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[June 4, ?]

Clinton Church - Bro. Strong only  
will be with us Saturday & S-  
unday. Hope you are finding  
factor all the time - + will not do  
so much with Murray - date of her  
June 4 - - from each one

Bronaugh Place

Dear Mr. Bronaugh

Yours of the third  
came to hand this P.M. Mail  
your second letter will  
perhaps reach here tomor-  
row. You told quite a round  
before reaching your  
destination and surprised  
somewhat to hear of your visit  
to Uncle Taylors it must  
have been rather unex-  
pected to yourself. Of one  
thing I am truly glad  
"The Howard News" is at last  
settled satisfactory to all  
concerned, and The Minn.  
jobs are hushed up. I  
sincerely hope you are  
feeling much better I know



you were not feeling well  
when leaving home. Trust  
your stay in the city will  
prove a benefit as well as  
a rest; no one has done  
more hard work than you;  
was really glad you  
could have a little vaca-  
tion. We had quite a  
nice little shower of rain  
early this morning. At out-  
noon I asked Warren what  
about the Tomato plants he  
answered he and Adger  
had all ready gotten  
and put them out. The  
children have tried  
to attend to things as you  
instructed them. No letters  
from Minn. have come  
for you if any should will  
forward them at once.  
Bro. Houston has left Lebanon,  
moved to Warrensburg & another  
Bro. has taken charge of



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It would give me exceeding pleasure to print on these pages the name of every man and woman in Minnesota who aided me in my efforts to obtain ~~the~~ the release of the Youngers. Many of these persons displayed ~~a~~ lofty courage in their ~~suble~~ firm and noble stand they took, simply that mercy might <sup>be</sup> shown and justice done. They had nothing material to gain, whatever the issue, but rather much to lose. ~~—~~ They had to face a frowning community and endure severe criticism. Men in public life who hoped for still further honors were willing to sacrifice these simply for the sake of three ~~unfor~~ guilty, but unfortunate, men at Stillwater. All were <sup>\*</sup>heroes, and not a few of them have passed to their <sup>ultimate</sup> reward in the better land.

I wish also to record my gratitude to those friends outside of Minnesota who cheerfully upheld me in my mission of mercy. They responded nobly to my requests for words of recommendation to the powers in the far north, and many of them were ready to ~~back their sign~~ ~~path with~~ in a more practical and financial aid for legitimate purposes.



# FOR THE Confederate Home of Missouri.

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is hereby authorized to collect funds in

for the purposes specified below.

Secretary District.

Vice-Pres't District.

We the undersigned hereby subscribe and agree to pay the amounts set opposite our names, to establish and maintain a Home for needy Ex-Confederate soldiers and their helpless families, at Higginsville, Mo.

NAMES.

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man I can find or  
hear of, and shall as a  
rule send a written  
explanation with it. This  
printing and correspondence  
is a matter of expense, it  
is unnecessary to say  
to you. I am, through  
long sickness in my  
family in poor circumstances.

This matter of the release  
of the youngers is a thing of  
conviction with me. It  
is right and I shall pursue  
it as long as I live and  
they are there.

The less I have to  
struggle with my own  
needs and embarrass-  
ments the more I can



accomplish by way of  
printing and traveling.

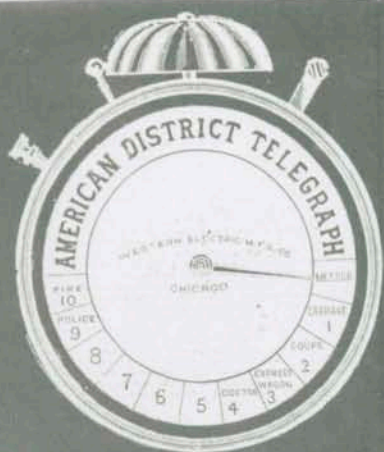
I give you my situation  
frankly because I  
judge from your letter

I may do so, and for  
the purpose of forwarding  
the main object.

You speak of getting  
Northfield people to  
join us. Yes that is  
the citadel to the whole  
opposition, but like any  
other siege the citadel  
will probably be taken  
lost. They must be  
surrounded and thawed  
out by a friendly feeling  
in the state. For my  
part I am not prepared to  
go to Northfield yet. When the  
time comes I will leave that

Very truly, Wm. H. Hanning  
to Gen. Marshall.





## American District Telegraph Co.

GENERAL OFFICE: 106 EAST FIFTH STREET.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb 27 189

W C Bronough

Dear Friend,

Your letter recd. to day  
I have not written for the reason that as yet  
there was little to say - We are doing all we can  
to work up a sentiment in favor of the  
Wilson Bill and of course hope to secure its  
passage. It has not yet been reported from  
the Committee and we really have no way  
of forming an opinion as to its chances -

We are now backed up  
by letters from Senator Davis Bishops Whipple  
& Gilbert and leading business men of the  
two cities & State. If you notice my letters in  
Pioneer press of yesterday (the 26<sup>th</sup>) and Monday  
the 20 you will see that to avoid any  
prejudice we are moving now on the line  
of making this Bill exclusively a Minnesota  
Measure and are disclaiming any interest in  
it from Missouri people. We are circulating  
large numbers of the Appendix to the Verbal  
book.



