May 25 1897
San Diego Cal.
112 National ave.

Pres. G. T. Fairchild

Dear Friend – I have been wanting to write back my regrets ever since I first read in the "Capital" the account of the criminal action of the present Board of Regents, but my time has been so full of school duties that I kept putting it off from one time to another. We K. A. C. graduates here in San Diego

(There are four of us, Miss Lillie Bridgman, Miss Clara Keyes, my sister Minnie and myself) have ~~done~~ denounced the Regents as a board of partisan demagogues anxious to show their authority. It seemed to me when I read of their action, as if my own home had been broken up and some of the family turned adrift. I felt enraged at the originators of the scheme and as if I should not care ever to go back to the old college on a visit. It will not seem like home

with out the familiar faces who used to mark our vacant seats in Chapel and poor recitations in class. I wish I could be present at the Alumni meeting this year and say good by at least, to the out going members of the faculty, but it will be impossible for me to return to Wau. this year unless I could get a good position. I should prefer going back, if I had such.

I have two more weeks of school and then the vacation.

I do not doubt you will easily find an opening elsewhere, but I do sincerely regret that you are to leave our own alma mater. It will no seem like our old home any more when we go back. wishing you all a better place than you are leaving

I am very sincerely,

Louise Reed.

112 National Ave.

San Diego.

Big Valley, Texas,
June 3, 1897.
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Pres. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kan.

Dear Sir:

It is almost a year since I left the old college halls, and the near approach of commencement recalls the pleasant memories of that week with a longing to return, but I am sorry to say that it will be impossible for me to be there. I have spent the past year very pleasantly and feel that it has been a very profitable one, unless I should

consider it from a financial point of view. The first six month I spent in assisting to construct and operate a plant of machinery from which I gained much information as well as some business ideas. Since then I have been traveling over Oklahoma and Indian Territories and Texas gathering what practical ideas I could from the business men that I come in contact with every day. I enjoyed this from the fact that it gave me an especially good opportunity for the study of human

nature.

I returned home yester-day from the last trip I expect to make and will remain with the home folks the coming season. I will take charge of some ma-chinery near by, repair it and superintend the running of it during the fall.

I regret that you as well as several of my other special friends will not be connected with the college after the present year. I only wish that I could be there to join the Alumni

in expressing to you our appreciation of the many favors you have shown us.

Respect.

A. C. Peck,
Big Valley,
Texas.

1st Lieutenant ALBERT TODD, Q. M., 1st Artillery,
Quartermaster.

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Quartermaster's Office,

ST. FRANCIS BARRACKS,

St. Augustine, Fla., June 3, 1897

My Dear Mr President:—

The regular annual invitation to the commencement exercises came in due season. I can hardly say that I wished like to be present this year. I should like very much to see you and the other old friends, but I fear I should be too sorrowful at the break up to compensate. I sincerely trust with you that there will be sufficient old leaven to keep the College on a normally good basis till the day of reckoning comes, as it surely will — but the set back will be felt I fear for many a year —

With kindest regards & remembrances to the dear friends of the past years —

I am, Sincerely Yours,
Albert Todd

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Topeka, Kansas, March 25th, 1897.

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My dear President Fairchild--

I am sure you will not misunderstand this letter or misconstrue my purposes. You asked me to inform you of honest criticisms of the College and Station. Those who criticise do not like to be quoted, but prefer to move upon the Regents. I am not willing to write to the Regents without first laying the matter frankly before you, for I am sure that your interest in the College is greater than that of anyone else, and you will be able and willing to give unselfish consideration to honest suggestions.

I send you below, copy of a dictation in which I assumed to be addressing a Regent. No such letter has been sent to any Regent, but it outlines what rather mature reflection leads me to believe correct conclusions:

"You are doubtless aware of the attacks that have been made on the College, but more especially on the Experiment Station during the last winter, in the public press, notably in the "Topeka Capital". The "Capital" writer was certainly very ignorant of the situation at Manhattan, and he attacked the work done there in a way to throw discredit upon some of the experiments which have received the warmest commendation from contemporaneous institutions, and which are of immense value to farmers and feeders. If the "Capital" writer had given his attention to what is <u>not</u> done at the Station, or at least not reported, he would have been more justifiable for his attack.

"But while we have an excellent institution, and one which holds

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an enviable place in many respects among institutions of like character, I shall be glad to see the College and the Station take an even prouder position than that heretofore occupied.

