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Power, Minn. March 2-94

Dear Holcombe:

It is now 11 pm.
and I have just read yours of
Feb. 28, and it is too late to reach
you in time for Sunday, as this must
leave ^{here} at sunrise tomorrow to reach
St Paul at 7. pm. tomorrow night
and you will probably get it Mon-
day.

I have no photos of recent vin-
tage here, but can get one at Duluth,
and if you will of your article till
next Sunday I will send you
some pointers on photos by Thursday
as I will be in Duluth Wednesday

In haste

Your Bede

Power Mine March-1-94

Dear Holcombe:

Yours of Feb 23 at
hand, and my prophecy of confirmation
fulfilled +

Don't let your feelings
get too cerulean + There's a God in
Israel and he loves his children + of
times improve we shall still hold
the house + Remember, dear boy, that the
reps have carried it but twice in 22
Years +

Shall be down about March 10,
and until then, love to all in-
quiring friends + Work me out a plan
to resurrect the dead (politically speaking)
and don't be discouraged till I come down + There
will cast about to down the other fellows +
Ever Truly
J. Adams Bede

Tower, Minn, March 9-94

Dear Holcombe:

Have delayed writing
to get photos, but found none
at my relatives in Duluth, and
shall not bother about it any
more. I might have had a
sitting for new ones, but had
so many scattered around
I thought I could pick one up
easily, but as I can't I will
let the matter drop for the
present as I am doing three

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, }
County of St. Louis. } ss.

..... of said County, being duly sworn,
deposes and says that he is one of the publishers and printers of the
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published in....., in the County of St. Louis and
State of Minnesota: That said newspaper is published weekly and
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was published in said..... upon the
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each week for..... weeks successively
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that the first publication of said
..... was made on the day
of..... 189....., and the last publication thereof on the
..... day of..... 189....., and that during all that
time he was one of the publishers and printers of said newspaper.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this..... day of.....
A. D. 189.....

..... Notary Public.

men's work and am too busy to attend
to it +

Was born on a farm in Lorain
County, Ohio, about 20 miles
from Cleveland, a little before the war,
my father being a native of Wales where
they dig tin and my mother of Ohio, where
they put on the tariff +

I had a twin brother who died of
diphtheria when about 7 years old.

Lived at home very little
after 10 years old. Worked on a
farm, doing chores and going to school
winters + learned the printer's trade
in Oberlin, Ohio, and studied
some ~~at~~ the college there +
Taught country schools ^{in several states} while I was

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yet a minor, and knew less than I do now,
and have had a sympathy for teachers ever
since.

First visited Minnesota when
a kid in '74, ^{or '75-} and have had a hankering
for it ever since, but have been away
^{about} half the time, ~~since~~ developing
Iowa, Nebraska, Dakota, Kansas
Missouri and Arkansas, and
spent two years in the District
of Columbia. I saw Tom Reed
Court a program many times, and I
approve of it when the members are there.

Located in Duluth in '86 and
published the Paragraphe, a weekly paper
which was in advance of the town, so I
sold out and waited for the town to catch

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up, which it has lately accomplished. Have been connected with daily newspapers in several states, but I am too forgiving to name any of them, +

I came up into the iron region a year ^{or two} ago to summer fallow my intellect after having the typhoid fever in Duluth, and if Grover had left me alone I would have come out all right by next fall. As it is, I am a little bit off yet, +

I have a wife and four children, and I am kind to them. My mother and 7 of her ten children still live. + Every one of my male relatives

that I ever knew, including my father, was in the Union army, and ~~those~~ who survived were honorably discharged. Not one of them that I know ever sought or held a public office, ^{except in a small way,} and I have no relatives who are candidates for deputies marshals. ~~Although~~ I have never held an office of any kind in my life, and believe the office seeking spirit hurtful to young men. ~~The~~ The marshalship had never entered my thoughts till suggested by others, and I entered the race very late in the day. I wrote Major Baldwin when I filed my application that if my candidacy would embarrass him or in any way create friction in the party, not to push it, and I meant what I said. I don't have to have public pap to live, nor is it essential to my happiness. My home life is more

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precious to me, and I wouldn't swap it off for all the jobs Grover could give me. The fact is we rather regretted my application after it was made, and had some one of the other candidates been named my wife would have joined me in the heartiest congratulations. She was not quite reconciled to my taking the office till protests were filed against my confirmation, and then of course she wanted me to win. Seems as if the gods got a move on somebody just to satisfy her.

Yours Truly
John B. Deady

P.S. - I have a photo sure at residence of J. H. Pottle, 1627 - 8th ave. South, Minneapolis. Also wife's photo, as sure. Pottle is her sister. Have photos of wife here also, but you would probably not want it without name.

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The Old Hale

BATH HOUSE.

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JUST COMPLETED, OCCUPYING THE CELEBRATED OLD HALE SITE. ROMAN PORCELAIN TUBS,
MARBLE VAPORS, STEAM HEAT, SANITARY PLUMBING AND VENTILATION.

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WATER COMES DIRECTLY FROM THE HOTTEST SPRING IN THE VALLEY.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 9th 1894

Mr. Wolcombe

Dear Sir

I supposed you are
surprised why I don't write to you.
You see where I am, did ^{you} not
advise me. I am improving
every day I never felt so good
in all my life as I do now.
This is the only place in the world
for sick people. I'll have to stay
about 3 or 4 weeks longer.

How is everything in St. Paul. You know
I left everything in "bad shape"
could not do any better, but the
Mankimer Bros offer me help they
want me to come back and
they will help me. they wrote some
twice, but you know, what keeps
me back. I do not want

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I hope she will leave me alone now. But if you think that she will hang on me as before write to me, talk to her as a friend of hers and find out please do so it is very important you know I want Mary a sporting woman. So when this fever I'll never forget it. you must not care if she cries or she says she will die. That is all nonsense, you know Pauline went back on me and I am living and don't give damn. So she can live, and keep that love of hers for some time. Please do attend to it and oblige

Your Friend
Geo. Harris

#215 Whillington ave Hot Springs Ark

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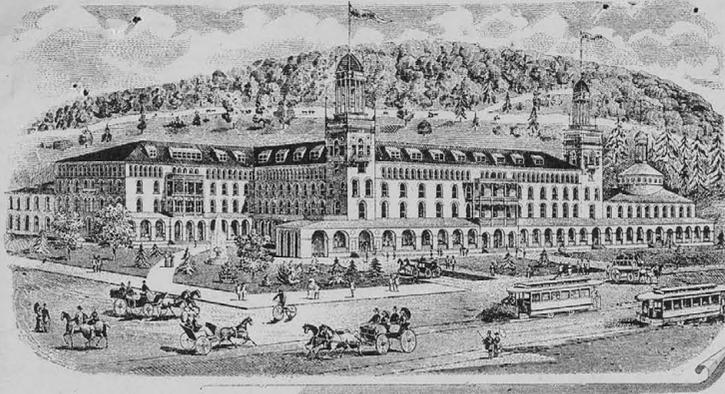
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Hellen to see this letter of mine, hope you will not show it to ~~her~~ her!

Please tell me what she is doing, and what she says, I have to come back, as I owe the manhimers so much money and even my help is not paid. But Hellen keeps me back. Please write to me at once advise me what to do. Write to me also what become of everything I had, my Furniture and everything else.

Hoping you are
 my friend as ever and
 Expecting your answer

I remain Yours Truly
 # 215 Whittington ave. Geo. Harris
 Hot Springs ark.

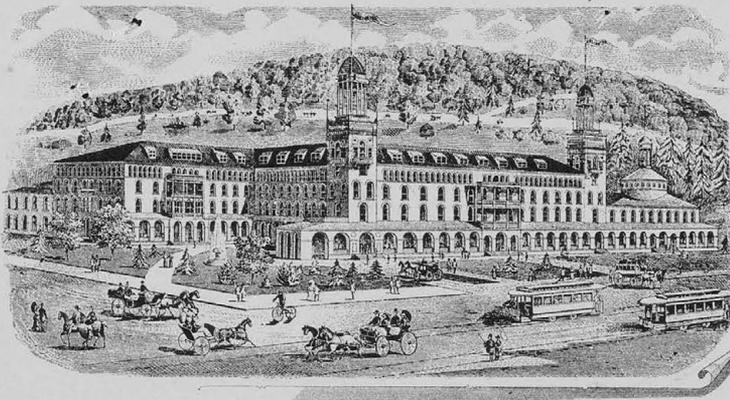


LYMAN T. HAY,
MANAGER.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 23^d 1894

Friend McHolcombe!

Yours received. I am very thankful
to you. I do not think Hellen
will have a chance to see me so
soon, as I will surely stay here
until the 1st of June, and
may be always, as I wrote to
you before, I have got a window
rented now and my own Jewels &
Hot Springs Diamonds. I have a
good time and make \$400-500
a day, of course I do not know
how it is going to be after the
Season is over, will see them.
What I can see now, is this, that



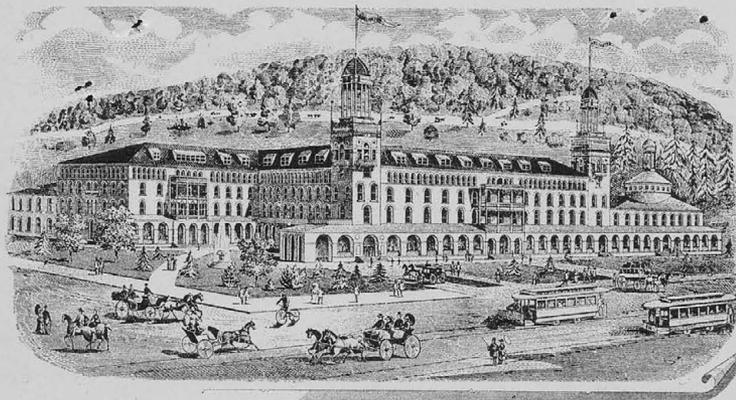
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The Mantimars Bros are not so "dam"
kind, they thought I had money,
but since I wrote to them that I
have not any (I do not think),
they want me any more, and
anyhow, I am not very "keen" on
working for "hoss", and hardly
make a living, always be
battered with pestling bills,
and besides go behind, "no Sir"
I'd rather go and do work
for 1.00 a day before I do
that again. Of course I owe
the Mantimars, but what can I
do they made on me more than
I did, I came to Hot Springs



