. exclusively and filled as best I could, the office of a father, aided by my devoted wife.
Now since that time, both of our other brothers have died of Consumption and lie buried in the soil of Pratt Co Kans. On account of predil-



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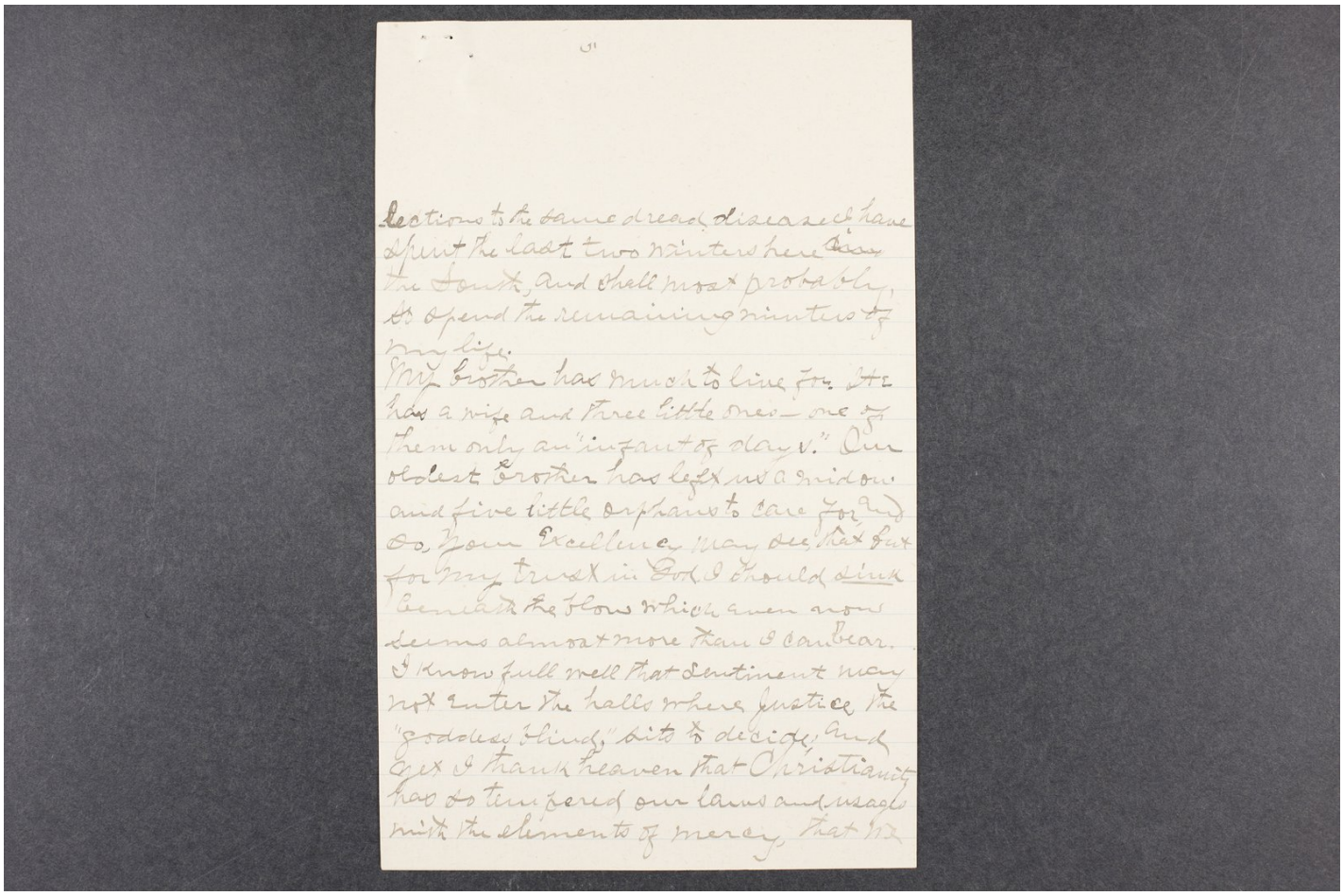
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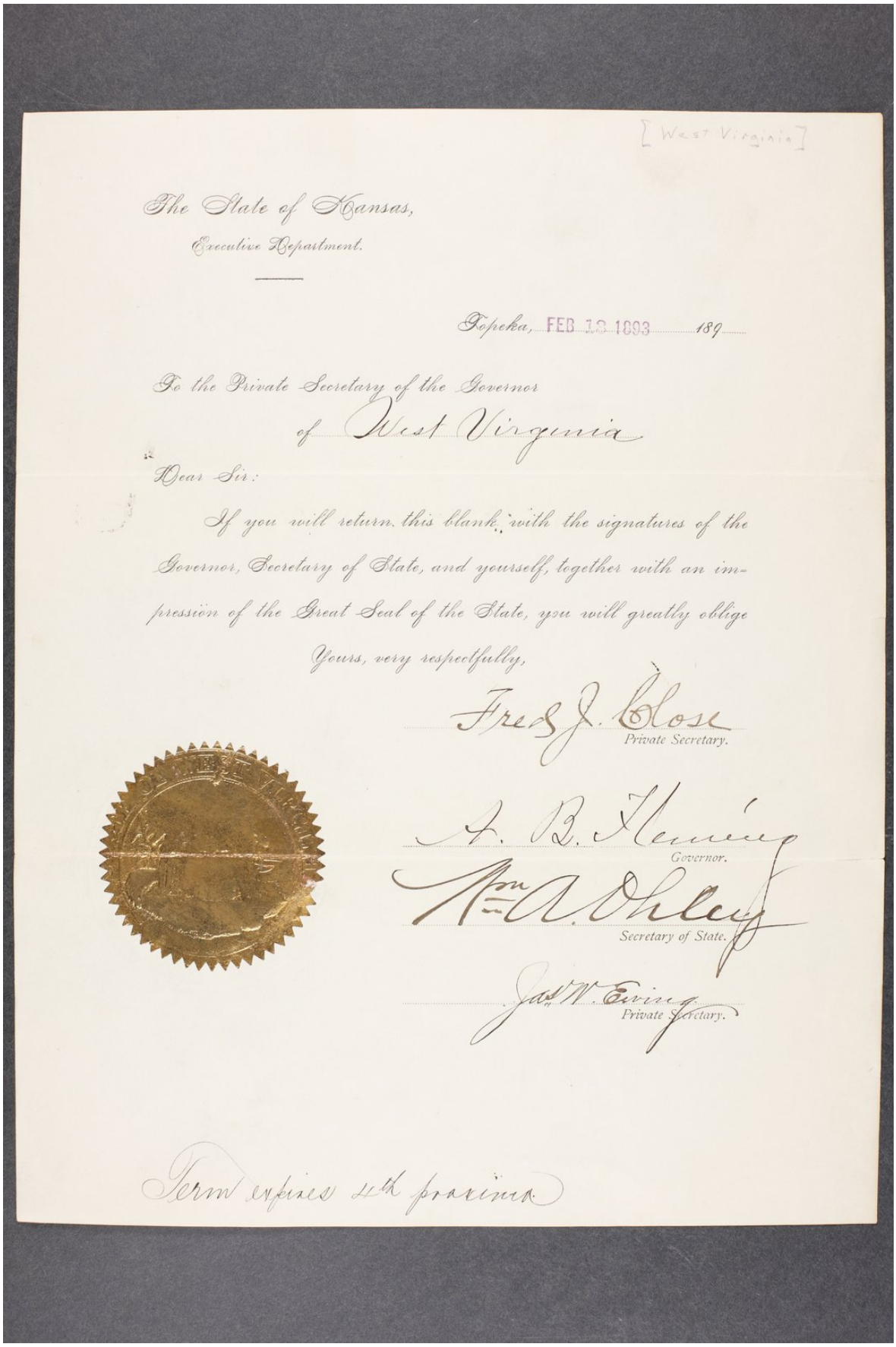
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my life.
My brother has much to live for. He
has a wife and three little ones — one of
them only an "infant of days." Our
oldest brother has left us a widow
and five little orphans to care for and
do. Your Excellency may deem that for
my trust in God I should drink
beneath the blow which even now
seems almost more than I can bear.
I know full well that sentiment may
not enter the halls where Justice, the
"goddess blind," sits to decide, and
yet I thank heaven that Christianity
has so tempered our laws and usages
with the elements of mercy, that no