"The course in Agriculture is very short and instruction in that branch is necessarily meagre. It is therefore not surprising that while graduates of the College have been called to various positions in institutions in other states, almost none have been called to chairs of Agriculture. The only ones that I now recall as having received such training as to fit them for Agricultural positions are Prof. Mills, of Utah, and Prof. Payne, who is in charge of some experimental work in Colorado. I think you will agree with me that we should have made a better record, and that our course in Agriculture should be so amplified as to prepare our young men for the best Agricultural positions, especeally if they should take in addition some post-graduate work. Such training will be most valuable to those who become farmers.

"But the severest criticisms have not been made against the School but against the Experiment Station. I have given a good deal of study to this branch of the subject, and think some radical measures ought to be adopted. Two of the departments represented on the Station Council, and having assistants drawing pay from the Station fund, have no reports to their credit during the past two years. As a school, we are easily in the first rank; as an Experiment Station we are scarcely in the second. I hope that what I am about to say will not be misunderstood: I am on terms of friendship bordering on intimacy with every member of the Experiment Station Council, and my suggestions are intended to be in the interest of the farmers of Kansas, and not for or against the interests of any individual.

"I think I appreciate the efficiency and worth of the President of the College as highly as anyone does or can. I think that under no circumstances likely to arise, should the State be deprived of his services as the head of the College. As to the Experiment Station, however, the case is different. Logically, the Director of the Experiment Station should be the Professor of Agriculture, and in some of the institutions where the most successful experimental work is being done, this is the case. I believe that the characteristics which make the best school-man are somewhat out of harmony with the characteristics necessary for the best experiment station director. Further, I believe that the Director of the Experiment Station should be such more than in

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name, and that experiments to be conducted in any department should be controled by the head of that department and the director without interference from other departments."

You know better than anyone how to bring about needed changes. I am sure that the demand to have more teaching in agriculture and to have a better showing from some departments of the Station is honestly made and is likely to be persisted in. I am sure, also, that you will agree with me that it will be better to head this demand before it assumes a peremptory character likely to result in sudden and violent changes with accompanying damage.

Yours very truly,

E. B. Cowgill

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Topeka, Kansas, April 1st, 1897.

Prof. Geo. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Ks.

Dear Friend:

I take the first opportunity to answer your letter of March 26th. I am glad if the deficiency in the course in Agriculture has been remedied.

I have presumed that the departments which have drawn pay for the last two years and have made no report, have had some excuse for this condition. But in the world outside of institutions, in the world of competition, excuse does not long draw pay. The rest of us must produce results and I confess that in my estimation a handful of results is worth more than a car load of excuses.

It was with a good deal of hesitation that I suggested a change in the directorship of the Station. While I was connected with the College it had been settled that the Experiment Station would be established, and in considering the organization I was of the opinion that the president of the College should be the director, and for the reasons suggested in your letter. Conclusions since formed may not be better based than those then reached, but it now seems to me that the directorship is, or ought to be, so large a matter as to command the full ~~ability~~ energies of a strong man. It is possible that the heads of the departments in the Station should not be the heads of departments in the College. I am not entirely certain but that a considerable separation of the two institu- may be desirable. But it has long been a conviction with me that the inspiration of contact with experimental investigations should be of untold value to the students. Furthermore, a live professor in the College, who is properly inspired by his work, ought to be, and I believe is, inevitably an original investigator. If these two propositions are correct, then there should be found a way to combine the College work and the Station work without detriment to either, but with positive advantage to both. May it not be that the dificulty of working under two overseers is more imagined than real? The students generally have to work under three overseers, and it is thought to be a good arrangement, and especially advantageous to the students. I have not understood that there is friction in the Council, and indeed it is not on this account that my suggestions have been made, but to the end that more work might be shown for the money expended. I do not know anything about the facts in the case of the stations you refer to as using other

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money for Station work, and thereby being enabled to make larger showing, but I do know that the amount of money paid to the Chemical Department and Entomological Department in the last two years is such that we ought not to be obliged to go to Minnesota reports for the latest about grasshoppers, or to Indiana reports to get anything modern about wheat-and corn-bread, or to go anywhere outside of Kansas to get any information which one can get only from the investigation of such departments. I think you will do me the justice to concede that these last remarks are not inspired by any personal feeling, for I think you know that between myself and the workers in those departments, there are none but relations of friendship.