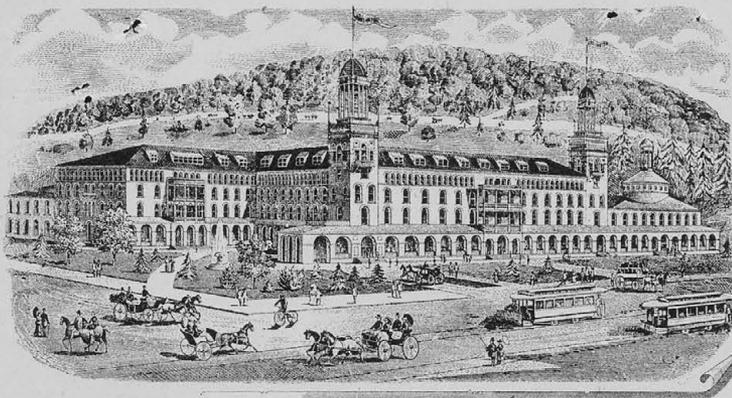
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Broke, and had a hard time
getting the little jewelry that
I had, but I am sure if I
go to St. Paul I can't make my
living and pay them. Beside
even in the better season. So
I will not leave the place,
that I gained my health back
and make a honorable
living. Tell me what you think?

I got the letter of yours combined
with Hellen's also. She writes a
"damn, long one", and, as you say
I can't read $\frac{3}{4}$ of it, but I can
see she is mad, but it is all
right, it don't amount any



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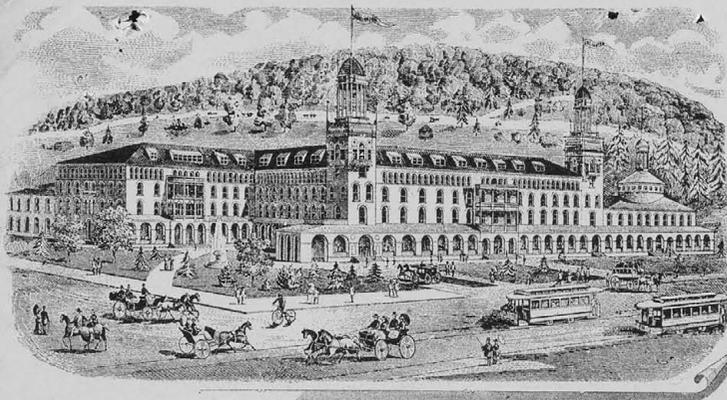
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More to a "pam," it is of no use to say
anything to ~~here~~ her; you will find
an extra page in here, that you
can show her;

I have no more to say, my health is fine
I am a new man, have a very good time
every body of the Jews like me, and am
welcome at every body's house, and they
are only to glad to have me come.

Nothing worrie me am all right I wish
you were here, Last Saturday I was
out to a place here they call the
"Happy Hollo" something like Lake
H. "Falen" I had a good dance
in the "Favilian" every night I come
to this Hotel the music plays



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every evening and every body is welcome
to dances. No I am "all right," as you
say.

If you send a ^{year} Hot Springs
paper "Monday"

You say it is very cold in St Paul, I
don't ^{know} what you are talking about, it is
summer here.

Hope to hear from you
soon I remain yours

Friend and Good wishes

Geo. Harris

I am very sorry that you are out of
work again. Hope you will get down soon

Timothy J. Sheehan,
Formerly First Lieutenant of Company C, 5th Min-
nesota Volunteers and in command of the
garrison of Fort Ridgely during the eight days
of Indian battle, siege, and investment, August
19-27, 1862.

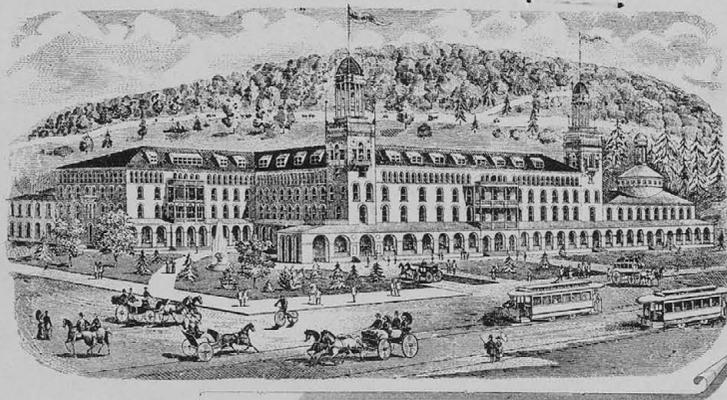
Benj. H. Randall,
Formerly Post Supt. at Fort Ridgely,
and in charge of its citizen dependents during
the siege in 1862.

G. S. W.
Co. G, 1st Minn. Mounted Rangers, member of
the Fort Ridgely garrison in 1862-3

Geo. L. Talcott,
Hatch's Battalion, member of Fort Ridgely
garrison in 1864.

R. J. Holcombe,
Secretary of the Commission that built
the Fort Ridgely monument.

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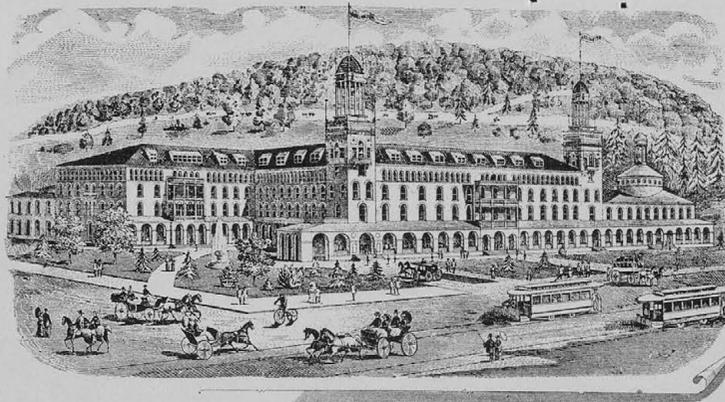


LYMAN T. HAY,
MANAGER.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 27th 1894

Dear Friend Holcomb!

Yours from the 5th received, thank you. Excuse me for not answering sooner. I am getting to be pretty well acquainted there and have engagements every evening, and have all the fun in the world, without any cost. My business goes on nicely I am making a living and a little extra. Hope I will never have to go back to my old business. I have my health back, and would enjoy life if not for the memories of the past. I mean the shape I lost things in St. Paul.



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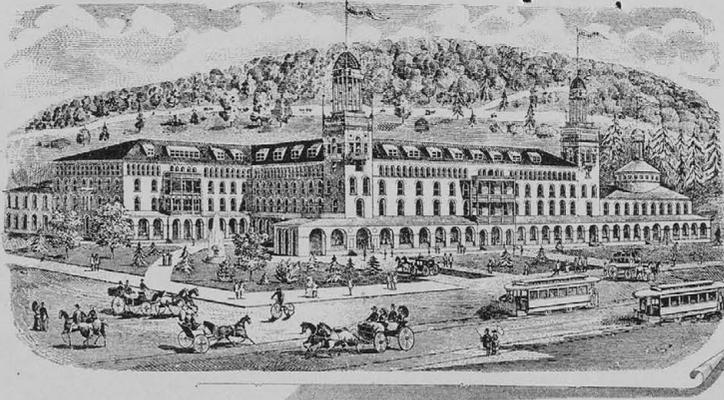
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I feel ashamed of it, but I can not help it; it is my Business that brought me so ill.

Fred would like a man if he would come here, he can't be cured otherwise. James Heaney the Detective is here getting cured of the Siph.

I told him about Fred and had some fun about it, you know they call Siph here "Cold feet", when a man come here they will pass the first joke on him as: nothing is the matter with him, he has got "Cold feet", that means Siph.



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Hot Springs, Ark.,

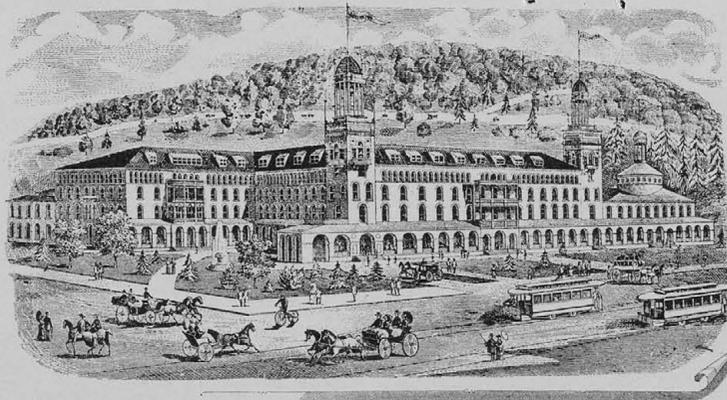
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But it no shame here every Body
has got it, they ^{talk} about it here, as
they do of a headache in our
Country. Well Red, he'll do
some good for himself if he come.

Helen another Fuddel dog & Baby
are all crazy, and I am glad
to say that I am done with her
that's all wanted;

Mrs Coington wrote to me a very
nice letter and said she will
send me my Chart.

I and 5 more fellow were
out on Kay riding last Sunday
and had our picture



WOODWARD & TIERNAN PRFG CO. ST. LOUIS.



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Hot Springs, Ark.,

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Taken on the donkeys I'll
send you one as soon as
it is done.

It is very warm here
now just like July in our
country;
will not write to you yet about my
love affairs, I'll leave that for
my next letter.

I have no more to say now
will be very pleased to hear from you.

Yours Respectfully,
Geo. Harris

have send you some daily and weekly
papers of Hot Sp.

March 19, 1894.