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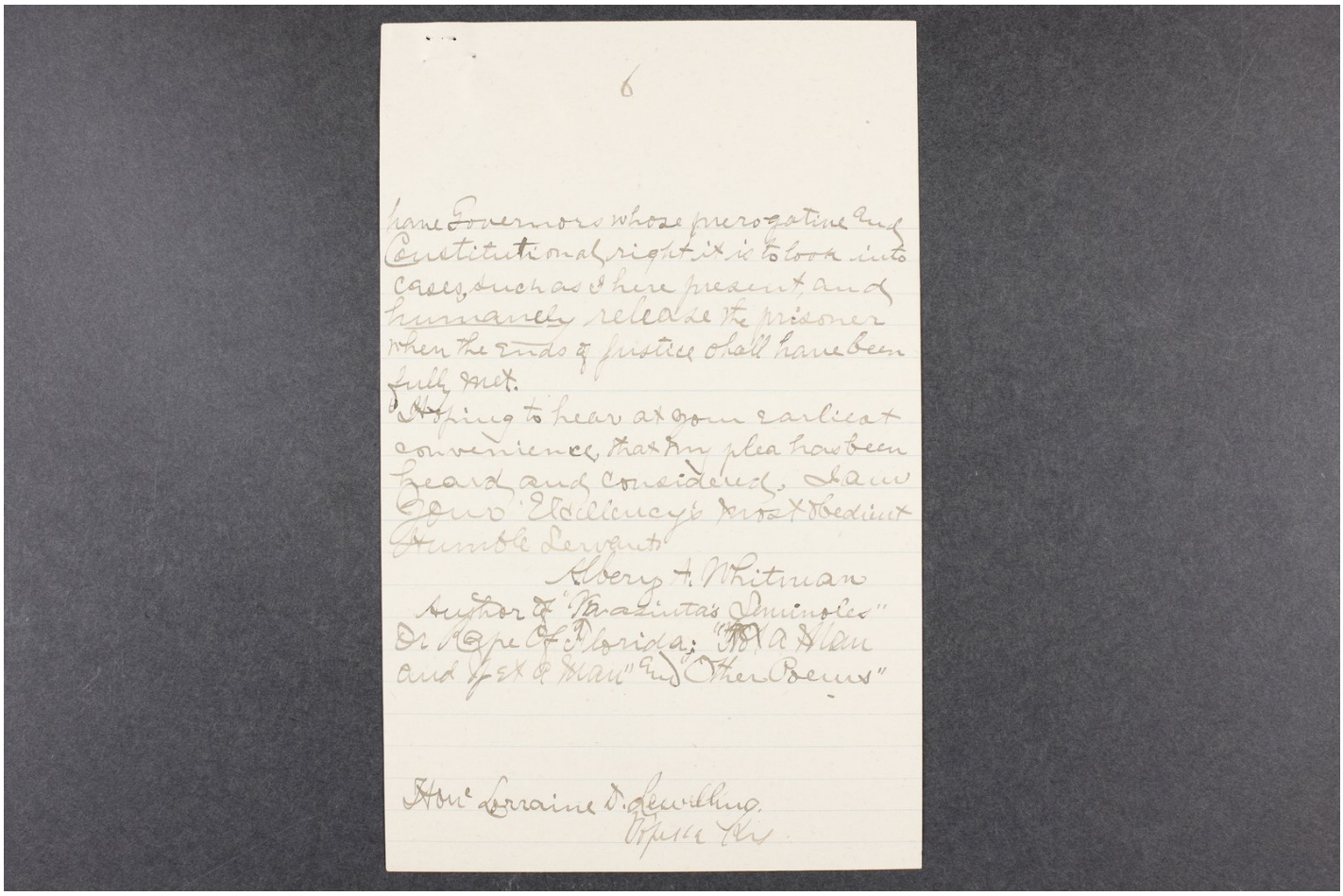
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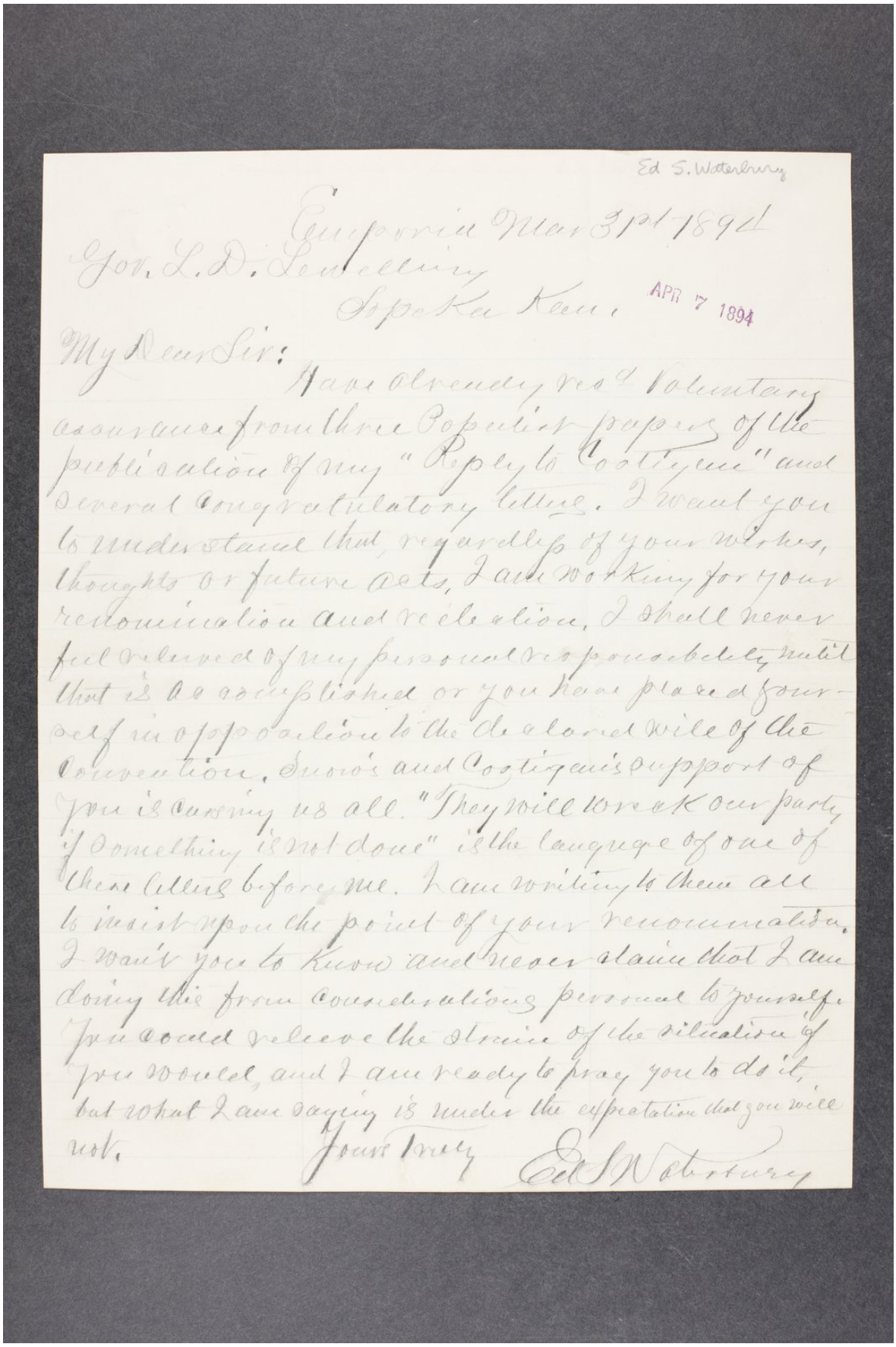
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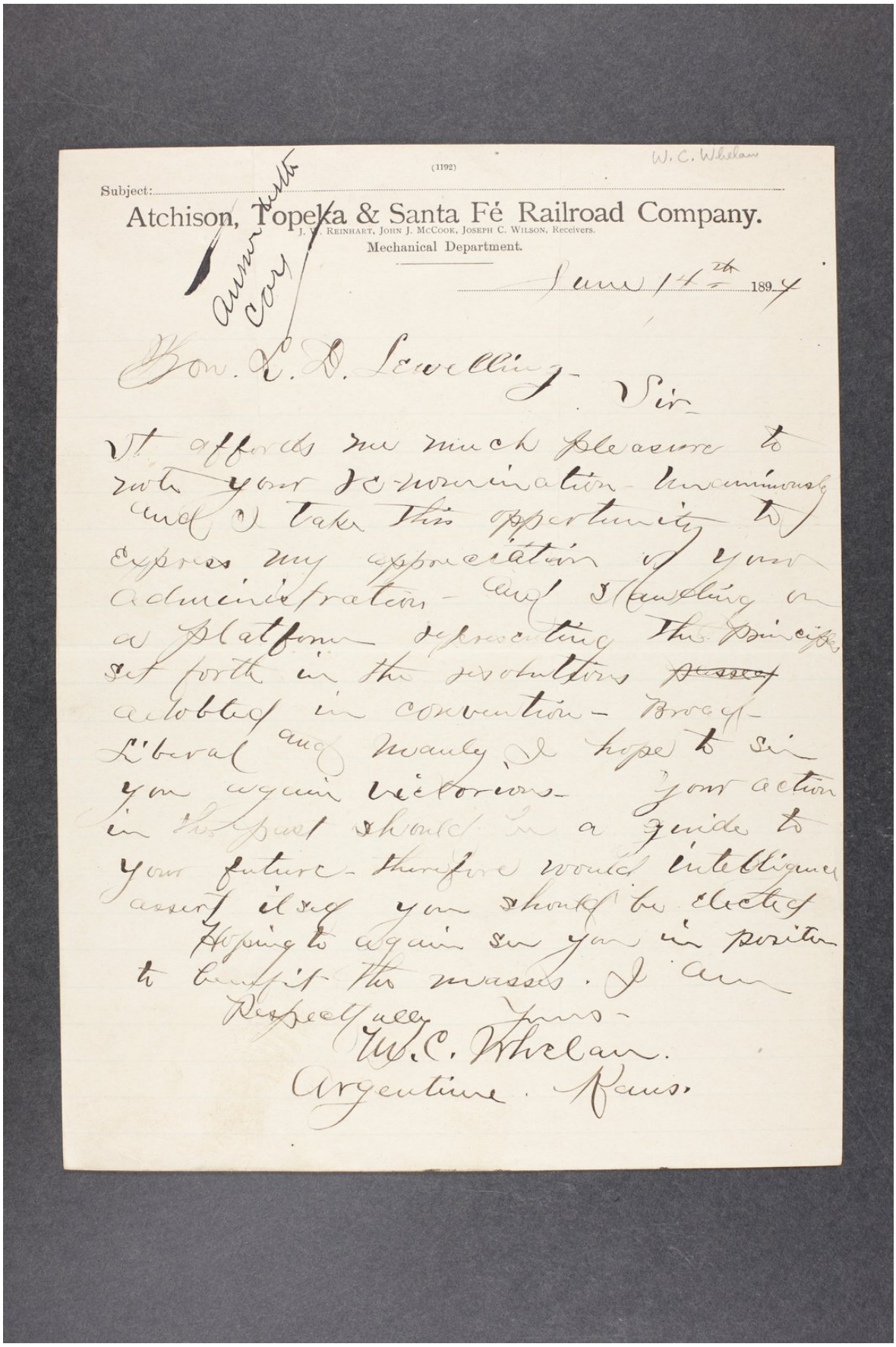
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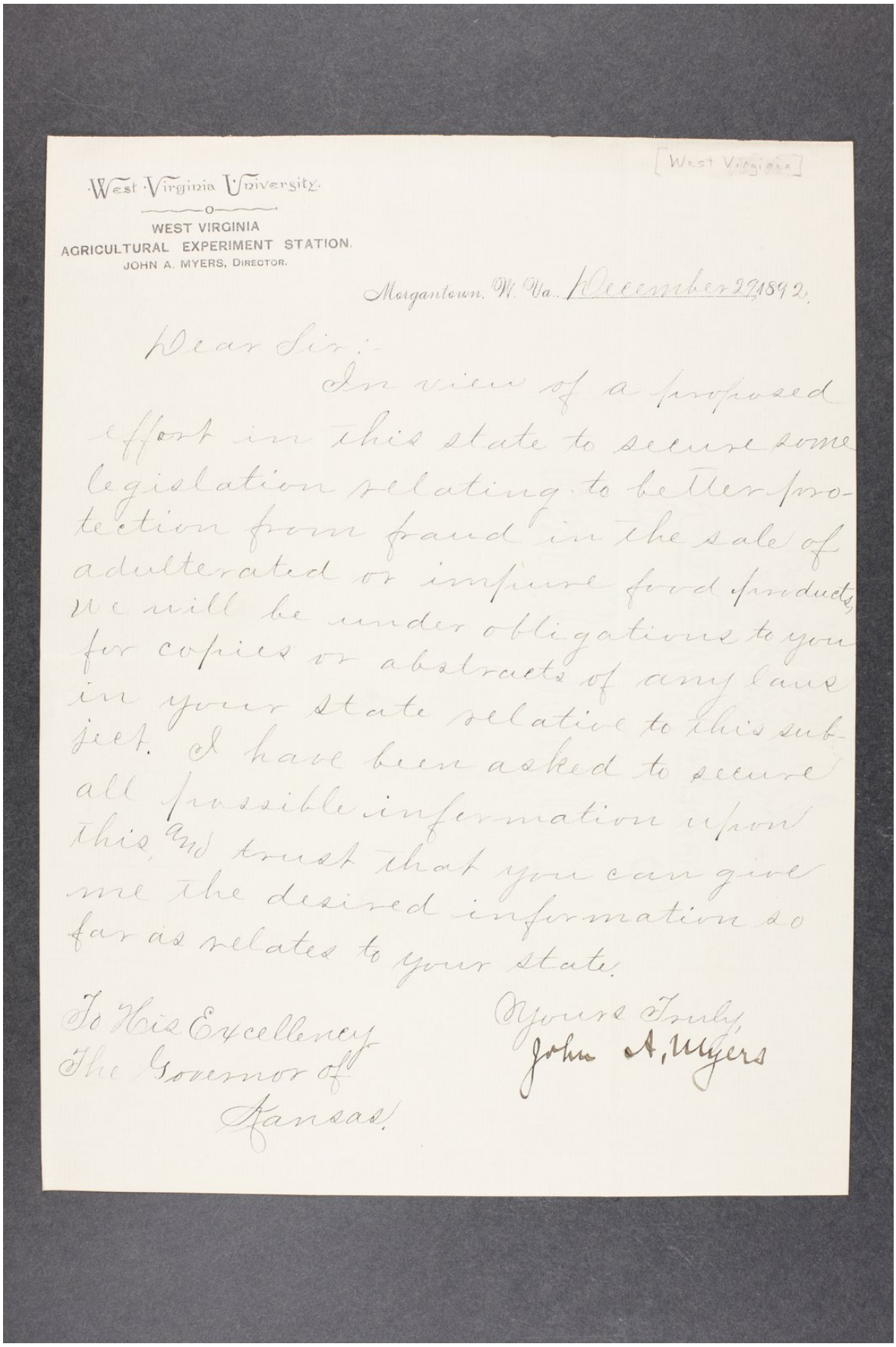
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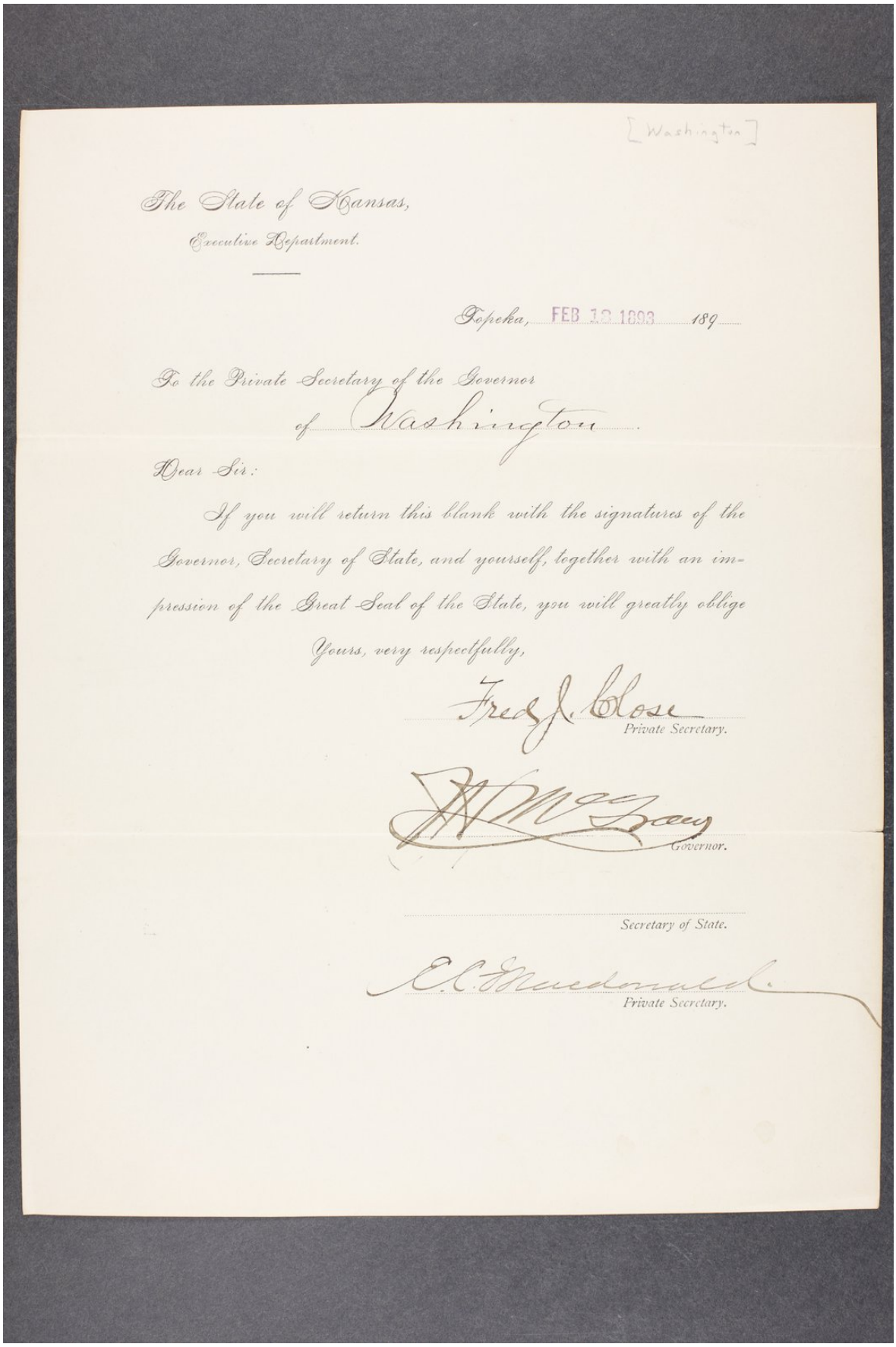
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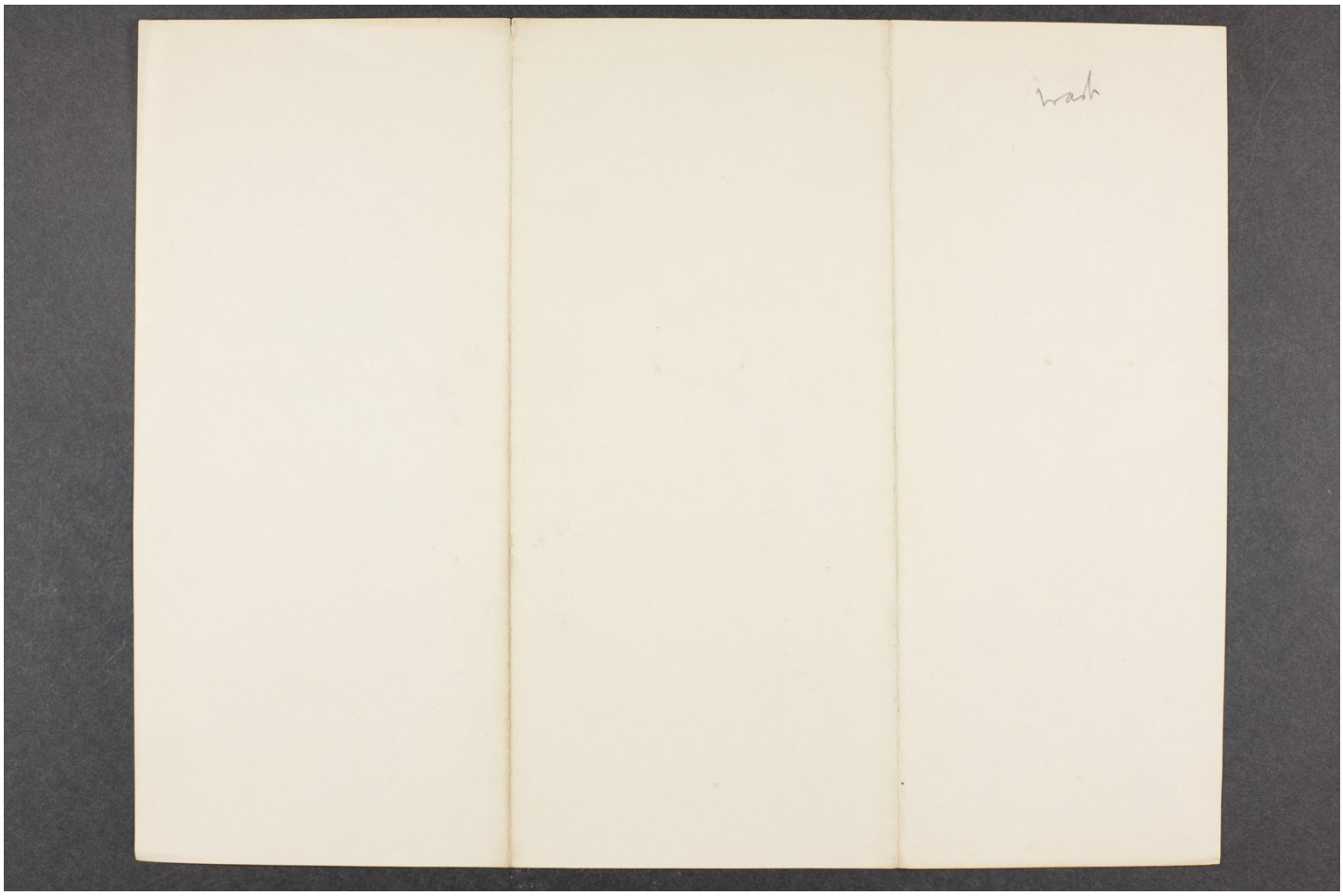
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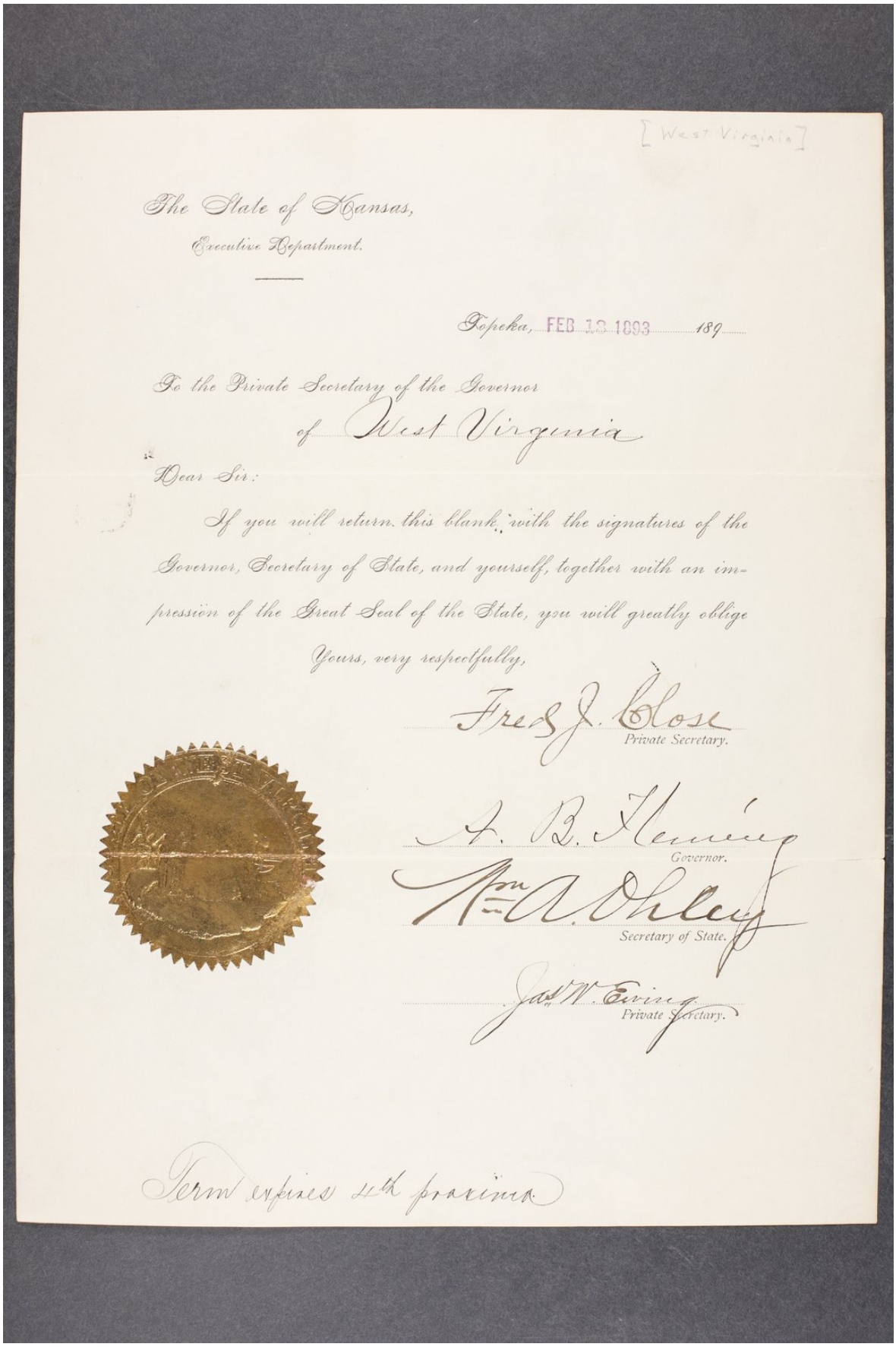