You ask me to suggest the special kinds of work I would like to see done by the Station this very season; this reminds me somewhat of a remark which Ex-Secretary Morton was reported to have made soon after taking charge of the Department of Agriculture, viz: That if he did his full duty, he believed he would have to recommend the abolition of the entire Department. He seemed to have no realization that there was a work for it to do. I am loth to think that such is the case with any of my friends who are drawing Experiment Station salaries. But as to the special kinds of work, This office has been overwhelmed with inquiries as to how to combat insect pests. I have looked in vain for a bulletin or bulletins from the stations from which I might quote something for the benefit of these inquirers. Again, it is a fairly well known fact that Kansas winter wheat is a special favorite in some of the best markets in the world, and that Kansas hard winter wheat flour has been awarded some most notable medals for excellence. Nobody knows what characteristics of this wheat and this flour give the peculiar merit: So far as I know, our experiment Station has undertaken no investigation to determine this interesting and valuable information. It is no longer a matter of doubt that such characteristic can be accentuated and developed when known by careful seed selection and suitable cultivation, but this seed selection can be made only upon chemical analysis. No doubt Kansas hard winter wheat plants will be found to vary greatly as to the valuable properties of their grain. If suitable methods of analysis be devised wherewith a portion of a wheat head may be used for analysis, and the remainder reserved for seed, if the analysis proves satisfactory, I see no reason why as rapid improvement may not be made in the quality of wheat as has been made in the quality of sugar beets and of sorgum by similar methods.

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Possibly hybridization of seed may become desirable. But the Experiment Station ought to be able to take care of all this work in the most efficient manner. It is a work that somebody is sure to take up soon, and earn great credit for doing it. Kansas is more favorably situated for it than any other state on account of the superior quality of its wheat as above suggested. But this improvement should not be confined to wheat alone, but should be extended to corn, indeed to every staple crop grown in Kansas. If Kansas farmers are enabled to grow superior value into their crops, that value will be duly compensated for in the markets. If you could realize how fully satisfied I am of the opportunity here presented to the Kansas Station, and which seems to be receiving no attention, you will not be surprised that I have overridden my reluctance to enter upon the matter, and have written as in this and my former letter. But I grant that unless there shall be an enthusiasm for the work on the part of those who have it to do, it ~~would~~ will be just as well that they go on drawing the money and reporting nothing, as to take it up in a half-hearted way, which can mean only failure, with perhaps excuses for not succeding.

Yours truly,

E B. Cowgill

Ypsilanti Mich
May 24/97

Dear George & Lottie

I thought Minnie could best express our indignation at the reckless "Self Suicide" of your College – but intended to add my more mature thoughts before this time. I don't feel inclined to waste much sympathy on your board of regents who ~~do such~~ committed the deed – for they don't need it now. The greatest wonder is that you have held supremacy so long with such a Populistic rabble. I am not going to write your biography or obituary either – for I don't think the time has come or will for some happy useful years. This has been a great strain on you both I know but hope only good for you will be the result. I don't see why Olivet College can't recognize the hand of Providence – when they are still in need of a President.

Minor & I spent the first week of May there — taking a sudden start to attend the Theological Commencement — which was the 50th anniversary of Minor's graduation from the Seminary. We had a pleasant time & visit — and your name was mentioned — of course not in public — but in James' parlor — as possibly the "coming man" — and as Minor said "You might go farther & fare worse" — I took the liberty to add my ~~[illegible]~~ opinion in the same direction. Some one said the trustees did not seem to know you very well — but if they are intelligent men they ought to know there is some man at the head of a College that stands where Kansas Agr. College has. Prof King is a little man (in stature) I believe — but perhaps the old adage proves true in this case "that even a small object may obscure the vision when quite near the eye" — but this little scrap from a Chicago paper looks as if some one had taken a peep outside the obstruction, though I can't think from what James said they have taken any formal action — or as he said

"here no one specially in view"
There seemed to be some talk or thought of securing your David for some botanical position when he returns, I know you are both resigned to leaving Kansas — but hope some satisfactory place of work — will be open for you.
We hope Kittie will come home for a visit next month, She thinks it will be easier, on the whole to come right through — and Mr Holmes a R.R. man will meet her at Chicago — still I dread the journey for her,
James and Catharine, like the rest of us are growing older each year — but we were glad to have the visit with them,
Please excuse this hasty note — I have been writing a Memorial article to be read at a Missionary meeting next week — and my hand & head are both shaky

With much love to all
Your sister Emily F. L.