Dear Mr. Holcomb:-

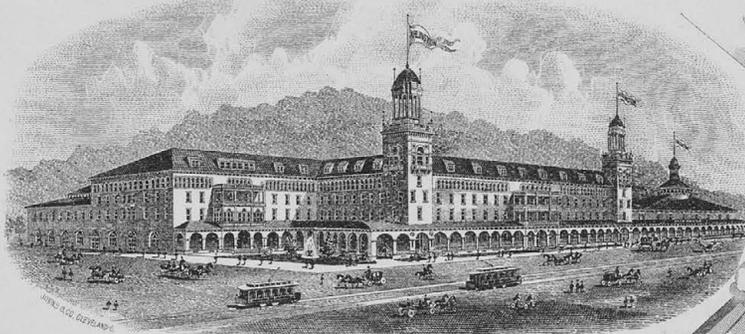
I saw Mr. Hamlin in regard to that Gervais story and he said that ~~there~~ was no necessity in coming to see him and that, in fact, it would be better for you to get an early start on the day you select to go out to Little Canada. In order that you may do this he says you had better go to Allen's livery stable on the corner of Cedar and Fifth streets, get the kind of a rig you want and tell them that it is on account of the Pioneer Press; then go out and get Gervais in, take him to Zimmerman's and tell him also that Mr. Hamlin sent you there. After you get the old man's photograph pulled you can do with him as seems to you best. I told him about that Kittson story and he said all right and that he would count on that anyway for next Sunday. He'll tell Miss Sanborn to get the photograph of him when she is up there, I suppose.

Yours Sincerely,

St. Paul

March 19th, 1894.

Webster Wheelock



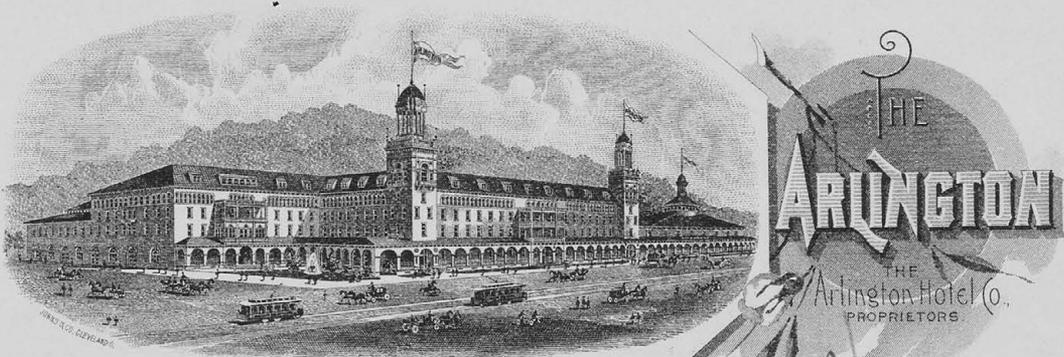
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LYMAN T. HAY,
MANAGER.

Hot Springs, Ark. April 9th 1892

Dear Friend Mr. Holcomb.
Yours just received, and was very
glad to hear from you.
I am sorry to hear that times
have not yet picked up in
St Paul, am glad that I am
not there, our best season is
over, but still I am making
my living and a little more,
at this time of the year the
people from the South commence
to come here; there is not as
much in them as there is
in the Northern and Eastern
people, But you can always
make a living here, selling
anything fancy.



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MANAGER.

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I have made up my mind
to stay here, and when I
have made plenty of
money, come to St. Paul
for a visit and pay
my debts.

The high waters
were not in hot Springs they
were by Little Rock, and
the ^{mail did} not come here only one
day. We had lovely weather
for the last 3 weeks it is
not any too hot nor cold,
a month ago it was too
hot here now it is just
lovely, I do ^{not} understand what
you are talking about,
telling me it is snowing
in St. Paul.



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MANAGER.

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I told you before I was going to write to you about my love affairs in this town, so I will now. Since I first came I very young ~~good~~ grass widow got hooked on me she is very pretty, and I like her too, but the trouble is she lives with her mother and I have no chance, ... can not take her out no where as she is raised in this town everybody knows her, and she would not go, she kisses ^{me} every time she gets a chance, and cries if I don't come



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in there, I made up my mind
to quit her a ~~to~~ hundred
times. But she makes me
come there again, but ^{this} week
will be the last time that I
will try and if I do not
get of these, I'll not come near
her, the truth is I am hard
up... but would not have
Hallen. How is Mrs Heaney?
would live to have her up here.

Johnie Bartender from the
California wine house is
here. He also told me that Ted
is in a bad fix.

I'll send you my picture
on a box next week
as I have to get some



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mood. Will also send you
some more of our new paper

I have no more to say at present
will write you more next time

Your Friend
Geo. S. Harris

Major I called but as
usual found you absent
Nellie



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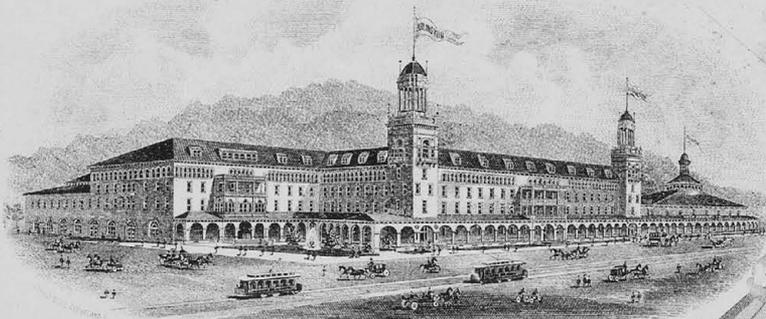
Hot Springs, Ark May 18th 1894

Dear Friend Mr Holcomb

The reason that I have
written to you sooner is
because I did not have
a picture to send you.
I have one now, and am
sending it to you, it is
not a good one, as
the son was striking me
in my eye, but I'll
soon send you a good
which will be better.
Have no great special
news for you. I am getting
along as nice as
ever, happy as bird,
thinking, that I can

make a nice, comfortable
living trading with nice
people, and saving a
little yet, of course we
expect it to be done here
in June and July, but
I can see now, that even in
the best months I'll still
be able to make my
living, O I wish you were
here, you have no idea
what a lovely place this is
it is not very hot in the day
time and always cool at
night; everything is green
and blooming. I
would not want to come
back to St Paul.

J. Heyney, and Johnnie's
Assenger, have just
here this week, they
will both tell you about
me.



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write to me all the news
from St. Paul. How is the
Spring opening? I heard
J. Page is City Mayor of
St. Paul is it true?

As I have nothing
more to say I'll close
hoping this will find you
in good health, answer soon

Your friend as ever
Geo. Harris

#215 Whittington Ave.
Hot Springs Ark.

OFFICE OF
Railroad Eating House
—AND—
COMMERCIAL HOTEL
GEO. WELSH, PROP.

Morton, { BIRCH COOLEY } Minn., June 12 1894
P. O.

Mr. A. J. Holcomb Esq.
St Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir:-

Yours of the 11th
at hand. I have just seen
Mr. Fuller, he cannot take
views at the old agency
until Friday. I will accom-
pany him as you request-
ed and see that he
gets the best views possible.
He will photograph Birch
Coolie battle-field and mon-
ument site. Thursday, & send
them to you Friday. The
other views he will send
on Saturday.

I mailed Gemmett Crook's photo.
to the P. O. last Saturday.

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Morton, { BIRCH COOLEY } Minn.,
D. C.

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and also enclosed a letter explaining whose it was and for what purpose it was to be used. You surely must have let me

see Miss S. the first thing in the morning, and will get the pictures to you as soon as possible. You are welcome to any assistance I can render you and if I can give any further aid do not hesitate to command me.

Yours very respectfully

R. H. Hinman.

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GEO. WELSH, PROP.

Morton, {BIRCH COOLEY } Minn., June 15 1894
P. O.

Mr R. D. Holcomb, Esq.

St Paul, Minn

My dear Sir—

I regret to say
that I was unable to get
pictures required of Miss I. M. C.
Miss Barney was mistaken
about the picture of school-
building, she had in mind
the Mission house, a photo-
graph of you ^{which} may be able
to secure of Bishop Whipple.
Mr. Fuller happened to have
picture of the church which
I told him to send you
with other views.

I am sorry that I have no
photograph of school-building,
as I should have liked to have

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had cut of it appear in your
article.

Fuller and I were down at old
agency yesterday. We could not
show stone building, church site,
etc. in our view, owing to their
distance one from another.

We took view of old ferry from
bald spot you suggested, we
went over the ground very
carefully but found that ^{the best} position
from which a general view
could be had. I would have
had view of school building
taken also, but F. did not
have enough plates, how-
ever I was thinking that if
you were not in a hurry,
could have been done

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over and take picture next
week as I intend having
some taken before close of
school. Trusting that you
will find views satisfactory
I remain

Yours respectfully
R. H. Stimmann

THE ITASCA STATE PARK.

Park Rapids

St. Paul, Minn.

June 23rd 1894.

Mrs Nancy Huggan
Flandreau

Dear Madam:

Your very cordial letter
has been received, for which you
have my sincere thanks.

I am searching out the true
meaning of a large number of
names and I highly prize the
privilege you accord me of
enjoying the information contained
in your correspondence. When
the results of my research are
published, you will have full
credit.

Just how Shok-pay (Six)

THE ITASCA STATE PARK.

St. Paul, Minn. 1894.

came to be so called at the time he was a child, seems to be unknown. I believe you can give me some information on that question, from tradition.

Also the true meaning of "Na-ba-ska" and traditional reasons why he was so called.

There is also the word "Mendota," which I presume your mother fully explained to you.

Hoping to be accorded another very interesting answer

Believe me

Very Sincerely
J. P. Brown

I was all through the outbreak. I will soon send you a copy of some of my reports.

Headquarters National Guard State of Minnesota.

HERMANN MUEHLBERG,
Adjutant General.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

St. Paul, Minn., June 9 1894

Mr. E. C. Fuller,

In taking negatives of the scenery about Birch Coulee, please observe the following instructions.

Views from the ^{proposed} Site of the Monument ^{on} the Fair Grounds—No 1.