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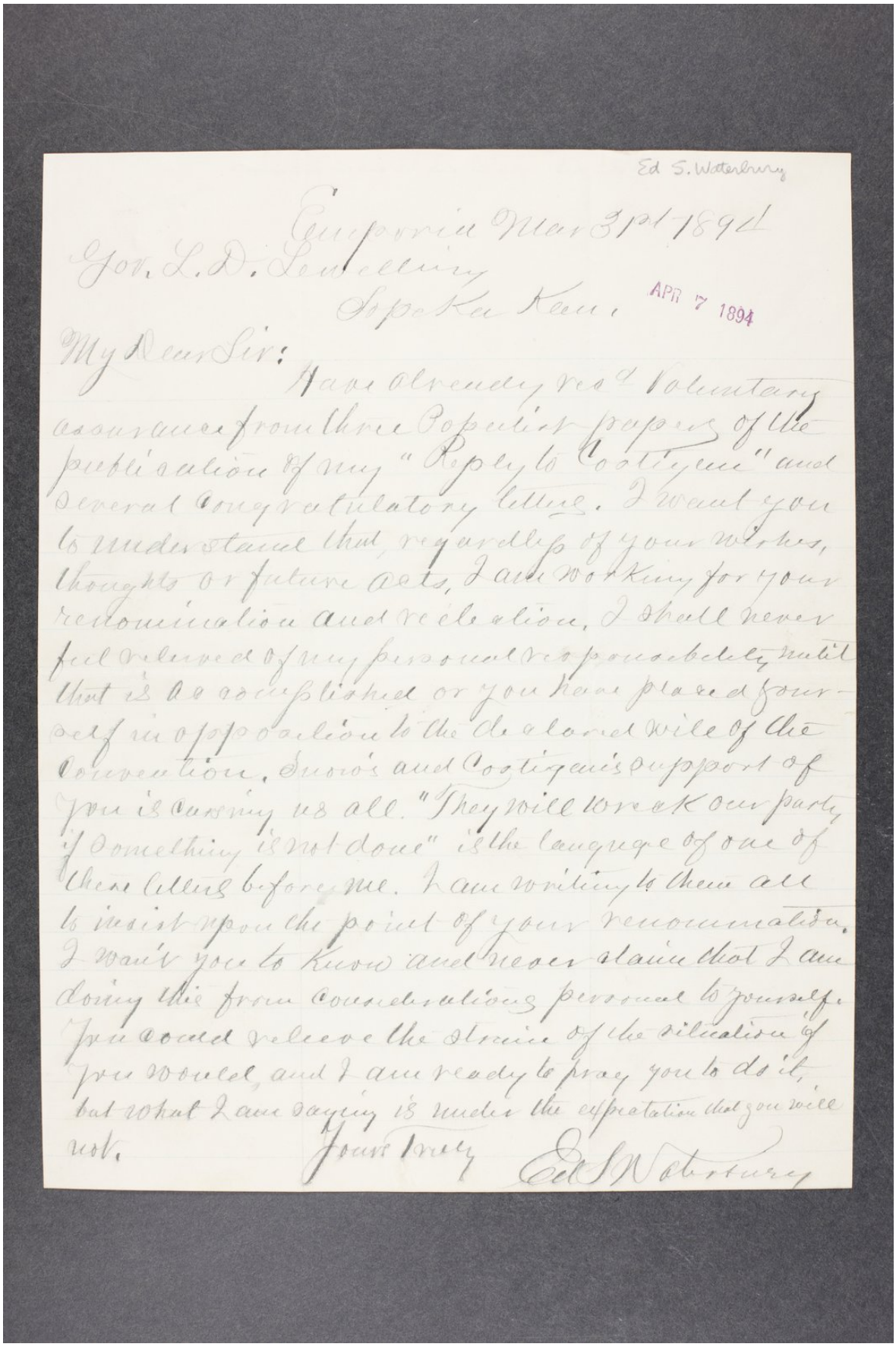
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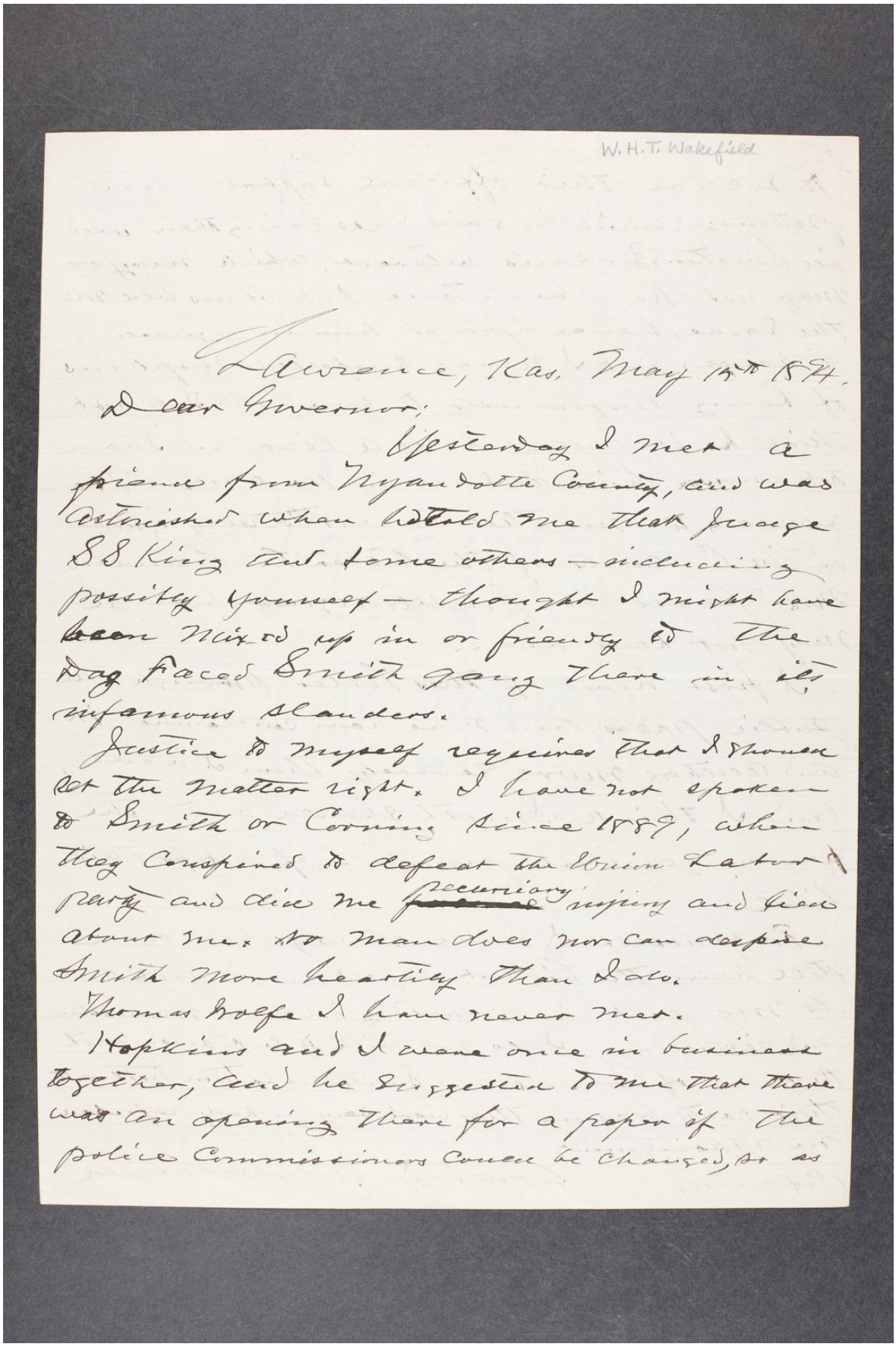
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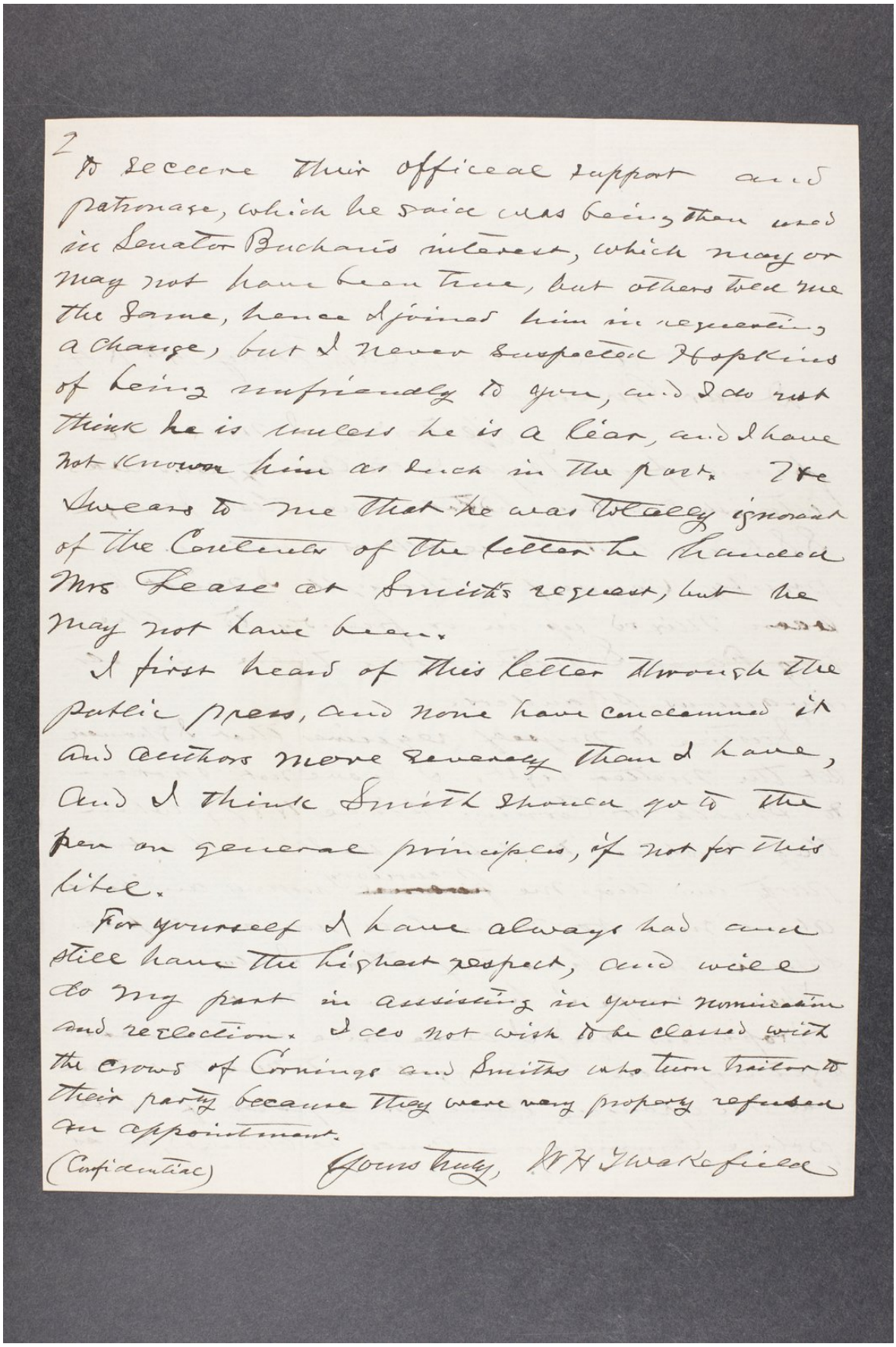
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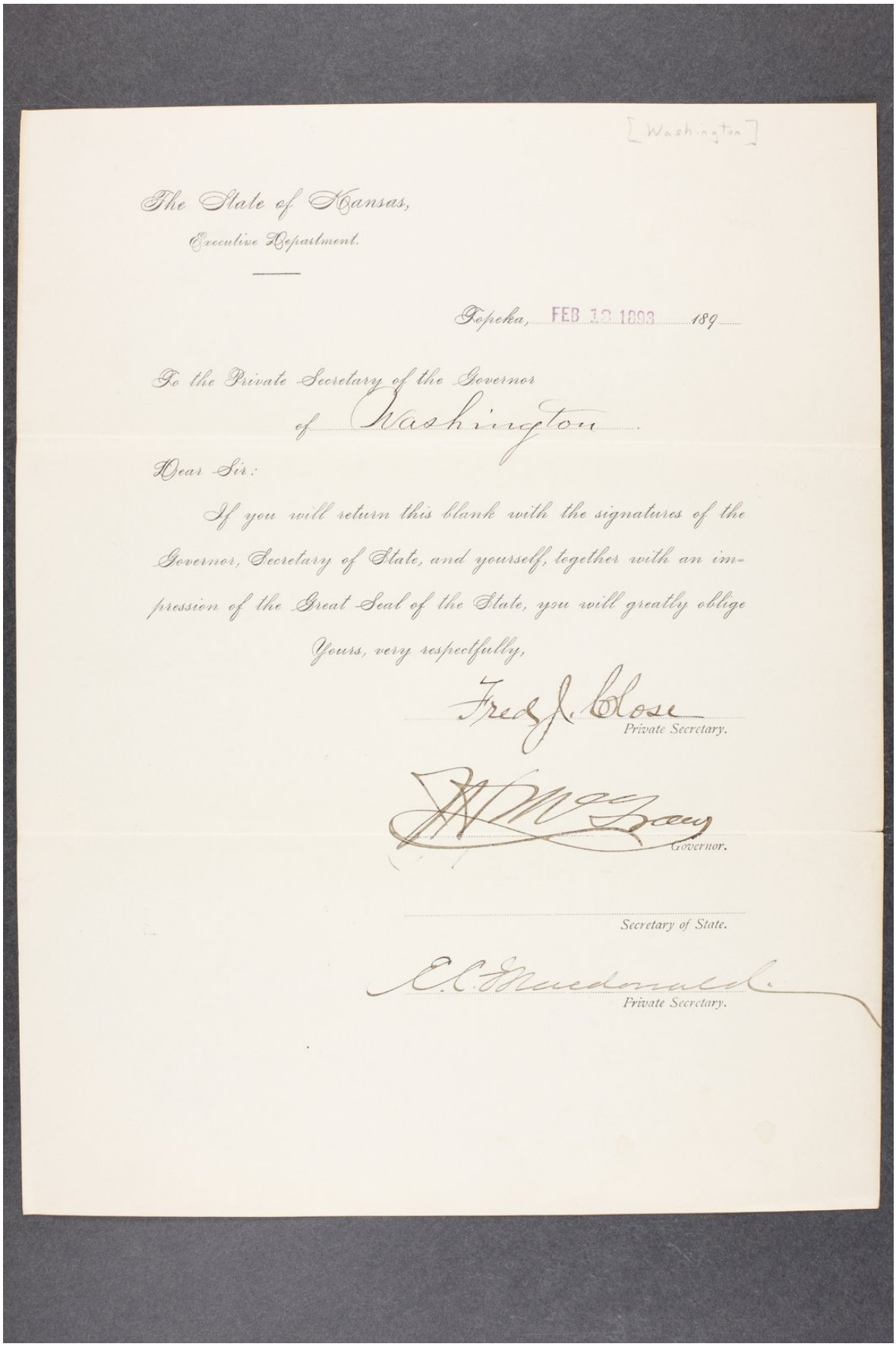
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I first heard of this letter through the public press, and none have condemned it and authors more severely than I have, And I think Smith should go to the pen on general principles, if not for this libel.