It is hard to tell what or how much  
good these things all do. Mrs. McReel was  
in here Sat night - and she and my daughter  
are intending to go to Stillwater tomorrow  
or next day. Cole & Jim are quite well.

They are placing great hopes on  
the passage of this measure, and I pray  
God they may not again be doomed to disappointment.

Some time ago there appeared a  
dispatch from Kansas City in an evening paper  
saying that Col. Brown of this K.C. had given  
up all hope of ever seeing the youngers free - Mr  
Bennett told me at the time he did not think the dispatch  
was genuine or referred to you at all. It was not  
your initials, but keep still don't stir it up or  
say a word now - If we fail to get this  
bill passed then we will take up the  
the fight along other lines - We will never  
give it up. Mrs. Yates is with her youngest  
brother in California, about 100 miles from San Fran-  
cisco. I learn that she seems contented and  
enjoys the climate &c. 8 to 85 in the shade there.  
Oranges on the trees & flowers everywhere. My Grace and  
I are alone. We hope to be in the old Camp  
this summer. Then you must come up.  
Mr. Bennett was just in four days. (B. G. Yates)  
Thinks the bill will come up tomorrow.



# GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY LINE.

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MONTANA CENTRAL RAILWAY.

OFFICE OF ENGINEER MAINTENANCE OF WAY.

GREAT FALLS, MONT.,

Aug 28

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Chas Brown  
Dear Sir

Your letter just to hand and after reading it - I concluded to have an interview with Gov Clough on my own hook and find out how he felt and whether it was advisable to go any further. On calling at the Capitol found he was out of town for two days - I expect to go away myself to Mandan ~~at~~ <sup>to</sup> Saturday to be gone two days. When I return I will see the Gov and then write you. Will see Murphy & Gien. Have not heard lately from Gov Marshall. Was <sup>your</sup> somewhat improved. Yours truly B. J. Yates

106 East 5th



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CURES CATARRH,  
RHEUMATISM,  
CONSUMPTION,  
AND ALL BLOOD  
DISEASES.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1895

Dear Rietta

Your letter came this a.m.  
I dreaded writing you that Merriman  
was selected. Majority only six hundred.  
The whole affair has made me sick.  
Just think how near and yet so far.  
I have been over both sundays  
and the Boys are well but very  
blue. Jim takes it even harder  
than Cole. Although they were both  
his indigo boys. I tried to cheer  
them up and guess they will feel  
better in a little while. Lou Murray  
was pardoned on election day. J.B. Shall  
go out on twenty-fourth of this  
month. I knew through Cole the  
scheme that they were working and  
wanted to give the whole thing away to  
the globe but he said no he did not  
want to deprive any one of their liberty  
I was so hot over it to think I had  
to keep it to myself that I fairly boiled all



over, do you blame me any?  
I told a Republican about it yesterday  
and he said he would never have  
kept it - I was not doing justice  
to the public by so doing.

We had a good chat Sunday  
all had supper in Jim's room & then  
Porter came in with his dish and  
ate his repast. They have had  
new orders issued again whereby  
no one is admitted except in  
company with an official.  
Old McKim knew better than to  
refuse me as he may have to come  
back to us for work again. I am  
able to think he had to let me through, he is such  
a crank.



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Mrs. McClure has not been down but  
once since you left. She has  
been out of town a great deal  
so has a pretty good excuse.  
Mrs. Lough will not go quite as often  
on account of the new rules  
but I will go as usual & if they  
say a word they will be sorry for it.  
Billy Brannan came last Friday  
and is to leave today, for the  
south. I have not learned much  
about his mission, will tell you of it  
soon as I do. Carl Randall will be  
up here next week, (so they say)  
I am sick and will have to quit  
writing and go home to bed.  
We give Bohemian Girl tomorrow  
& day after in Stillwater Saturday  
in Hudson. Had a dress rehearsal  
last night. So fine in Opera House  
I think that is how I have taken  
cold.



Hiattole has gone to Europe  
to be married, do not fret  
about the boys I will always  
keep you posted. Jim says  
he will not write any more

letters, but we are all well.

Thank, Maggie for her message.

Tell her we will hope to see her

soon. Yours

as ever

Peter

Send an order to Bronaugh to have  
those pictures taken. He claims they  
will cost only ten cents, or five cents <sup>each</sup>  
a quick Colin order.



Stillwaters Minn.  
Nov 23th 90

W. L. Brannan Esq.

Lewis Station Minn.

My Dear friend

I will give  
this <sup>to</sup> Peter & read  
your letter to him  
It is all O.K. You  
did just right  
in not saying any  
thing so far.  
When you write  
as he him talk  
Pardon board leave  
the other to work  
it. Well. Peter  
will write you in  
a while. Whatever he



writes you can  
depend upon me  
all letters you  
wish not to be  
sent to him  
I will explain  
why. Carl Randall  
got here to day  
will only stay  
a few days &  
write this is  
just what Peter  
is doing on the  
table waiting.