Put your camera on a point near the stake that indicates the monument site and take the ^{landscape} ~~view~~ in front ^{and toward the east} so as to show the bluffs on the opposite side of the Minnesota river ^{and} giving a view of the old Jerry, and the top of the former Government house. No 2—Take the landscape of the bluffs in front and toward the west, so as to show the tops of the school house and church of the present Agency and the former site of Little Crow's village, just above the mouth of Crow Creek. (Two negatives)

Birch Coulee Battle Ground—Go out to ~~where~~ the site of the corral where the fight was (about ~~two~~ ^{two and a half} miles northeast of town. Place your camera about 50 yards north of the road running to Beaver Falls and take the view in front for about half a mile. Let the view show the Coulee to the left or east—(that is, a portion of the timber along the stream) and also the little knob or elevation in the wheatfield to the right or ~~east~~, west of the battle ground. The center of the corral where the fight was is about 600 feet south of the Beaver Falls road. (One negative.)

Old Government House at the Old Redwood Agency.—This is across the Minnesota River, two miles east of the present School House and Church—The building is of stone and a German family lives there now. Set your camera about 100 yards south of the building and take it so as to show the house and the ~~country~~ ground a quarter of a mile or so to the right or east. (One negative)

Marsh's Battle Ground.—From the stone house go down toward

the river towards where the old ferry was. © About half way down the bluff you will come to a naked point of land from which you will have a good view of the Marsh battle ground, which was on the bank of the river just opposite the ferry. Take the view for about a quarter of a mile north of the north bank and for about a quarter of a mile east and west. Get. Prof. Hinman the teacher of the Indian school to go with you to the stone house and to the naked point I have mentioned. He will show you both points and will give you much assistance, as he is well acquainted with them and is an intelligent, accommodating gentleman. You view from the fair ground (No. 1) ought to show the naked point, as it can be seen from the fair ground.

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RECEIVED at *St Paul* *June 6* 189*4*

Dated *St Paul Minn 19*
to *R D Halcomb*

Fland
stop and visit government
schools at Pipestone on
your Return

Hawley Pioneer Press

Flandrau South Dakota

June 26th/94

Friend Holcombe

Your letter came to day, was very glad to hear you got home all right. We are going to start for Sisseton on Thursday morning.

We have had a splendid rain. Rained nearly all last night. I havent received the paper yet - about the Redwood people it will likely come to morrow. Thank you. I will inclose a letter from J. W. Bower Mrs H says you got her into this scrape and you must help her out - she will explain as near as she can then if you will write to him it is to bad not to answer his letter.

Mrs H cant say why Shok-pay was so named. she thinks Wa-ba-she took his name from red war flag a kind of a flag the Indians dance with. The Indian name would be Wapahara. the word Mendota means the junction

of any two Rivers. If you ask Maduin
he will explain it better. It is likely
Mr Brower will wonder why the letter
was written at St Paul. but you will
know best how to fix that. It may be
that you will come to Sisseton while
we are there, I hope you will. If not
can we do any thing for you there.
any letters you send to Sisseton for
the next two weeks will find me
there and may be longer. I hope
you have recovered from your head
ach. you know Pipestone is rather
close to Dakota. you know what I
mean. Eastman told me that fellow
didn't take them photos that day
but I presume he has by this time
I will find out. we were real loan
some after you left.

P.S.
Mrs H. send regards,

very truly yours
C. G. Higgins

*If Mr. H. DeCamp writes to use these facts, it will
be all right to do so. - WRM*

Glencoe, July 10th,
1894.

Mr. W. H. Grant,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 7th is before me,

and I hasten to answer, so far as I can. The dates I can not give, as they were unfortunately lost, in the manner which I shall relate. My husband, J. W. DeCamp, was a direct descendant of Count des Champ, who came with Count DeEstany(?) I think in 1778. A part of the family settled in New York, and engaged in the Merchant Service, built a commodious vessel, and on her first voyage foundered at sea, and all on board perished. The grand-father, who was the owner, left a wife and one son- the father of my husband- and three daughters. My husband's father married a Miss Spinning, of New York, who was a direct descendant of Dr. Joseph Warren, who fell at Bunker Hill. The grandmother then emigrated to Cincinnati, while it was yet St. Washington- along with my husband's father, and while there a fire occurred similar to the Chicago fire of '71- destroying papers, records and everything, and wiping out titles, and deeds etc. causing untold loss, and to which if proven would make the present heirs very wealthy. An effort was once made similar to the Myra Clark Gaines suit, but was dropped I think. The grandmother then went to Licking Co. Ohio, where she had a large tract of land, and settled at Johnstown, I think, where my husband was born in 1826. In 1852 we were married, and resided in Ohio until 1855, when we came to Minnesota,

settling in Shakopee, where he engaged in business until 1861, when we went to the Indian Agency with Major Galbraith. On August 17th 1862 my husband started for St. Paul to transact business with the agent who had gone below, and was only one day absent when the news overtook him of the outbreak. He hastened back, but could get no farther than the Fort, which he entered early Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, having ridden all night, and was told was the first man who reached there. The rest you know better than I do. Of those weeks of anguish to us both no pen can write, and only God can know. The memory of it is too awful to record.

My own ancestry is historic- as my Great Grandfather, on my father's side, was one of those who left his plow, and started to Lexington at the first firing. The musket which he carried is yet in our family. His daughter, my father's aunt, married General Eaton, Consul to Tripoli, who has been memorialized in verse by John G. Whittier. Also one who married General Donelson, whose sons were West Pointers, and served in the war of the Rebellion, and my own three brothers also served in the West, the eldest falling at Ft. Donelson. On my mother's side all were patriots. My Great Grand-^{ee}father, Col. Suber, having been killed with his three sons in battle during the Mohawk war. But the record is no doubt tiresome to you, and I will close by saying that it is not egotism which has dictated my letter, but a love of patriotism and bravery, and a just pride in knowing that my ancestors helped preserve our Country in times

of peril. It has been said that brave sires have worthy sons, and I am glad to know that however much I may have mourned my heroic husband, I am also proud to know that he did not flinch in battle, but was worthy of his name "Joseph Warren"- his ancestor, who also shed his blood for his country and his home. I have yet a Joseph Warren- who belongs to the "Sons of Veterans", and he may yet have the opportunity of testing his courage, and I hope he will not fail if he does. I shall be happy to give you any information which I have omitted, if it is possible to do so. I suppose I am rightfully entitled to become a member of the "Daughters of the Revolution" at least I know that my record is good.

I am very truly yours,

Jeannette E. De C. Sweet,

Glencoe, Minn.

Mr. Wm. H. Grant,
194 Pleasant Ave. St. Paul,

Maiden name Sykes

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Hot Springs, Ark., July 5th 1894

Dear Friend Holcombe,

Your letter was a surprise to me; still I was glad to hear from you, and am also glad to know, that you have a job of some kind;

I am doing first rate in my new business. One of the rich Jews ^{has} S Meyer spend a clothing store for me, as equal partners, my expenses I draw for from that store, everything I need, and this is not charged to me but to the store, and get half of the profits, which, I can not take out before 6 months, he fully trust me with everything need look at the books and never asks me how much money I have, and I am doing well, we keep a side line of

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Jewelry, But will have a full
line, in season.

So I am getting my full
3 meals a day. Hope that
I may be a man some day.

I get homesick once in a while,
I ~~would~~ would like to see you
and some of the boys.

I believe I did write to you,
that I got the papers you have
sent me, for which I am
very thankful to you.
So Bevans thought he had a snag,
and got left, tell him the story
of the Irishman that wrote home
to his friend "This is the richest
country in the world, have not been
here, but 6 months, and ~~been~~
been pissing Clear Cream for 3 months."

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a good thing he did not get
the "sept"

I did well to come
here, I never felt so good in my
life you would not know me
if you'd see me, you have long
thin hair something I could
not get last summer and
am as fat as a pig.

I have no more news at
present will write to you
again and do please
write to me as often as you
can

Your Friend
Geo. Harris

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ROCKVILLE, MINN.,

Aug 9th

1894

Wm R Marshall

Dear Sir

We herewith give you all the inscription
on the die the other side ^(of die) contains all the
names of the killed yours respy

Rockville Granite Co

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three gallant soldiers and citizens who fought
the battle of Birch Coulee and to perpetuate
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Sargent

All
envelope.

At Fort Aug 11. 1894

Dear you dear

R. J. Hill Comdr Coy

Wm in

Since writing

my letter to you of yesterday, I have
been thinking over about Major Brown
being a military Major at the time
of death of Michael Couler, it may
be that at the time of the appointment
of Col. Seely. How having appointed
Brown on his own staff with rank
of Major, or appointed him Major of
one of the Phantom Cavalry Regts,
and then detailed him to act
with Col. Seely, but I have always
~~been~~ thought that he was not made
Major, until the arrangements were made
for Sioux Campaign, during which
Brown was known as "Major Chief of
Scouts", but the ~~main~~ execution
office ~~was~~ to settle this matter

Yours truly

C. D. Stephens

BROWN WILL ENJOIN

(AUG. 11, 1894)

Placing Birch Coulie Monument on the Morton Fair Grounds.

GRANT NOT COMMANDER.

The Attorney General Is to Institute Proceedings at Once.

SURVIVORS OF MAJ. BROWN

Maintain That He Was the Commander, and Not Grant.

The Birch Coulie controversy, as to where the monument shall be placed and whose name shall be inscribed thereon as commander of the white troops in the battle, is to be settled in the courts. A petition signed by J. R. and Samuel J. Brown, sons of Maj. Joseph R. Brown, who, it is claimed, was the commander at Birch Coulie, has been presented to Attorney General Childs, asking him to begin injunction proceedings, and that officer is now engaged in the preparation of the proper and necessary papers. Notice will be served and the court proceedings had at an early date.

The petition, among other charges, alleges that the monument commission have, in violation of the law, decided to erect the monument on the fair grounds of the Morton Fair association, nearly two miles from the real battlefield, while the law provides that it shall be placed on the "land" where the battle was fought; that it has further decided to have engraved the name of Capt. H. P. Grant as the commander, which the petition says is not true; that the real commander was the father of the petitioners, Maj. J. R. Brown, and that this can be proven by abundant evidence, documentary and otherwise, and asks for an injunction and restraining order to compel the commissioners to locate the monument on the battlefield and to erase the name of Capt. Grant as commander, etc.