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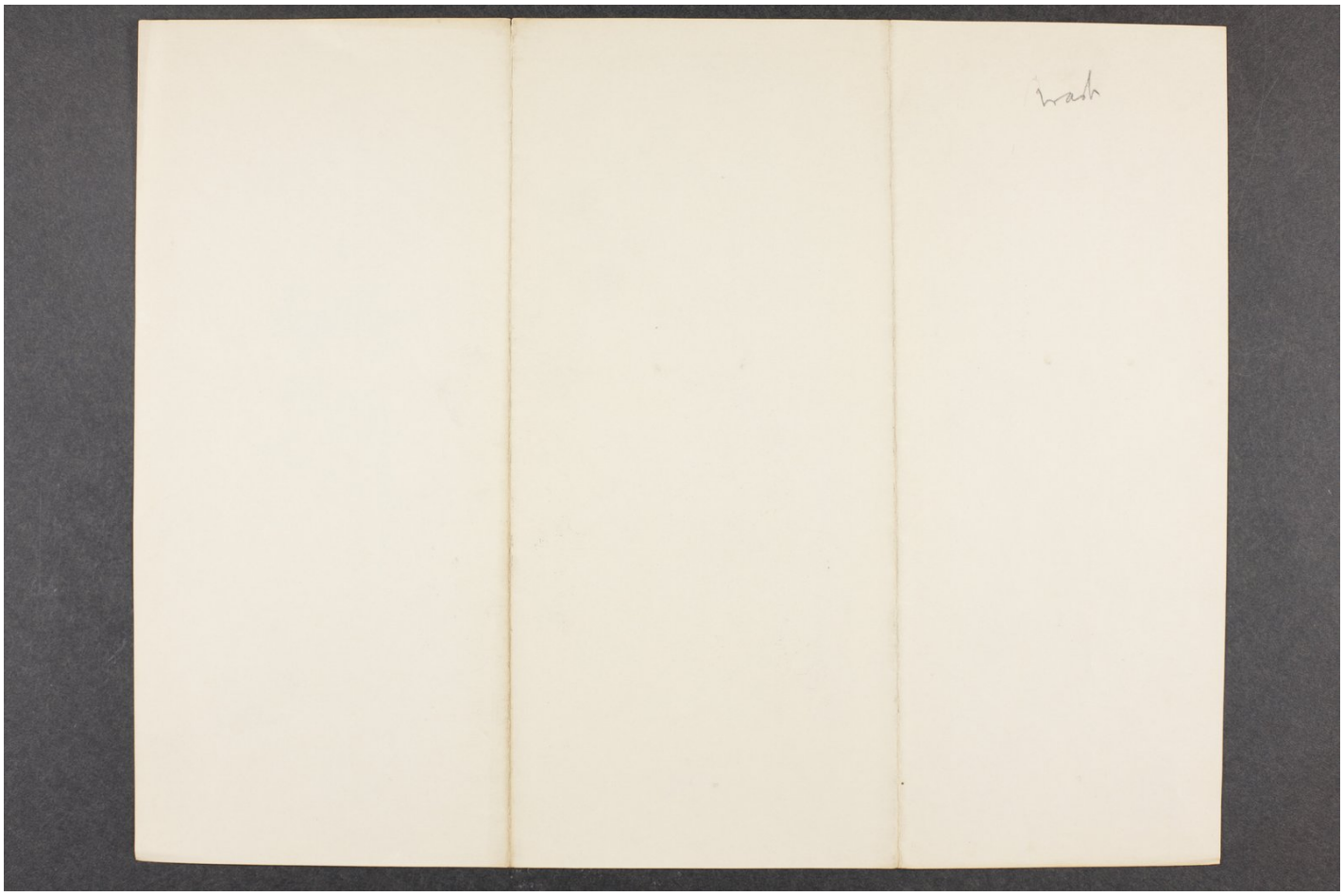
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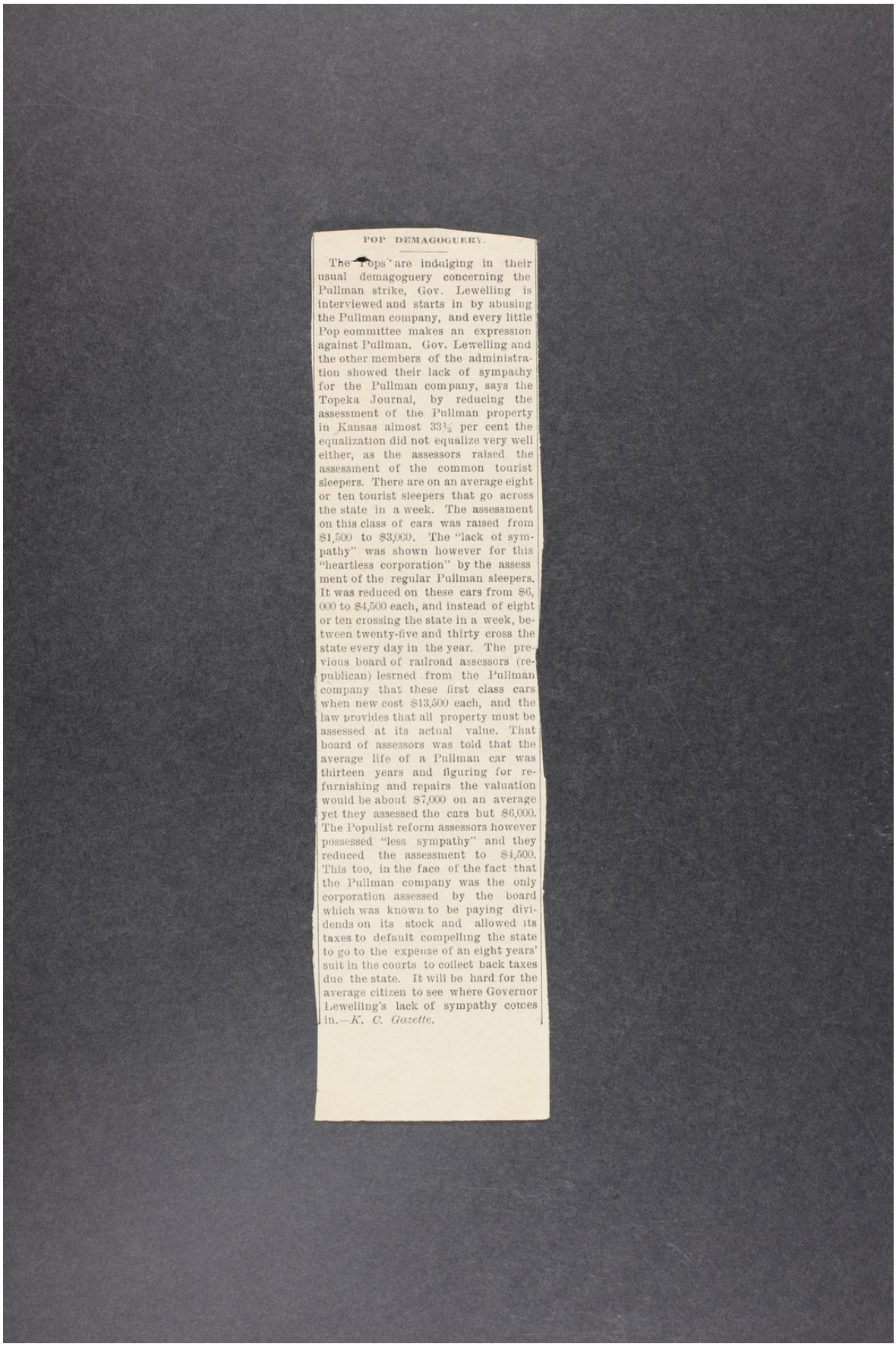
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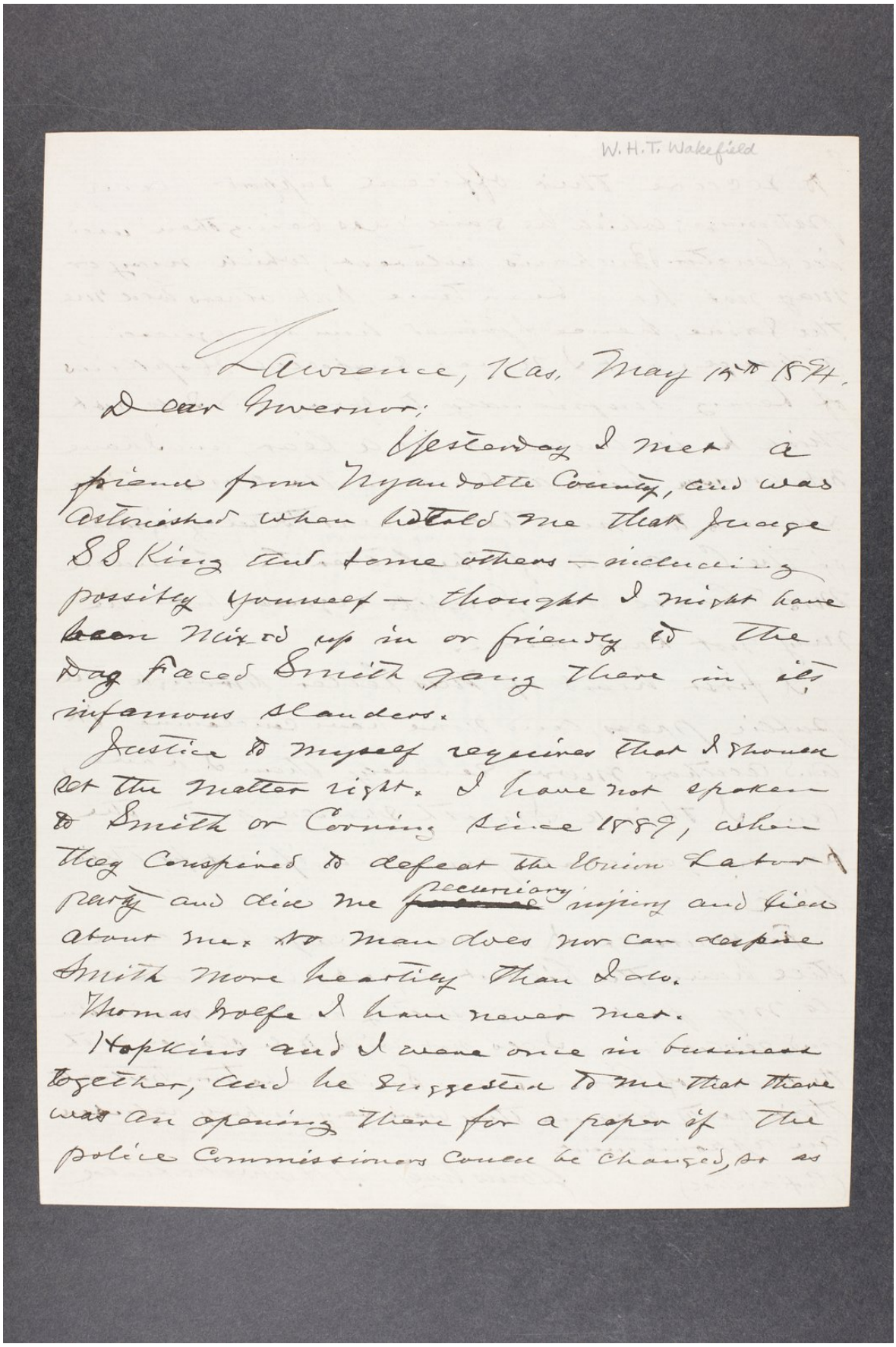