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CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE.

Lawrence, 27 May, 1897.

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My Dear President Fairchild:-

Yours of the 25th inst. is at hand. I have written to the Hon. George C. Sturgiss of Morgantown, West Virginia, giving my views of your qualifications for the presidency of the University of West Virginia. I sincerely hope that you may be successful in obtaining the position.

It is a daily sorrow to me that you should be obliged to suffer from the first outbreak of political folly in the management of our educational institutions. If Mr. Debbs selects Kansas as the state for the settlement of his one hundred thousand "weary wanderers" the Manhattan experience will be duplicated at Lawrence and Emporia in short order. Let us pray that this added calamity may not occur.

Ever with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

F. H. Snow

Chancellor.

F. H. Snow

Kansas State Agricultural College.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE.

C. B. DAUGHTERS,
~~Treasurer.~~

Lincoln, Kas., May 27th 1897

Pres Geo. T. Fairchild
Manhattan Ks.

Friend Fairchild: I have been so long that I neglected to write judge Dean till a few days ago. I am expecting an answer soon. He is a democrat and was the first graduate of the university in 1872. If we had some time before their meeting I think he would put us on to ~~what~~ that would be of great help to us. Hope you may get the place as I think you will like it.

Resp. C. B. Daughters

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United States Department of Agriculture,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington, D. C.

May 25, 1897.

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Dr. Geo. T. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kansas.

My Dear Doctor:-

The President of the Board of Regents and the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the State Agricultural College of Oregon have written me, asking me to suggest to them the name of a gentleman competent to take charge of their college and station work. In this matter I have consulted with Dr. Allen, of our Office of Experiment Stations, a gentleman in whose judgment I have much confidence. He corroborates my opinion regarding yourself, and I have written a strong letter to the Regents, recommending you as being the proper man to carry on their work. I hope you will find it convenient to go out and help those people, should they desire it.

Very cordially yours,

James Wilson

Secretary.

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Dr. Geo. T. Fairchild -
Kansas City Mo.

My dear friend - After the first shock of last April, some of us were wondering how we could best express to you how we felt. Any thing bought with money seemed so inadequate, and any thing else suggested seemed so tame or so impossible that organized expression was dropped. I promised myself then that my part should be to write and write often and not let go the friend that once I had. The best evidence of friendship and love that I can give is to promise never to feel hurt if you do not answer and to always

to believe you will be glad to hear from me –

Mrs Hood had an enjoyable letter from Mrs White and we have heard once from Mrs Kedzie – The little folks are very well this fall – Kedzie started to school last Monday – The opening of the town school season reminds us of how near we had to give up all hopes for this little chap just a year ago. We, the boys and I, are building a shop for the boys on our back lot. Tools of their Grandfathers were given to them, a lathe and scroll saw and they are very anxious to begin operations.

College opened, but alas not as usual. The students came in the same crowds and the boy with his sunday clothes, and diploma tied with a blue ribbon was in evidence as heretofore. For some reason when I stood in the hall I felt like a Prep.

The matter of assignment had been

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delegated to a committee headed by Prof. Walters. It worked just as you would expect it to. The confusion is just being straightened out. They found it impossible to assign 188 boys to wood work in five morning hours because they all wanted to come into the 3rd hour so the extra ones and the 5th hour were put over into the afternoon as P. M's. We have 69 in the iron shop. I did not expect the large attendance but it is here. We have about 580. The count on Tuesday last was 555 but Walters since found 17 assignments that had been tucked away somewhere that should also have been counted, making 572. The Mechanics course has 13, 4th years. Is 13 an unlucky number? There are 21

in the Agriculture Course. Cottrell and I have talked very frankly and I think we can pull together without friction. He has certainly grown since he left here, yet I could not call him a broad man such as I could hope to be someday. Altogether the new Faculty surprises me much less than I expected. It is too early of course to know them but they certainly make no better appearance as a body than the old faculty even if they did have such stacks of recommendations. The Yeoman matter was brought up to see if something could be done. Walters, Nichols, myself, Weida and Bennis were the committee. Weida and Bennis both proposed to stand by the old faculty decision in the matter. I liked their attitude in the matter. I am prepared to like most of the new ones. Bennis is very pleasant personally. His first lecture was Saturday. He didn't black his boots for it I noticed. The lecture

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on "Strikes and Injunctions" was what any one would call common. It certainly wasint bad and just as surely was not excelent. He undoubtedly suffered from too great expectations on the part of his audience.