It is learned that the petition was prepared by Judge Flaudrau, and was presented to the attorney general by Gen. Sanborn and ex-Gov. Marshall; and that these three gentlemen and many others are strong sympathizers with and supporters of the injunction proceedings.

Samuel J. Brown, whose name is signed to the petition, is stopping at the Merchants' hotel, and was seen by a GLOBE reporter last night.

"We have begun this movement in earnest," said Mr. Brown, "and we have no doubt of the result. It was only last Friday that it was learned by anybody but the commissioners and the workmen on the monument that the matter had been definitely settled that the monument was to be on the Morton fair grounds, and that Col. Grant's name was to appear as the real commander. If there has ever been any public announcement of the commission's decision in these regards neither myself nor any of my friends has ever seen it. For months a newspaper controversy has been going on, and, in the absence of any notice to the contrary, it was fairly supposed that no decision had been reached. It was learned, however, from private sources that the commission was divided in opinion on the subject. But when the announcement was made in the newspapers that the dedicatory exercises would be held September 3, at Morton, particular inquiry was made, with the result that it was learned by a letter from the Rockville, Minn., Granite company, that the monument would contain Grant's name as the commander, and from other sources that it would be set on the fair grounds.

"As soon as this intelligence reached me my brother and I took the first train for St. Paul to see if we could not prevent this outrage, as we deem it. Previously I and certain friends had sent communications to the press denying that Capt. Grant was the commander, and presenting what I considered full and conclusive evidence that to my father justly belonged the distinction. I had never supposed that anyone else claimed it. The first intimation I ever had to the contrary was the appearance of a short communication in the Pioneer Press last spring, signed 'H. P. Grant, Commander of the Forces at Birch Coulie.' I at once sent a communication to the paper in denial and claiming the

Honor for My Father,

and this was published, together with a long and exhaustive review of the evidence in the case, which it seemed to me ought to satisfy the commissioners and everybody else that Capt. Grant's claim was utterly without ground or foundation. I did not ask that my father's name be placed on the monument as the commander, but only contended that Capt. Grant's name ought not to be. In communication with certain old friends of mine and of my father I learned that they were as much interested as myself, and I assure you that we would have tried these legal remedies long ago had we known that the commission had decided to violate the law, the facts, and all history as we now know they have decided.

"I had hoped that the matter could and would be settled outside of the courts, and my brother and I have only taken this action as a last resort. The attorney general wrote the chairman of the commission on the subject some days ago, and on my arrival here I was urged to await his reply before taking legal action. Time is important just now, as we learn that the monument is already going in position, so I waited until today and then, as no reply came from the chairman, we filed our petition. You will understand that we could not commence proceedings on a mere rumor or supposition; we had to wait until we learned definitely what action the committee proposed to take.

"We ask that the monument shall be placed on the battle ground proper—the site of the corral where the fight was—as the law directs. With the exception of Capt. Grant, I do not know a single man that was in the fight that wants it put any other place. Capt. Jo Anderson, who commanded a company there, and won great renown for his heroic and efficient conduct, wrote long ago to the GLOBE that it should be placed where the men fought and died, and he proffered a subscription to pay for the land. Dr. Daniels and W. H. Grant, members of the commission, have always been in favor of the battle ground. Others of the old soldiers have written and expressed themselves very vigorously on the same side.

"As to the evidence that Capt. Grant was not the commander, and that my father was, the important evidence seems all one way. We shall show it by Gen. Sibley's field and order book, by his official reports and other communications; by the adjutant general's records, by standard histories, by the testimony of living witnesses, and by much other evidence. If any man's name is placed on that monument my father's must be.

"I hope it will not be considered improper by my brother and I are jealous of the reputation and record of our father. We feel that now, when he is in his grave, it is our duty to preserve them and defend them. We feel, too, that we have the sympathy of the people of Minnesota, who desire that this monument shall record and perpetuate only true history, and give credit only where credit is due. We have had much substantial sympathy and assistance from numerous old citizens and soldiers, for which we can never be sufficiently grateful, and we have every reason to believe that we shall prevent the consummation of this proposed injustice and violation of truth and decency."

Asked what effect the legal proceedings would have upon the proposed dedication ceremonies, Mr. Brown replied: "I presume it will stop them; but the blame for that will be placed where it properly belongs. It is probable, however, that when the commission learns the extent and nature of the evidence in the case it will reconsider its action voluntarily, without waiting to be forced to do its unmistakable duty. The matter can be corrected before Sept. 3, and I trust it will be. In the meantime the legal investigation will be pushed as vigorously and as rapidly as possible."

at Fort Craig 16/94
New England

S. J. Hancock Esq

Wm Va

June 9 12 " unit

Come to hand & day.

The steps of newspaper
contains some news matter, to me at least.

I will make out a few comments
upon them.

Capt Grant says that shortly
after the battle he moved out his
report to Col Sibley, who refused to
receive it, and that he Grant
refused to make a report to Leaj Brown
as he had not received his orders
from him. If this is true, was it not
protest enough made at the time?
and if Grant was wrong why
was he not disciplined. Why did
not Leaj Brown if he was not his
immediate command have him
called & reprimand? How did Leaj
Brown know where Capt Grant did

(1)

during the day after the two (Governors)
had parted on Sept 1st? He could
only know it so as to make report from
an official report from Hunt to him,
Hunt's usual & make a report to
Perry was all he could do. He
could not fight the Constitution
over him, and then was no time
then to investigate anything. You may have
implicit faith in military reports
that get recorded into history, but
I have not. I remember well & have
had a conversation with Gen Warren,
who at one time was in command
of the Department of the West, and
in which he stated the intrigues and
deception among military men, of
good reports would put a naval
politician to shame. Gen Shields,
who stood high as a soldier, sent
in a report of a battle in the
Shenandoah Valley, a brilliant affair

(B)

much needed at that time, in which
he examined the evidence, ^{as given or derived} when in fact
^{he} was some seven miles distant
and knows nothing of it until the
Victory had been won, upon receipt
of the report he was made a Major
General, but before he was confirmed
the Senate learned otherwise the real
facts and he was not confirmed
but was accused thereafter a drop
out of sight, as a military man, but
it is no use of you nor I arguing this
question. I can but listen about it, and
the matter can be very enough. Let,
say, the Wisconsin Society at the request
of the Legislature, send in a document
calling attention to false records, or at
least a doubtful one, and asking
an investigation, ^{I would gladly sign such a memorial} it would no doubt
be granted, and the testimony would
be readily at hand to settle the matter.
In resolution of the Legislature decided

(4)

and inclusion of Miss Brown
the exposure of Capt. Grant's name,
would do the business at an expense
of not over \$50. The friends of Miss Brown
would then have the name historical
report, legislative declaration, and
a granite monument to imperishable
records.

The Commission decide that
Miss Brown's name also was in
the fight should be engraved on the
monument, and the contractor agreed
to put them over not to exceed \$1000
2000, letters, I suppose this had been
done, unless your letter comes. If it
has not come I shall be graciously dis-
appointed, as I was impeded more with
the importance of having the merit and
names of
parties perpetuated than any historical
part of the battle-field. I hope you
are in good luck as what names should
go, except that one should, and found
of dedication was left to Com. Grant
as usual after the war.

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I assure you if a legitimate suggestion is had the Commissioners will take no part in it unless they are called upon to give their resources for Crediting Cape Court, with the Commodore,

True say that you have been on the ground, and don't think it was a bad place for a camp. My Men say the Camp was about 200 yards from these tombs I do not think he was right, but believe the Camp was about 1100 feet distant, but as it was there was a considerable hill on the west and then a greater one on the South, which commanded the Camp, and behind which the Army had a clear view, and were safe,

If either had been taken for the Company ground many lives lost, would have been saved, and for which in my judgment there was no excuse save the ignorance and misfortune

(C)

~~I find that the camp is not in a safe
position and is in a bad position~~

If in your opinion, the Camp
Commanded on these sides was
in the right place or good locality—
where in the ensuing fight the
rebels were 88 killed, killed or
wounded, and one Indian hit
it is evident you would not
be a safe command on an
Indian Expedition, as even I
would not like to volunteer to
come under you. Myself and other
Citizens are having prepared a
Service Parcel of about 3 1/2 tons
in weight prepared to be placed
on edge of highway immediately
north, and some 200 feet distant
from the supposed camp ground
upon which will be increased the
fort, with of improvement. No of
killed wounded, and distance from

(7)

to the ground of error. It is the intention
further to form a local historical society
who will have ~~been~~ provide
lectures period at all the historical
points, such as Little Crow's Warbler
& Wacanta Vicings, as well as agency
building, Tundra, Puts, and at many other
points. These men were already well.
I suppose we will have a row
about some of the realities, but
in the nature of such cases this
would be inevitable. After this is
done we will have an account
written up of the local historical
events, and how it related upon
the village needs. This necessarily will
include a short account of the
of Prince Canby, but will not
be more so until after the question
of "Command" is settled by the State
we would like to make you a number
and write up the local history.

(8)

Before this is done, we will have a paper
which cannot possibly miss the attention
of the nation, and distance to the two
sides, when the main fighting after the
first morning, on part of Indians was
done, also the retreat of the Indians
to their disappearance when advised of
by Selley's command. I have also
shown this record in files with
The Historical Society, no doubt
some uncertainty will be seen but
it can be better in some ^{what} way
when some of the Indians, were with
the British Indians, and some of the
white participants are living, since
at a later period when all received
and nothing but protestations remain.

This question of "command"
is now the true question, as
the latter is near its end but we hope
that the former also is.

Yours Truly
C. B. Wiggin

Lake Side Minn

Aug 20 1891

Mr Holcomb

Sir

In reply
to your letter I will
say, If the store
will do you or the pub
lic any good you are
well come to it. Lake
Side Ho. is kept by my
husband Owen Parry,
or me rather. The mail
goes 3 times a week.

