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HELENA, MONTANA,

July 12th 1893

Mr J. Hill

St Paul Minn

Dear Sir

I received the rectored telegram from C. E. and wrote you to put it straight.

Upon receipt of this telegram I saw Messrs. Butler & Sonny and they both assured me that C. E. had done every thing a gentleman could to get them to go to Gibson, and they had promised when the caucus nominee dropped out that they would, they offered to go with me to Messrs. Gibson & Duly and tell them so, but both of them thought it better not to bring it up, but they have written me the enclosed letters, which I enclose



Hotel Helena, Helena, Mont.



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to you,

Mr Gibson latched very fair said they thought Butler & Sonny ought to have been controlled, but Charly got here late. Mr Daly said he did not believe you yourself could turn them, they thought they were great statesmen.

Charly was delayed getting here and as soon as the County Bell ^{has} left so as to reach St Paul by the 10th and return here by 13th or 14th, Butler & Sonny had declared themselves before he arrived -

I have heard that Sonny was under obligations to ^{the} Bull and worked for Hansen, Butler is very determined and nothing can turn him when he makes up his mind.

Clark told me in the lobby



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On my arrival here that Charly worked against him, and that although he bought Coal of Howard he had not been here to do anything for him.

When you interested us with you in Kalispell and invited us to move to the Falls we did so to work entirely with you and for your interest in every way which we have done and will continue to do, we bought Hauser out of our Bank at Falls, so as to be free to have nothing to do with him and we are working as honestly for and with you as any men you were ever interested with and I trust when the heat of this matter is over that any one who has represented otherwise will come



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HELENA, MONTANA,

to you and tell you they were mistaken. Matters are now at fever heat a break may be made, there is some prospect of me getting in, which should occur you will find I will be the best supporter for you or any of your interests that you could possibly have, as I consider you have done more to develop Northern Montana than any one, and have asked no aid from the National Government. Mr Ward one of Dixon's supporters tells me that he talked with Charley knew his views and intends to go to Daly and tell him, how Charley worked.

Yours Truly
W. G. Courad

Helena, Montana, Feb. 22^d 1893.

W. G. Consad Esqr

In reference to our conversation yesterday will say

When Mr. C. E. Consad arrived here I was committed to Mr. Hausser and Mr. Consad did all he would to influence me to work with Mr. Gibson but my pledges were sunk at the time they had to be carried out I assured him when a break came I would work with Mr. Gibson as our interest are the same. Afterwards we had a caucus and I felt bound as a Democrat to stand by its decision, have been expecting it to break every day since so as to carry out your brother's wishes. Had Mr. Daly mentioned this matter sooner every member of Missoula County would have been working with him

Truly Yours
Lyman Loring

Helena, Montana, Feby 22nd 1893.

Hon. W. B. Conrad
Dear Sir:

In regard to the conversation I had with you as to C. E. Conrad's attitude on the Senatorial question here, allow me to say:— Mr. C. E. Conrad—knowing we would have a certain amount of opposition—came to Helena to aid in the passage of the Flathead County bill—of which I was the author. A short time after ~~his~~ Mr. C's arrival here, he told me he was satisfied from what he had learned since arriving, that the interests of the "Great Northern" and consequently—as he then put it—the interests of the Flathead County—would be best served by our aiding Mr. Dixon and his friends. I at that time told Mr. C. I had been elected as a democrat and should support the caucus nominee of the party, who ever he should be. Several times, and as I remember once particularly—just before

W.B.C.

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Helena, Montana, 1898.

Mr. C. left Helena some three or four weeks ago - he asked and requested me very earnestly - that when there was a break in the lines of the senatorial contest, and it looked as if we could, or was decided to go to some third candidate - to use my influence and vote to make Paribison the senatorial nominee or candidate.

Allow me to state in closing - that having a warm friendship, and a great deal of respect for your brother Mr. C.E. Conrad - I would have been much more likely to have acceded to his request than to the other methods and efforts that were used to persuade or force me to act in opposition to my caucus obligations and what I considered the wishes of the majority of my constituents and party.

Sincerely Yours
Sidney H. Butler

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% W. Conrad

Feb 20 1893

Enroute to St Paul snowbound here a week, White wires meeting adjourned waiting my arrival. Come at once. Some one has told Hill I did not use my influence in his interests. Gibson knows better and should both wire and write Hill explaining Butler & Loring both premised to work with Gibson when Clark's caucus was broken answer - C.E. Conrad