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POP DEMAGOGUERY.

The Pops are indulging in their usual demagoguery concerning the Pullman strike, Gov. Lewelling is interviewed and starts in by abusing the Pullman company, and every little Pop committee makes an expression against Pullman. Gov. Lewelling and the other members of the administration showed their lack of sympathy for the Pullman company, says the Topeka Journal, by reducing the assessment of the Pullman property in Kansas almost 33⅓ per cent the equalization did not equalize very well either, as the assessors raised the assessment of the common tourist sleepers. There are on an average eight or ten tourist sleepers that go across the state in a week. The assessment on this class of cars was raised from $1,500 to $3,000. The "lack of sympathy" was shown however for this "heartless corporation" by the assessment of the regular Pullman sleepers. It was reduced on these cars from $6,000 to $4,500 each, and instead of eight or ten crossing the state in a week, between twenty-five and thirty cross the state every day in the year. The previous board of railroad assessors (republican) lesrned from the Pullman company that these first class cars when new cost $13,500 each, and the law provides that all property must be assessed at its actual value. That board of assessors was told that the average life of a Pullman car was thirteen years and figuring for refurnishing and repairs the valuation would be about $7,000 on an average yet they assessed the cars but $6,000. The Populist reform assessors however possessed "less sympathy" and they reduced the assessment to $4,500. This too, in the face of the fact that the Pullman company was the only corporation assessed by the board which was known to be paying dividends on its stock and allowed its taxes to default compelling the state to go to the expense of an eight years' suit in the courts to collect back taxes due the state. It will be hard for the average citizen to see where Governor Lewelling's lack of sympathy comes in.—*K. C. Gazette.*