Tuesday, Thursday and Sat
Leaves Lake S. Minn.
Leaves Hutchinson 1 P.M.

If you can't come any other
day. If you drop us a card
my husband could
meet you at Hutchinsons.
If you don't care to
come and want to
wait a while I suppose
I could write my story
and send it.

Will you be kind
enough to give the in-
closed letter to Mary
Schwardt Schmitt.
I think she will know
me when she reads it.
You can read it if
it interests you.
Mrs Mimmie Carrigan

Note. Morton, Minn., on the Minneapolis & St. Louis R. R., is the nearest station and only one mile from the battle field and monument.

Regular trains leave St. Paul at 7:55 a. m., and arrive at Morton at 12 m. Returning leave Morton next day.

The regular fare between St. Paul and Morton is \$3.20.

A special train to leave St. Paul at 7:30 a. m., arriving at Morton at 11:30 a. m., returning the same evening, can be procured if one hundred tickets are guaranteed at \$3.20 for the round trip.

It is hoped this train and rate may be secured. Whether secured or not it will be announced in the St. Paul papers of Saturday, September 1st.

All desirous of availing themselves of this half fare rate will report not later than August 24th, 1894, to

H. P. GRANT,

East Sixth Street,

St. Paul, Minn.

Birch Coulee.

The commissioners in charge of the construction of the monument in commemoration of the Battle of Birch Coulee, fought September 2d and 3d, 1862, having completed the same, cordially invite you, as well as all survivors of that memorable engagement, to be present with your friends to participate in the ceremonies of its dedication, September 3d, 1894, at 2 o'clock p. m.

S. C. Arbuckle,

W. H. Grant,

COMMITTEE OF INVITATIONS.

Birch Coulee, Minn.,

August 14, 1894.



B. J. Holcomb
Pioneer Press
St Paul
Minn.

WM. J. TROY, President.

H. A. STONE, Manager.

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JEWELERS AND PAWNBROKERS

322 JACKSON STREET, NEAR MERCHANTS HOTEL.

MONEY TO LOAN ON ALL GOODS OF VALUE.

St. Paul, Minn. *Aug 2 1894*
On this day have
sold to Mrs J D Holcomb
our P S Bartlett watch
which we guarantee
to keep perfect time
for the space of 5 years
of watch 1030072

H. A. Stone

at Farm Aug 24/97
New Morgan, Miss

R. J. Hancock Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 20 inst is

at hand. I regret that you and other
of the "Brown" party have given up the fight
I am on so many respectable men, who all
earnest in the matter, that I trust an
appeal will be made. The prestige of names
would be on their side, and the atmosphere
around the Capital would give that side
great advantage in the State, how the
appearance of time and money would be
trifling. Statements of officers and men who
were with the party could be submitted
by letter & perhaps in some cases orally.
True with the records of ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{and the} ~~the~~ ^{minutes} ~~the~~ ^{roles} ~~the~~
Sills, or her book, would be all needed.
Two seem to be sufficient.

If the Commission Committee are
wiser it should be corrected before
we go further. In making up the history
of the localities here and the events

Aug. 24, 1894

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will require further mention of us to
who was in command - In making these
statements I think I express the opinion
of each member of the Commission.
Should the Legislature review the opinion
of the Commission, the latter will
cheerfully acquiesce, without charging
the Legislature or its Commission with
any improper motives.

You say you are glad that
it is proposed to mark the site of the road
with granite blocks. The granite blocks will
be placed by road side 610, but wonder
if where we suppose the road to have
been. We have not the power of the
Commission to do as we please. We would
like to get the right and this would
cost us at least \$1000.

We will also place
on road side, another block, stating
that the Corral was 1970 feet north,
and also of our present opinion by further

MINNESOTA ORGANIZED 1849 STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1849 State Historical Society

St. Paul, Minn. Aug 21 1894

Dear Mr. Holcombe:

I found the letter of Gov. Ramsey to Col. Sibley of Aug. 27-62 - the copy in letter press copy book p. 146-7 (the book is not numbered)

The paragraph is as follows:

"Appoint over or under Your signature whatever officers You want."

Now wasn't the order to Maj. Brown to Command the detachment - virtually such an appointment - the order of Sep. 20th being

merely confirmatory - referring as
it does to the fact that
Brown had been in the
Service from Aug. 25.

Yours truly

Wm. R. Marshall

Aug 28, 1894

Mr. Geo. Mower

Mr. M. was appointed by Pres Grant Postmaster of New London Conn Grand Juror Aug 2nd 1868
Serravallo & yrs. Then ^{Polici}
by Special act was ^{W. Va.} granted
Pcn. M. R. Marshall.

A penitent I should have answered your very kind letter sooner but one of my late husbands ^{connections} had the enclosed clips and I was waiting to have them returned. I am going to put them in a scrap book. I am quite sure you will be able to glean all the information from them you may desire. Genl. Mower never kept either a private or military record of his life.

Yours Respectfully,

B. A. Mower.

The Birch Coolie Monument.

To the Editor of The Journal. *Aug 25-98*

Having served my time on the battle-field of my country and being cognizant of the fact that a few who are dear to me lost their lives in the battle of Birch Coolie, one of the fiercest engagements of the Indian outbreak, and being a resident of the locality in which the battle was fought, I have been very naturally interested in the efforts now being made toward erecting a monument in commemoration of the gallant heroes who so nobly fought against overwhelming odds in that fierce conflict. I have often wondered why it is that this old battle-ground has been so sadly neglected, the bones of the fallen heroes and presumably of many of our soldiers having lain by the roadside until a short time ago, while crops of all descriptions have been raised on those grounds that should be held sacred by every citizen of this state.

When we of this section learned that the legislature during the last session appropriated \$2,500 to be used in erecting a granite monument "which shall not only commemorate the event but the state's appreciation of the services of the men who there sacrificed their lives in its defense," we felt that the public had at last realized that this battle-field, hallowed by the life blood of our relatives and friends, deserves recognition.

It is with deep regret that we view the efforts of the citizens of Morton, a small, almost insignificant village situated a mile or two from the battle-ground, to have this monument erected near their race track, a half mile from their village, and more than a mile from the scene of the battle, and giving for their reason for such change the simple statement that it would be more conspicuous at that point.

The act appropriating the money with which to erect this monument explicitly states that it shall be erected on the battle-ground, and makes no provision for its erection elsewhere. Now the question arises, are we to erect this monument for the purpose of beautifying this insignificant hamlet and making the Morton racing grounds more attractive, or are we to erect it for the purpose of commemorating the noble deeds of our comrades who left their homes, wives, mothers and sisters and all they held dear in the world to take part in this bloody conflict? Is the spirit of patriotism running so low in our sister village that they ask that the mark of appreciation be transferred from the spot that so deeply deserves it to the shabby fair grounds of an almost deserted village? Are we to allow that spot, dyed with the life blood of martyrs, to remain unnoticed and unmarked and erect a granite shaft to mark the place where jockeys and jugglers assemble semi-annually? I believe that the committee will see that this monument will be placed where the legislators intended, thus ignoring the petty schemes of those who are seeking to have it placed elsewhere.

Olivia, Minn., Aug. 24.

—Peter Miller.

File Aug 29 1898

Browns Valley, Aug. 29, 1894

Dear Holcombe, — Yours of last week
came duly to hand. I hope that Gov. M.
and Judge Handron will attend at Birch
Coulie — or rather the place where the fraud-
ulent monument is to be erected, and
enter their vigorous protests against
the palpable piece of injustice and
outrage. I think it will do good — at
least it will afford some of us a tem-
porary gratification at seeing the
Grant crowd stirred up. The senti-
ment of the people — outside of the jock-
eys and jugglers of the village of Morton
seems to be pretty strong against the scheme.
I enclose clipping from yesterday's
Winneapolis Journal. Please show it to
Gov. Marshall. I think you ought to go
up with the Gov. I wish ditto. But you know
best what you ought to do. I am told
that Morton free whiskey will be plenti-
ful — for those whose stomach may
need bracing up. Hint for yourself &

Quinn. The indications are
that an Indian payment will
be made at the Sisseton Agency
in South Dakota 12 miles from
here - sometime in the latter
part of October. I hope to see
you out here then. I write
this in haste to catch mail be-
fore it closes. Please excuse
pencil writing but I can write
easier with pencil than with
pen & ink. With great respect
I am

Truly Yours
Samuel J. Brown

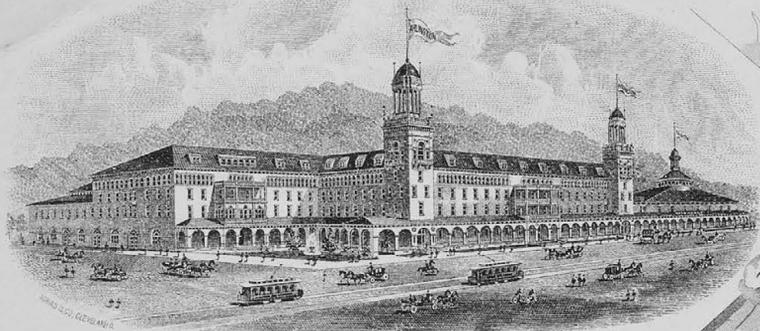
R. J. Holcombe Esq

Aug. 29
1894

St Paul

Minn.

Care U. S. Marshal }



THE
ARLINGTON
THE
Arlington Hotel Co.
PROPRIETORS

LYMAN T. HAY,
MANAGER.

Hot Springs, Ark. Sept 30 1892

Dear Friend. 'Mr Wolcomb.'

Have been a looking
for your letter for the last three
weeks, and not getting any, I
made up my mind to write
to you and remind you of
me, I am still living and get-
ting along very nice Bus. is
commencing to pick up here
Visitors comming in to town
every day and in a month from
now we'll have plenty of
people to do Bus with;
My partner is in New York now
buying Stock, and when he comes
Back I'll rent a larger Stoop



THE
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PROPRIETORS

LYMAN T. HAY,
MANAGER.

Hot Springs, Ark.