Just seemed there  
is no one on earth  
we prefer to you  
ever and is doing  
what they can't  
guess. But you are  
the first and with  
us. Your grateful friend



Gale Gurney,  
Peters Camp, Minn.  
This out call



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St. Paul, Minn. Nov 24 1896

Dear Mr. Bronaugh

Cole had a good laugh at me yesterday, on account of the Capt on my letter & understood it was for Cole & not for me so carried it all week and took it over yesterday and gave it to Cole. He opened it and said why Peter this letter is for you. Now in future address me as Peter. Cole is pleased to think you did not mention anything about the work up here to Carl. Carl is in favor of a Garden Board & thinks that is the only way to work it, now he may be right still if you can work the others here so much the better the idea is thin we don't want to have a stone unturned & we really can't do too much if we only work quietly & together. I am glad to see you are so willing to work at any end but the lead is where you must be



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I am sorry you did not come up to the  
house in Stillwater as I should like  
to have had you meet my Brother  
& his wife also Mother & Father.  
Mother & Father are growing old but  
I know you would like them as  
Mother is one of the Grandest women  
on Earth, (at least so I think)  
They have had another scare  
down at the Prison and the  
Warden has forbidden any visitors  
to enter without a guard, Wm. Clark  
& Wm. Lough have decided not to  
go down so often on that account as  
there is no pleasure to visit with  
Jim & Cole & have a guard listen  
to every word, I go there every  
Sunday as usual, I will say  
nothing to the Warden & he can't  
resist taking me in. Then remain  
the afternoon stay to supper with  
Jim & Cole & we divide their rations



Cole ~~thinks~~ thinks more of your opinion  
than any one else. In fact I have  
a soft spot in my heart for you  
on account of your true & untiring  
friendship to the Boys. I know  
you are working from ~~an~~  
a disinterested standpoint as to speak  
and that is the kind of workers  
they require. When a person starts  
in to work for them for the sake  
of the money (unless it is Mr H) ~~they~~  
they generally get lazy & lose interest  
I believe Mr H. has gone to  
Europe to be married. I have not  
seen Mr Marshall for a few days.  
He is a staunch friend but his  
movements are too slow at times  
He is so honorable that he is too cautious



especially, I have just sent the Liberos  
+ Jipser + talk over our mutual  
friends + Cole I have many of his  
War Yarns until about eight PM.  
+ then I have to spend a few hours  
with mother before returning to the  
city. Next week I am going home  
on Mrs. McClure +ough + get one  
or two of the Mrs. Appleton sent up  
Remember me to all friends

Yours

Peter Freleigh

132 E-4 St

St Paul



319 So. Barrett Ave.  
Benison, Tex.,  
Sept. 22, 1891.

Capt. Bronaugh,  
Lewis Station Mo.

Friend:—I have  
written quite a number  
of times but have not  
had a letter from you  
in several months. I  
wrote you and said I  
would see you & wife at  
the "Reunion" but I could  
not find you and I wrote  
you where you & Mrs. B.  
could find me. Have you  
had good success in  
selling the pictures? I did  
not have any talk with  
Capt. B. in fact—He would



tranche of or something  
else. I sent you these  
letters some time ago and  
they have been returned  
and I do not know  
whether you have seen  
them or not. Read and  
send them with the others  
and after this I'll keep  
my letter and then I'll  
not have them scattered  
all over the "Union". Both-  
Cole is rather ~~blue~~  
I think you might let-  
me know why you avoided  
meeting me at H.C. C. Randall  
said you told him you wished  
I had not gone up there  
last summer. I just tell you this  
so you can judge how truthful he  
is.  
Yours friend H. Thompson.



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Owatonna, Minn.

E. J. BRENNAN,  
St. Paul, Minn.

ST. PAUL, MINN.,

Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> 1891

Dear Miss Junger,

I often wonder at your long silence. It seems ages since I last heard from you. I visited the Boys on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. Saw Cole. They are well as usual. Jim did not come down. They are very busy just now covering the Books over Cole onto the covers Jim pastes & numbers them, all things are running smoothly just at Present. Cole received Lester's letter all O.K. Jim received yours. They both seemed pleased. I had the five hundred Photos struck off for Mr. Bronaugh. He sent me the check for Kenen of seventy five dollars. I paid Kenen and returned receipt to Capt. Bronaugh. Capt. B wished me to write you that he had paid the seventy five dollars. I believe there is a balance of fifty dollars on Cole's account. Kenen asked me what was to be done about it I told him that it would be all right. Cole says he



mentioned it to you and that likely  
when you received the receipts  
from W. B. for the sale of the Photos  
you would see that. Kuhn was  
paid. how do you want me to  
say this to Kuhn?

Maria has a Baby girl it was a month  
old on Sep 11<sup>th</sup> they are both doing  
nicely. They seem delighted with her.  
Every one that calls find her such a  
big girl. We are thinking her the image  
of Doctor. Mrs M<sup>c</sup> has been away a  
great deal this summer. She would  
have been in here to see you  
but her sister was down that  
altered her plans. Mrs L is fine  
she thinks you mean not to  
have visited Minnesota this year.  
Mother, Father, Doctor, Maria & rest are well.  
Ever your friend Peter,