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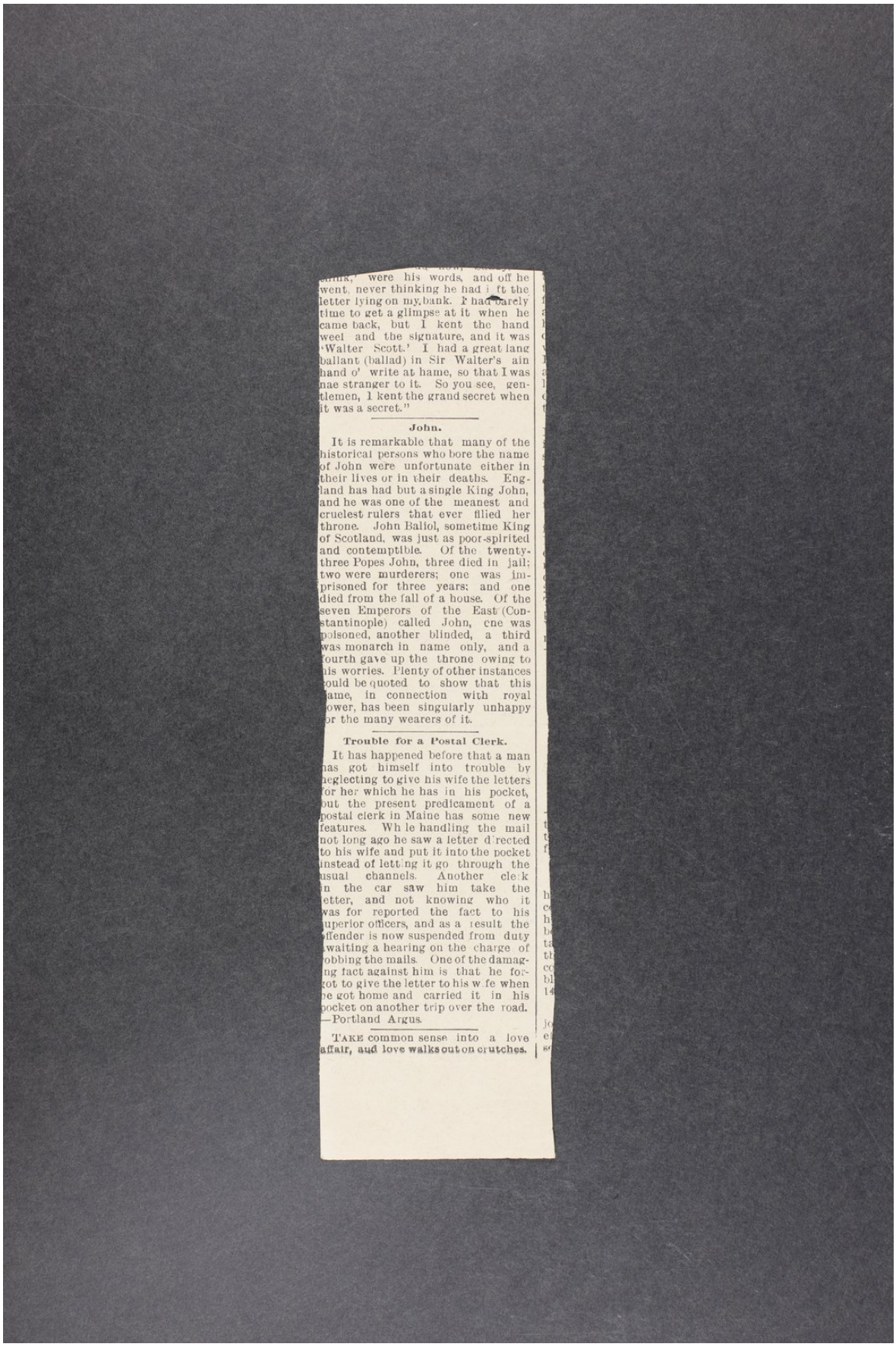
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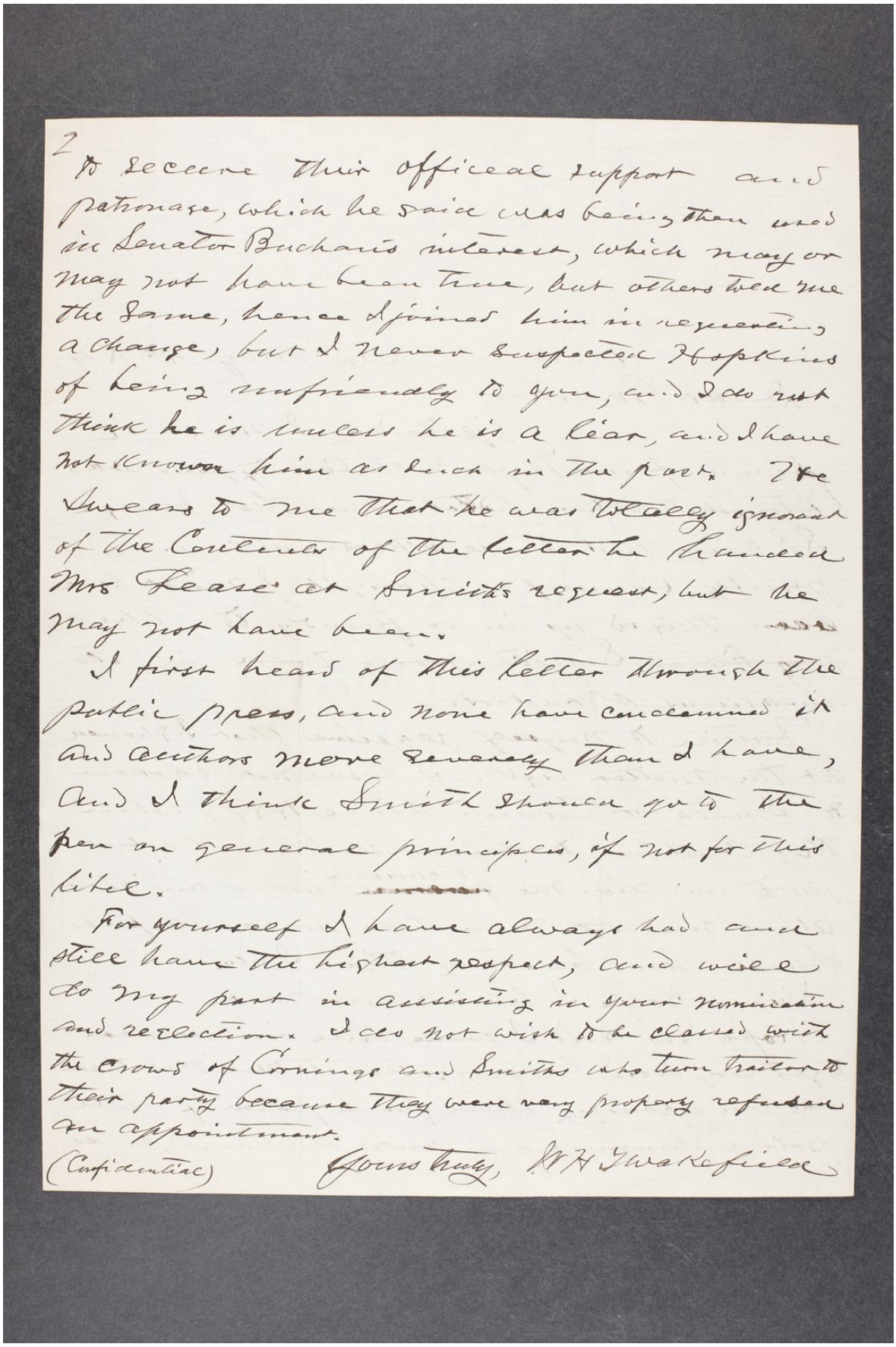
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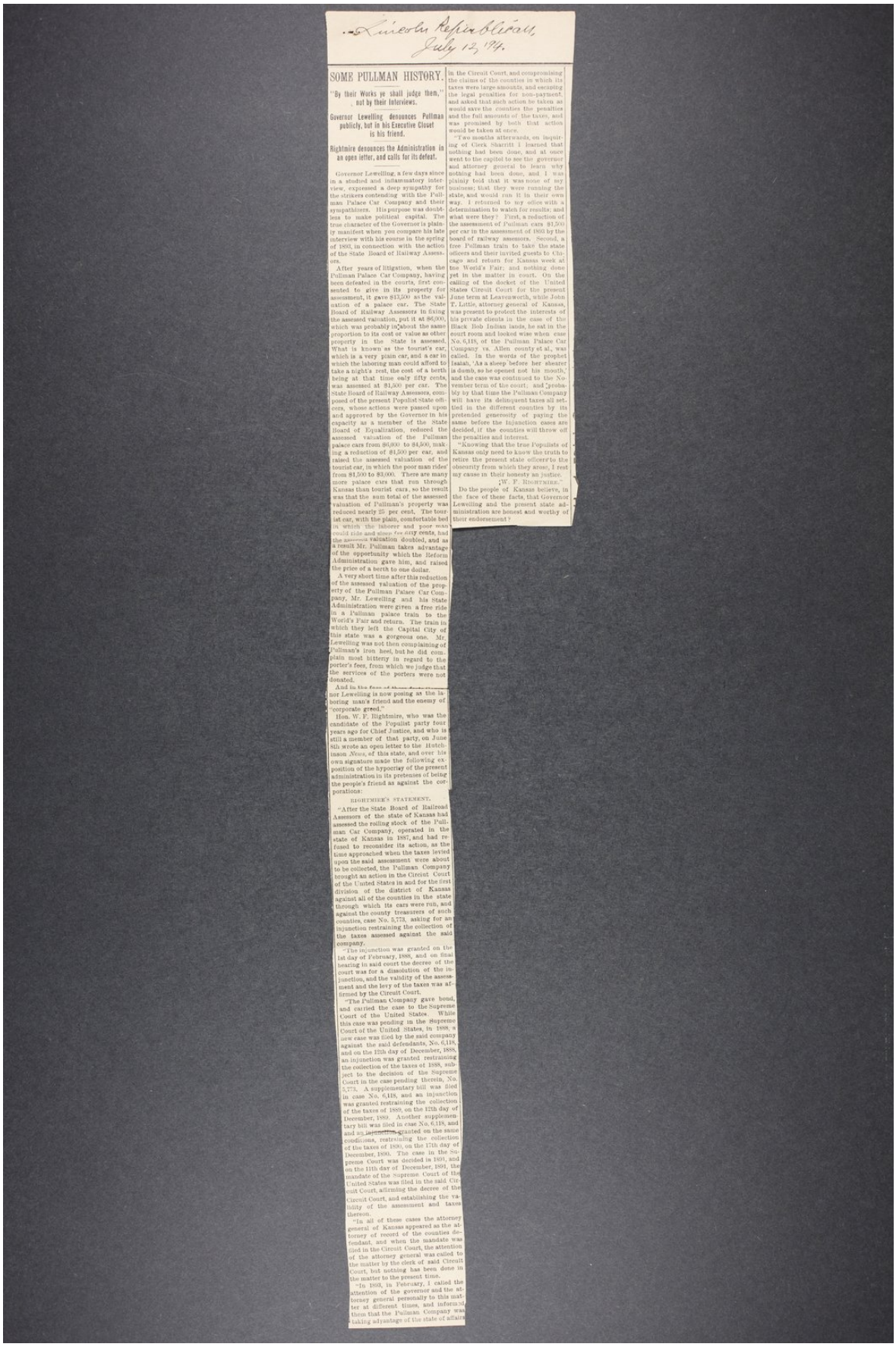
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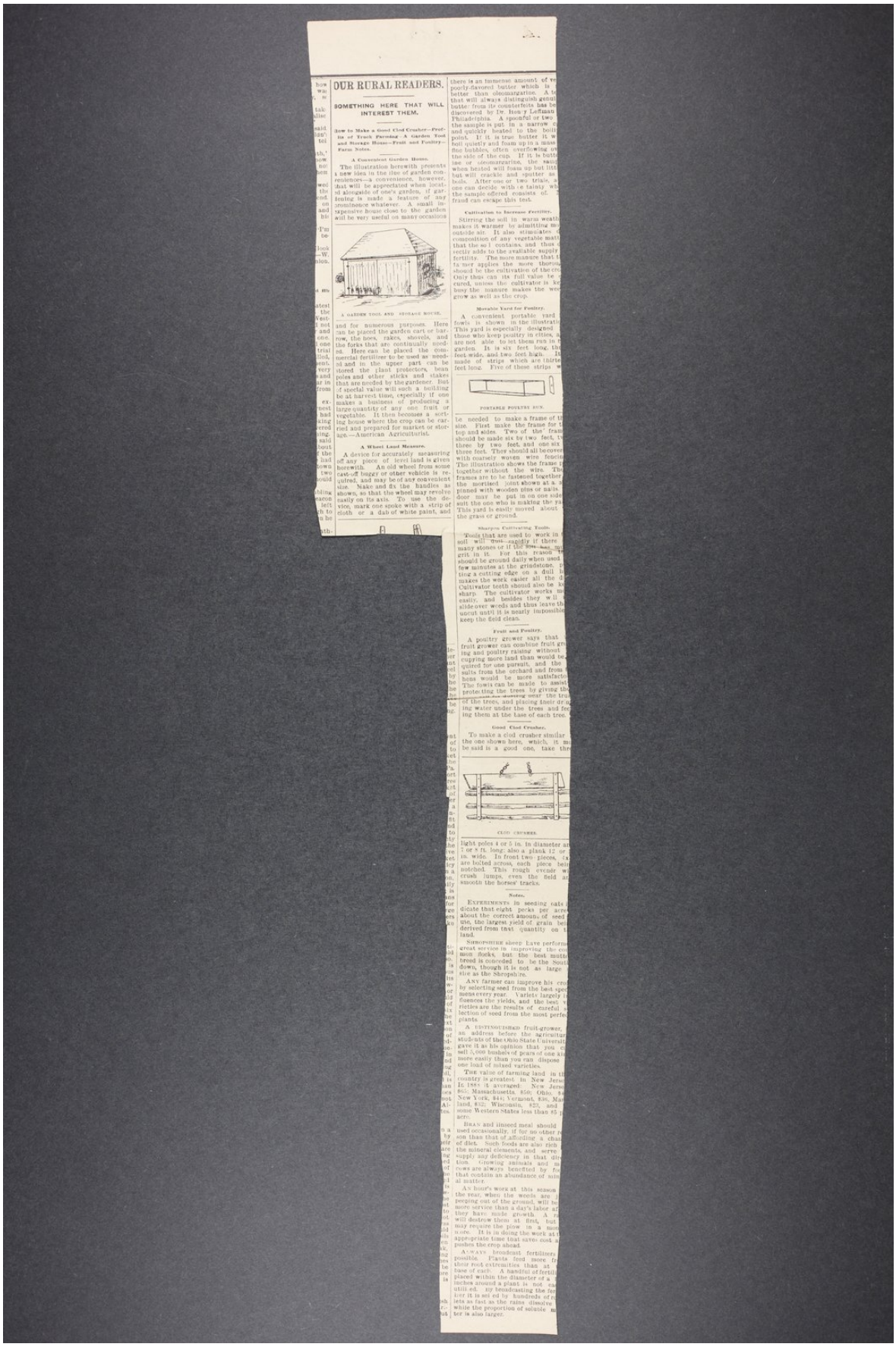
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A Convenient Garden House.