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as he is buying a big stock
for me, and will take in a
clerk, I have been alone
in the store up till now.

And what news have you
for me? write me a long
letter and tell who your new
girl is. I have no solid one
now, "had enough of that," but have
all the fun in the world, I
sleep in the store, of course not
alone, I would be perfectly
pleased with Hot Springs
if I had my friend here,
Oh Mr. Holcomb, I wish you
could come and here at least for
2 months, wouldn't it be grand



LYMAN T. HAY,
MANAGER.

Hot Springs, Ark.

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Make some money and come here for the winter how lovely it would be, this the loveliest country in the world in the winter time

Let me hear from you soon and write me all you know, that would interest me. I would like to ask to you a little favor if you have time and if it is no trouble to you, to see Mr Covington and get me of her the three pictures I had in my shop of Miss Litner, Allen and Mame Mahoney. I would like to have them as a memory of the past

Please answer me
soon

Your friend and
good wishes

Geo. Hayti

168 Central ave

Rock Springs

Wyo.

Will send a picture of me soon

Sept. 19. [1894]

Fortauk, Minn.
Sept. 19th

Mr. R. D. Holcomb,
Dear Sir—

Your letter of Tuesday
morning came last night.

It seems to me that any protest
on my part, at this late date,
would be out of place. But if
Judge Flandreau thinks it will
do any good I will sign one
against the present location
of the monument, and the
name inscribed as commander
of the forces engaged in the
Battle of Birch Coulee.

Respectfully yours,
J. W. Daniels.

LAW OFFICES

WILLIAM M. MAGUIRE.

HENRY C. CHARPIOT.

ARAPAHOE BUILDING, DENVER, COLORADO.

POST OFFICE BOX 1275.

October 3, 1894.

R.I. Holcombe, Esq.,

In care of U.S. Marshall's Office,

St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Sir:-

I send you by mail today a copy of Lummis' "Spanish Pioneers". It is very good reading, and it is very useful reading, as it may prevent one acquiring an idea that Anglo-Saxons have been the only pioneers in America. The Spaniards were the explorers of the new world, as well as the discoverers of it. It is a chapter of adventure to which the world's history holds no parallel.

Note, too, the broad policy and spirit of humanity (at least, speaking relatively, as compared with the English) that marked Spanish pioneering. We have been illiberal in our conceptions of this matter, and our histories worse than useless sometimes.

Lummis is a bright young man from Harvard who is winning his way as a writer. Such a conservative critic as the London "Spectator" praises him highly.

Herewith also a photograph of the signature of Z.M. Pike.

I hope to meet you again, and thus renew our acquaintance.

Very truly, yours,

W. M. Maguire

CABLE ADDRESS:
COUES, WASHINGTON

HOME ADDRESS:
1726 N STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE ADDRESS:
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Oct. 24th 1894

My Dear Sir:

I am much obliged for your interesting letter of the 21st, which I wish had come sooner, as I fear it may not be possible to make much use of any of the items you kindly furnish. I waited as long as I could in hopes of hearing from our friend Mr. Hill, but was then obliged to send back the galley-proofs; and, though of course I shall have page-revises, you know it is difficult and expensive to make decided alterations after the matter is made up in pages. I have now returned 23 galleys, covering matter up to Prairie du Chiens.

I shall be very glad to have your promised assistance in the vicinity of the Osage villages. I never was there, and Pike is now too plain. Very likely some of the points thereabouts that remain obscure to me can be elucidated by you. I am able ordinarily to wait but a very few days before returning ^{first} proofs, - hardly more than the time required for Mr. Hill's copy to go to and be returned to me from St. Paul. In this necessity for speed, please be as prompt as possible in looking into the Osage matters. It will give me pleasure to ~~reply~~ ^{return} suitable acknowledgments for any assistance you may be kind enough to render.

With respect, Very truly yours,

Elliott Coues,

United States Circuit Court of Appeals,

Nov. 15, 1894

HON. DAVID J. BREWER, Circuit Justice,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

EIGHTH CIRCUIT.

HON. HENRY C. CALDWELL,
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

HON. WALTER H. SANBORN,
ST. PAUL, MINN.

HON. AMOS M. THAYER,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

CIRCUIT JUDGES.

Nov 15 1894

My dear Holcombe,

You can
have my room ^{subject to a}
prior license I gave Marshall
Bede to occupy it. If he is
willing, you can occupy it
jointly, & when he gets through
you can have the 4 chairs
occupancy.

Surveys are in store
for all parties, & the political
pendulum will continue to
swing from one extreme to

United States Circuit Court of Appeals,

EIGHTH CIRCUIT.

HON. DAVID J. BREWER, Circuit Justice,
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the other until some
party responds to the
just demands of the
people on these subjects
viz the currency, taxation
& transportation

Yours truly
Henry Caldwell

File Nov. 16, 1894

At Home,

205 W. Breckinridge Street,

Louisville, Kentucky,

After July twenty-eighth.

See Envelope

At Home

Nov. 16/94

Mr R. I. Holcombe

Dear Friend

Can you
get me a copy of the Globe and
Sales of the Pioneer Press. Date
Oct 16/86 It is very important.

Try and come to dine
with us Sunday at 4 o'clock
if you can.

Sincerely Your friend
Mrs A. Hinds

P.S.

Soon as you know any
thing definite please write
me. if you can't come up

Yours,

See what makes 4 Nov 94.

Picks 40 of larger than 93.



Robert J. Holcombe
City

U.S. Marshall's Office

20000 acd last was
at St Paul - value \$200,
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from Minnesota, and
lot from W. Dakota
Some from Wis. So D.
N. Iowa. N. D. & RR
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Large acts demonstrate
that farmers are opening
eyes.

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5 years ago net 5 mil
2 + 3000 per week.

To His Excellency Hon. Knute Nelson,

Governor of Minnesota.

Sir:--

The undersigned, a citizen of Faribault, Minnesota, respectfully represents and declares to Your Excellency as follows:

That he is one of the Commissioners appointed to carry out the provisions of Chapter 231, of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1893, entitled, "An act appropriating money for the purchase of the battle field of Birch Coulie, and the erection of a suitable monument thereon," and that he has tried to discharge faithfully and in accordance with the law his duty as one of the said Commissioners.

That a majority of said Commissioners have procured a certain site and erected thereon a certain monument, and in so doing have pretended to comply with the provisions of said Chapter 231, and the undersigned is informed and believes that in accordance with certain provisions of said chapter—which said provisions may or may not be legal and binding—Your Excellency will soon be called upon to draw a warrant on the State Treasurer in payment for the said site and monument and of the expenses attendant upon the purchase and erection of the same.

The undersigned respectfully but most earnestly protests against the payment of any money out of the State Treasury, or out of any other of the public funds of the State, for said site and monument, for the following among other reasons:

1. The site of said monument is not upon the "land on which was fought the battle of Birch Coulie," as provided in said Chapter 231, nor any part of the "land" or ground on which said battle was fought, nor is it upon any "land" or ground where any military

operations or movements properly or influentially connected with said battle, or contributing to or affecting the character and results of the battle, were made or had, for the land on which the battle of Birch Coulie was fought is about two miles distant(north) from where the monument has been located, placed, and set.

It must be evident to Your Excellency that, in the enactment of the law referred to, the Legislature intended not only to commemorate the valor of its citizens who fought the battle of Birch Coulie and there fell in defense of the State, but intended to mark, preserve, and perpetuate the actual site of the battle ground by enclosing the same, erecting a monument thereon, adorning and beautifying the ground, etc., so as to render the site in keeping with its patriotic and hallowed associations. Yet a majority of the Commissioners have placed the monument upon a tract of land, two miles distant from the proper site, belonging to a local fair association, of which association certain of the Commissioners are members, and ~~the~~ the monument stands near to a racing track, where annually certain people will assemble not to do honor to the memory of the citizens of the State who fought and died in the battle of Birch Coulie, but to indulge in witnessing the speed and racing qualities of horses and in other sportive diversions and merry-makings. The grounds of said fair association, so-called, are unattractive and very imperfectly improved, not being fenced or otherwise enclosed, are not entirely cleaned of native brush and shrubbery, and the only adornment or decoration they contain is the monument referred to.

II. The land on which the battle was fought has not been purchased or otherwise acquired by the Commissioners for the purposes of a monument site as prescribed in Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 of said Chapter 231. Nor has the land been "surveyed, platted, and fenced," nor have there been planted thereon "such trees and shrubbery as shall make the same attractive," nor has there been erected thereon "a granite monument," as specifically provided in Section 5 of said Chapter 231.

III. No proper effort has been made to acquire said land on which said battle was fought. The owner of the premises refused to convey it to the State at a price which the Commissioners deemed and considered reasonable, but the Commissioners did not then report and never have reported that fact to the Attorney General of the State with the view that he might prosecute the necessary proceedings to condemn said lands, as specifically provided for in Section 3 of said Chapter 231, nor has the Attorney General or any other person instituted such proceedings, and therefore all of the land on which said battle was fought is still in the ownership and possession of the original owner.

IV. The monument which the said Commissioners has caused to be erected and placed is not the structure contemplated or provided for by said Chapter 231, because it does not properly "commemorate the event" of said battle of Birch Coulie, nor the State's "appreciation of the services of the men who there sacrificed their lives in its defense," as prescribed in Section 1 of said act, and because the inscriptions thereon do not "comport with the dignity of the State and its appreciation of the services of those who fell in

its defense," as prescribed in Section 5 of the act. The Commissioners have caused to be placed on the monument inscriptions purporting to be true and proper which are palpably and notoriously improper, untrue, false, misleading, mischievous, and unjust, and which therefore do not "comport with the dignity of the State," nor with its "appreciation of the services of those who fell in its defense." While, by the terms of said Chapter 231, the words of the inscriptions on the monument were to be selected by or left to "the judgment of said Commissioners," a fair and intelligent interpretation of the letter and spirit of the act as a whole would certainly forbid that the words should contain false and untrue statements or palpable and flagrant errors, and the inscriptions now on the monument, for the placing of which the State is ^{to be} called upon to pay—are in many instances and respects palpably false and grossly erroneous. They set forth the wrong name of the commander of the forces in the battle, as can be readily and conclusively shown to the satisfaction of Your Excellency; many names of persons who fell in the battle are misspelled, have been give incorrect initials, etc; the names of two men killed in the battle are omitted entirely; the name of the real commander of the forces, Major Joseph R. Brown, an officer at the time of the rank of major in the State forces, is placed under the head of "Citizens Wounded," and no other distinction or appreciation of his prominent services and connection with the battle is given him. Numerous other errors in the inscriptions exist, and altogether the monument as it stands, save that it is of granite, is not in any sense the monument contemplated by law or desired by the people of the State.