The illustration herewith presents a new idea in the line of garden conveniences—a convenience, however, that will be appreciated when located alongside of one's garden, if gardening is made a feature of any consequence whatever. A small inexpensive house close to the garden will be very useful on many occasions

A GARDEN TOOL AND STORAGE HOUSE.

and for numerous purposes. Here can be placed the garden cart or harrow, the hoes, rakes, shovels, and the forks that are continually needed. Here can be placed the commercial fertilizer to be used as needed and in the upper part can be stored the plant protectors, bean poles and other sticks and stakes that are needed by the gardener. But if special value will such a building be at harvest time, especially if one makes a business of producing a large quantity of any one fruit or vegetable. It then becomes a sorting house where the crop can be carried and prepared for market or storage.—American Agriculturist.

A Wheel Land Measure.

A device for accurately measuring off any piece of level land is given herewith. An old wheel from some cast-off buggy or other vehicle is required, and may be of any convenient size. Make and fix the handles as shown, so that the wheel may revolve easily on its axis. To use the device, mark one spoke with a strip of cloth or a dab of white paint, and

there is an immense amount of very poorly-flavored butter which is better than oleomargarine. A test that will always distinguish genuine butter from its counterfeits has been discovered by Dr. Henry Leffman, Philadelphia. A spoonful or two of the sample is put in a narrow dish and quickly heated to the boiling point. If it is true butter it will boil quietly and foam up in a mass of fine bubbles, often overflowing over the side of the cup. If it is butterine or oleomargarine, the sample when heated will foam up but little, but will crackle and splutter as the fat boils. After one or two trials, as one can decide with certainty what the sample offered consists of. No fraud can escape this test.

Cultivation to Increase Fertility.

Stirring the soil in warm weather makes it warmer by admitting more outside air. It also stimulates the decomposition of any vegetable matter that the soil contains, and thus indirectly adds to the available supply of fertility. The more manure that is used the more applies the more thorough should be the cultivation of the crop. Only thus can its full value be secured, unless the cultivator is kept busy the manure makes the weeds grow as well as the crop.

Movable Yard for Poultry.

A convenient portable yard for fowls is shown in the illustration. This yard is especially designed for those who keep poultry in cities, and are not able to let them run in the garden. It is six feet long, three feet wide, and two feet high. It is made of strips which are thirteen feet long. Five of these strips will be needed to make a frame of the proper size. First make the frame for the top and sides. Two of the frames should be made six by two feet, two three by two feet, and one six by three feet. They should all be covered with coarsely woven wire fencing. The illustration shows the frame put together without the wire. The frames are to be fastened together at the mortised joint shown at a, and pinned with wooden pins or nails. The door may be put in on one side to suit the one who is making the yard. This yard is easily moved about on the grass or ground.

PORTABLE POULTRY RUN.

Sharpen Cultivating Tools.

Tools that are used to work in the soil will work rapidly if there are not many stones or if the soil does not contain grit in it. For this reason they should be ground daily when used for a few minutes at the grindstone. By giving a cutting edge on a dull tool it makes the work easier all the day. Cultivator teeth should also be kept sharp. The cultivator works much more easily, and besides they will not slide over weeds and thus leave them to uncut until it is nearly impossible to keep the field clean.

Fruit and Poultry.

A poultry grower says that the fruit grower can combine fruit growing and poultry raising without incurring more land than would be required for one pursuit, and the results from the orchard and from the hens would be more satisfactory. The fowls can be made to assist in protecting the trees by giving them the shelter near the trunk of the trees, and placing their drinking water under the trees and feeding them at the base of each tree.

Good Clod Crusher.

To make a clod crusher similar to the one shown here, which, it may be said is a good one, take three

CLOD CRUSHER.

light poles 4 or 5 in. in diameter and 5 or 6 ft. long; also a plank 12 or 14 in. wide. In front two pieces, cut as are bolted across, each piece being notched. This rough evener will crush lumps, even the field and smooth the horses' tracks.

Notes.

EXPERIMENTS in seeding oats indicate that eight pecks per acre is about the correct amount of seed to use, the largest yield of grain being derived from that quantity on the land.

SHROPSHIRE sheep have performed great service in improving the common flocks, but the best mutton breed is conceded to be the Southdown, though it is not as large or as stalwart as the Shropshire.

ANY farmer can improve his crop by selecting seed from the best specimens every year. Variety largely influences the yields, and the best varieties are the results of careful selection of seed from the most perfect plants.

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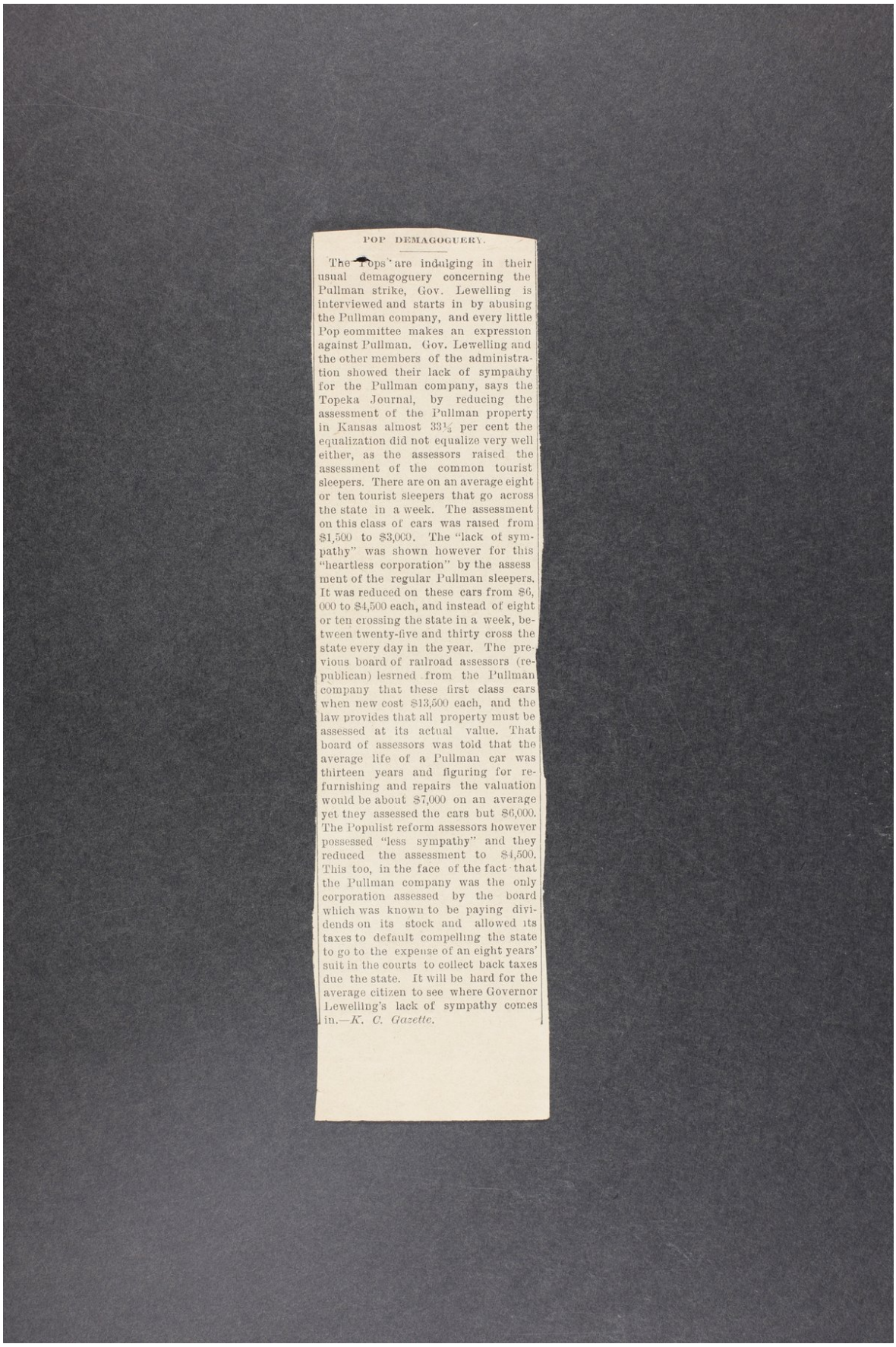
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AN hour's work at this season of the year, when the weeds are just peeping out of the ground, will be of more service than a day's labor after they have made growth. A rake will destroy them at first, but may require the plow in a month more. It is in doing the work at the appropriate time that saves cost and pushes the crop ahead.

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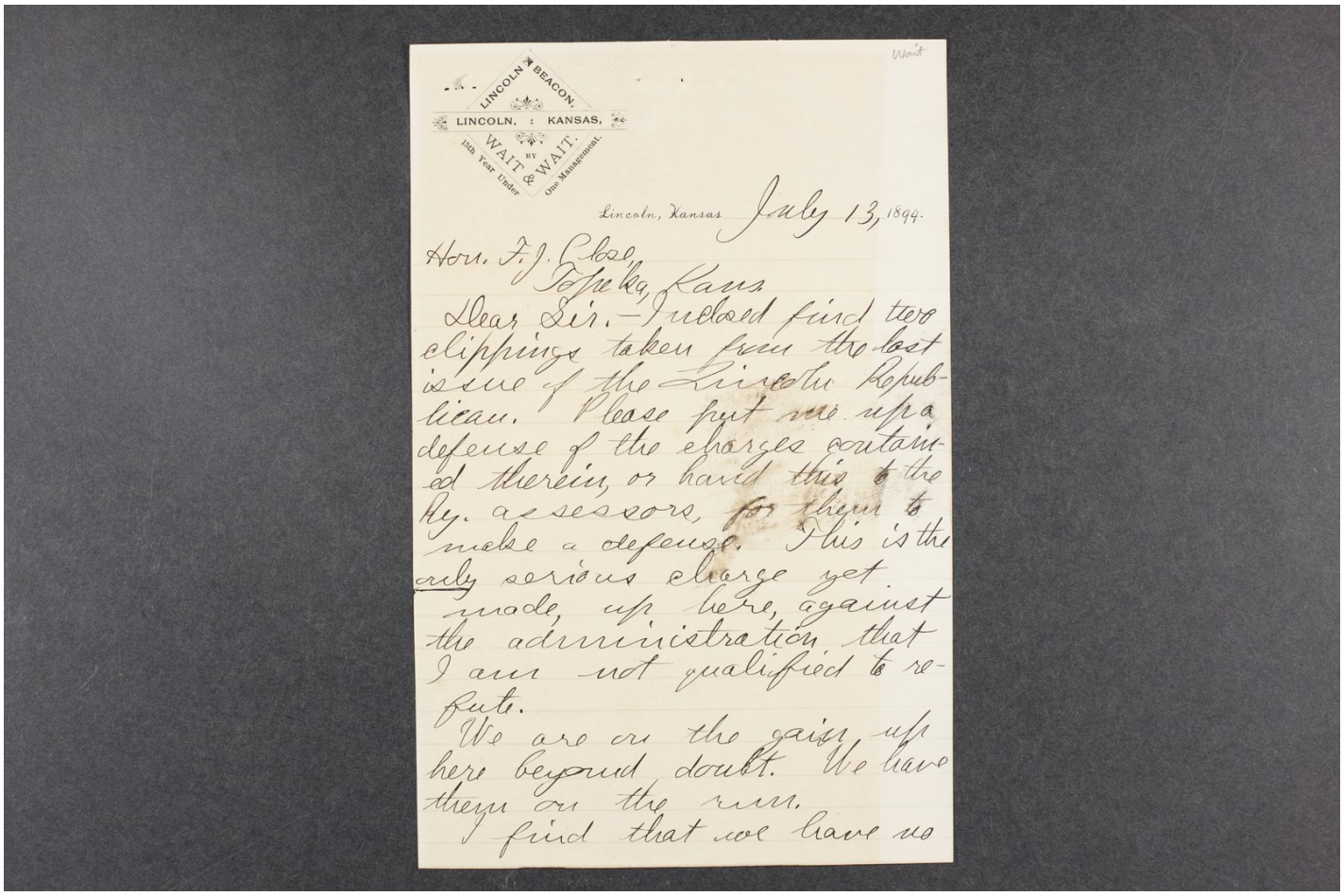
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POP DEMAGOGUERY.

The Pops are indulging in their usual demagoguery concerning the Pullman strike, Gov. Lewelling is interviewed and starts in by abusing the Pullman company, and every little Pop committee makes an expression against Pullman. Gov. Lewelling and the other members of the administration showed their lack of sympathy for the Pullman company, says the Topeka Journal, by reducing the assessment of the Pullman property in Kansas almost 33⅓ per cent the equalization did not equalize very well either, as the assessors raised the assessment of the common tourist sleepers. There are on an average eight or ten tourist sleepers that go across the state in a week. The assessment on this class of cars was raised from $1,500 to $3,000. The "lack of sympathy" was shown however for this "heartless corporation" by the assessment of the regular Pullman sleepers. It was reduced on these cars from $6,000 to $4,500 each, and instead of eight or ten crossing the state in a week, between twenty-five and thirty cross the state every day in the year. The previous board of railroad assessors (republican) lesrned from the Pullman company that these first class cars when new cost $13,500 each, and the law provides that all property must be assessed at its actual value. That board of assessors was told that the average life of a Pullman car was thirteen years and figuring for refurnishing and repairs the valuation would be about $7,000 on an average yet they assessed the cars but $6,000. The Populist reform assessors however possessed "less sympathy" and they reduced the assessment to $4,500. This too, in the face of the fact that the Pullman company was the only corporation assessed by the board which was known to be paying dividends on its stock and allowed its taxes to default compelling the state to go to the expense of an eight years' suit in the courts to collect back taxes due the state. It will be hard for the average citizen to see where Governor Lewelling's lack of sympathy comes in.—*K. C. Gazette.*

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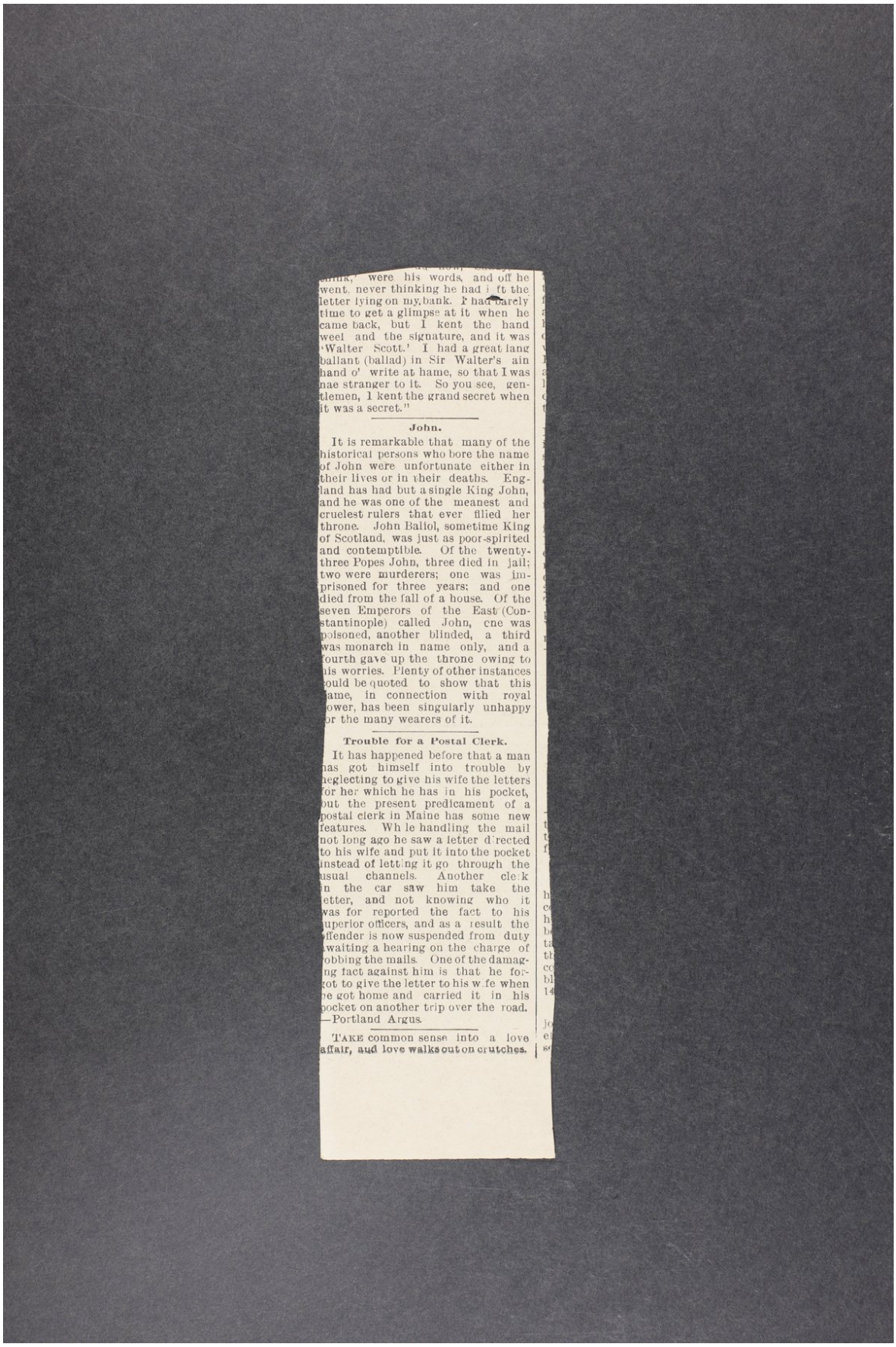
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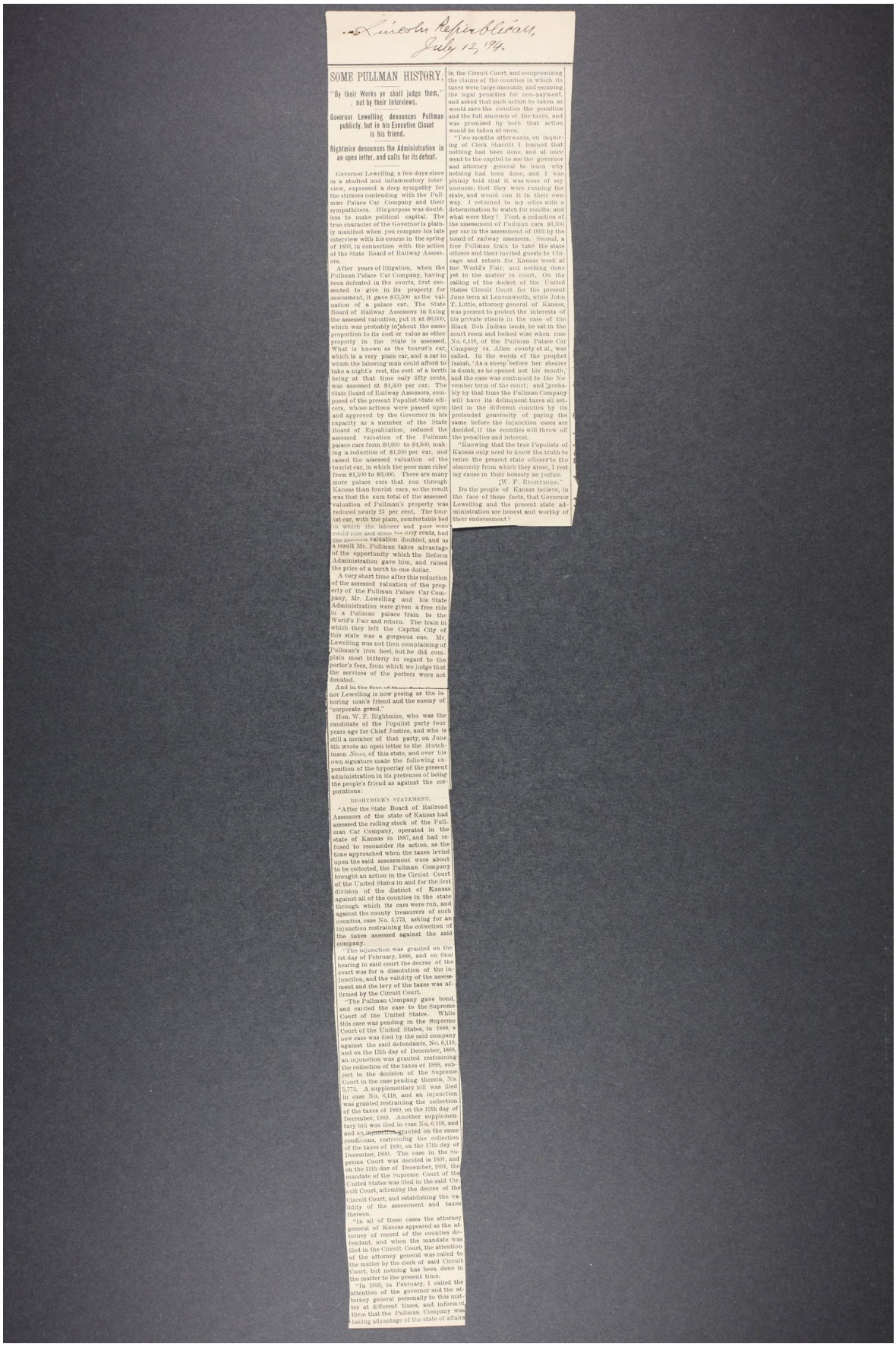
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