The undersigned further states that he was present at and participated in the battle of Birch Coulie. He was ordered by

Col. H. H. Sibley, who commanded all the military forces then operating against the Sioux Indians, to report to the afore-mentioned Maj. J. R. Brown, who, as Col. Sibley informed the undersigned, would command a force and expedition sent out from Fort Ridgley Aug. 31, 1862, as a reconnoitering and burial party, and he was ordered by Col. Sibley to act as a surgeon for said party. He did SO report to said Maj. J. R. Brown, as directed, and acted under his orders—and under the orders of no other officer or person—during said expedition, caring for the wounded during and after the battle of Birch Coulie, for it was by the force above mentioned that said battle was fought on the part of the whites. Hence, of his personal knowledge of and acquaintance with the facts, he knows that said Maj. J. R. Brown was the commander of the forces, and that the said monument as it now stands is not on the land where the battle was fought, but is about two miles away therefrom, where no part of the battle was fought. As to his opinion regarding the locality he is supported by much competent testimony. As to the identity of the real commander he is corroborated and sustained by the military and official reports of the battle of Birch Coulie by Gen. H. H. Sibley, Maj. J. R. Brown himself, Capt. Joseph Anderson, who commanded one of the two companies engaged, which reports were made the next day after the close of the battle; by the records of the Adjutant' General's office; by the written statements of Col. W. R. Marshall, Col. Sam'l McPhail, and other officers who were present with the forces of Gen. Sibley that relieved the beleaguered forces at Birch Coulie, and by much other competent and authoritative testimony and evidence.

The undersigned has all along protested against the action

of the Commission in the matter of refusing to purchase the land on which the battle of Birch Coulie was fought and erecting thereon the monument as provided by law, and against the erection of the monument where it now stands, and against placing on the monument any other name than that of Maj. Joseph R. Brown as the commander of the forces in said battle, but has been overruled by a majority of the members of the Commission. Wherefore he holds himself guiltless and in no wise responsible for the wrongful and illegal acts of said Commission above cited.

Believing therefore that the monument purporting to commemorate the battle of Birch Coulie as it now stands has been erected in gross violation of law, and that it in no proper sense serves the intent of the legislative act nor the intent and desire of the people and tax payers of the State, but is ^a falsity and a fraud, the undersigned earnestly protests against the payment by the State of any sum for any portion of the expenses for its erection, and he has full trust and confidence that so far as Your Excellency can prevent it such a manifest misappropriation of the public funds and so monstrous a wrong will not be suffered or allowed to be perpetrated.

Very respectfully, etc.,

Of the Birch Coulie Monument Commission, and Surgeon to the Forces commanded by Maj. J. R. Brown engaged in the Battle of Birch Coulie.

His Excellency

To, Hon. Knute Nelson,
Governor of Minnesota,

Sir - The undersigned, a citizen of the town of
Fairbault, Minnesota, respectfully represents
and declares to your Excellency as follows:

That

1. He is one of the commissioners appointed to
carry out the provisions of Chapter 231, of the
General Laws of Minnesota for 1893, entitled
"An act appropriating money for the purchase
of the battle field of Birch Coulee and the
erection of a suitable monument thereon," and
that he has tried to discharge faithfully and
in accordance with the law his duty as one of
the said commissioners.

2. That a majority of said commissioners have
ordered and procured a site for the monument
provided for in said Chapter 231, and have erected
thereon a monument also provided for in said
Chapter, and your excellency will soon be called
on to draw a warrant on the state treasurer
in payment for the same.

The undersigned respectfully but most earnestly
protests against the payment of any money out

To Hon. Knute Nelson,
Governor of Minnesota -

Sir - The undersigned, a citizen of the town of Fair-
bault, Minnesota, and one of the commissioners
appointed to carry out the provisions of Chapter
231, General Laws of Minnesota for 1893, en-
titled "an act to appropriate money for the
purchase of the battle field of Birch Coulee, and
the erection of a suitable monument thereon,"
respectfully represents,

That

Headquarters National Guard State of Minnesota.

HERMANN MUEHLBERG,
Adjutant General.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

St. Paul, Minn., _____ 189_____

the intent of the legislature, Part nor of the intent or
desire of the people and taxpayers of the State,
but is a fraud and a falsity, the undersigned earnestly
protests against the payment for any portion of the ex=
pense of its erection ~~out~~ of any funds ^{belonging to} of the State
of Minnesota, and fully trusts that so far as
your Excellency can prevent it he will not
allow such a manifest wrong to be perpetrated
~~as the expenditure of any sum out of the public mon=
ey~~ Very respectfully &c

~~Your Excellency's humble and obed~~

J. W. Daniels.

Of the Birch Creek Monument Commission,
and Surgeon to the white forces engaged in the
battle of Birch Creek commanded by Maj. J. R. Brown.

A BILL

FOR AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF THE BATTLE-FIELD OF WOOD LAKE, IN YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY, AND FOR THE ERECTION OF A SUITABLE MONUMENT THEREON.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Sec.1. That the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purchase and conveyance to the State of Minnesota of a portion of the land, not exceeding ten acres, in the County of Yellow Medicine, in this State, whereon was fought the battle of Wood Lake, and for erecting thereon a monument commemorative of said battle, which was fought September 23, 1862, between the military forces of the State commanded by Gen. Henry H. Sibley and a portion of the Sioux or Dakota nation of Indians, under Little Crow and other Chiefs and leaders of said nation.

Sec.2. William R. Marshall and Charles J. Stees of Ramsey County, and Ezra T. Champlin of Blue Earth County, are hereby constituted and appointed Commissioners and agents of the State to carry into force and effect the provisions of this act; and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to appoint four other citizens of Minnesota as Commissioners or agents, who, when duly appointed and qualified, shall have equal privileges, powers, and duties with ^{the} three Commissioners named for the enforcement of the provisions of this act. AS soon as practicable after their appointment the whole number of Commissioners shall meet at some convenient place within the State, take an oath, and file a written copy of the same, to faithfully discharge their duties as such Commissioners, and proceed to organize by choosing from their number a Chairman and Secretary. Said Commissioners shall receive no compensation whatever for their services, but all necessary expenses incurred by them in the execution of their duties under this act shall, when duly presented, itemized, and verified, be paid out of the appropriation herein made.

Sec.3. The said Commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and directed to purchase as the site of the monument referred to in Section 1 of this act not less than five nor more than ten acres of the land on which the said battle of Wood Lake was actually fought, and to pay for the same a sum not to exceed thirty dollars per acre. Upon the presentation to the State Auditor of a deed of conveyance of the said premises, together with an abstract of the title thereto and the written official opinion of the Attorney General of the State that such deed of conveyance will vest an absolute and perfect title in the State to said premises the State Auditor shall draw a warrant on the State Treasury for the purchase price thereof, which, however, shall not exceed the sum of thirty dollars per acre for every acre so purchased, and which said sum shall include all the costs of conveyancing and the abstract of title.

Sec.4. The said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall cause said premises to be surveyed and platted; and they may cause the same to be fenced and adorned, ornamented, and beautified in a proper and becoming manner, provided the cost and expense thereof can be defrayed and discharged out of the appropriation made by this act, after all of the other expenses contemplated and provided for have been paid.

Sec.5. The said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall cause to be erected on said premises a monument of such design and proportions, and bearing such inscriptions as the limits of the appropriations made by this act will permit, and as shall properly identify and mark the site of the battle field of Wood Lake, and as shall, as near as may be, commemorate the event of the battle and comport with the dignity of the State and testify to its appreciation of the services rendered by its brave and gallant officers and soldiers in the said memorable and decisive battle. The inscriptions on said monument shall, where they attempt to declare historical facts, be based upon official and other authoritative records, and at least two weeks before causing the inscriptions to be engraved or otherwise inscribed the Commissioners shall cause copies of the same as contemplated to be printed in at least three

newspapers in the State having a general circulation, in order that any errors in the said inscription may be noted and corrected.

Sec.6. The said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall select the design for the said monument, and may contract with responsible parties for the construction and erection of the same, requiring sufficient approved bonds for the faithful execution of the contract according to the plans, specifications, and conditions furnished and prescribed by the Commissioners. They may, however, if they believe that the interests and purposes of this act may be best served thereby erect and construct the said monument themselves, either by having the work done under their own supervision, or by engaging a superintendent who shall have general charge of the work under the instructions of the Commissioners, and who shall be paid in full for his services a sum not to exceed two hundred dollars.

Sec.7. All the material used in the construction of said monument shall if at all practicable, be obtained in the State of Minnesota and from its citizens.

Sec.8. Upon the completion of the duties assigned them by the provisions of this act the Commissioners shall make a report of the services performed and the work done by them, which report shall include an itemized statement of the cost of the land purchased and of all labor employed and material used in the monument, whether furnished by contract or otherwise. Said report shall be addressed to the Governor and State Auditor, and upon its approval by them shall be filed with the Secretary of State and the sum or sums due or owing by the State shall be paid by the warrant of the State Auditor, provided that in the aggregate the amount is not in excess of the appropriation made by this act, that is to say the sum of five thousand dollars. Provided, however, that if the work of constructing the monument shall be performed under the direction of the Commissioners, or by a Superintendent selected and appointed by them the sum of fifteen hundred dollars shall be available for the use of the Commissioners or the Superintendent before the final report shall be demanded and as the work progresses and shall be paid out of the State Treasury upon the order of the Chairman of the Commission when countersigned by the Secretary.

Sec.9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.