Chapel was packed. All students had to take notes. It was very quiet. But none of the students yet know what they are to do with the notes taken. Prof Weida is a nervous man who promises to talk more than Dr. Mayo and I. I am trying hard to keep still and succeeding badly. Faville seems a hard worker, but one sees readily that the same sturdy puritan character of Mason is not there. I dont quite know what to make of him yet. Metcalf is I believe a true man. It shines out all over

and I think I shall like him much. He is very quiet and so far I find none of the mannerisms of the elocutionist.

Metcalf, Weida and Faville have had in Chapel. It would do me good if I could, but I can not bring myself to it. There are lots of funny tales being told about the sewing but you won't want to to hear them. The teacher (Miss high ladder in german) speaks with a very decided german accent. She seems a nice little woman and every one pities her but she hardly understands what she is to do. I find a number of the new ones overwhelmed with the prospect of work.

Mrs Campbell is a smooth talker, and is taking with the girls I hear. She finds nothing right nor as it should be. Oh dear — A number think she is in her dotage. I shall withhold judgement a while. Miss Winston has a good face and a good head. She talks good hard sense and I think is a good

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teacher to have. Harrison comes to chapel and is very different from Capt. Cavanaugh. I think he will be liked and will be a gentleman with the boys.

For some reason I like Fischer although I dont know why. He has hardly opened his head in Faculty meeting and the town people are guying him for his looks. Nevertheless I think he will wear well. Geo Christensen has left here and has a position in the finest machine shop in the U.S. at Brown & Sharp's, Providence R. I.

I hardly know what you will say to so gossipy a letter. The problem of getting the best growth out of these unhappy circumstances is one I am earnestly

trying to solve. The almost ideal conditions of the past are gone and I must find some way of absorbing good where all is not good. The new people seem a good lot but distrust I fancy is not confined to the old members.

I am in hopes you and Mrs Fairchild are profiting by a well earned rest. Please remember me to Mr and Mrs Kirshner and believe me

Very Truly Yours
Ozmit Wood.

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Agricultural College, P. O., May 22nd, 1897
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Dr. W. T. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kansas.

My dear Sir:- We have all felt very much grieved at the treatment you have received from your State Board, and if there is any way in which this college can help you, or any of our other friends, please feel free to make your desires known.

I am just now looking for a lady to take charge of our sewing for next year, and it struck me that perhaps the woman who has charge of this work in your college might be induced to come here. Our Board has set the salary at $500.00 per year and rooms. If you think Mrs Winchip would suit us, and will speak to her with reference to this matter, I will feel very grateful, indeed. I am anxious to have a good sensible, christian woman; one that will serve as a check on the young women of the teaching force.

I hope to see you at the Minneapolis meeting in July.

Very truly yours,

J. L. Snyder,

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Dear Mr Fairchild

Thank you heartily for your courtesy which makes very easy the work of writing the paragraph. We were greatly interested in the Catalogue. and took the liberty of retaining it — as you had not especially asked for its return.

Yours very sincerely

May 8 '97 Charles B. Spahr

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Department of the Interior,

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May 15 1897

Prof. Geo. T. Fairchild
Manhattan Kansas.

Dear Sir and Friend:

It has just come to my knowledge through a circular issued by the Alumni Association that the new Board of Regents has requested your resignation and has discharged several members of the Faculty. No action of the political party now in power in Kansas has shocked me as this. I feel it as a keen personal blow as much every member of the Alumni Association and everyone of the thousands of students who have attended the college during your

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administration. You have 189
been to us so much more
than a teacher that every
pleasant memory of the
college is linked with your
personality. I have not
been able to visit the school
for several years but the
consciousness that there were
friends there who would be
glad to see me whenever I
could go has been a constant
stimulus to endeavor to be
able to render a good account
of myself whenever I should
meet you. In your separation
from the college it will suffer
the most severe blow in its
history and to me as an alumnus
the loss is irreparable. I have
been promoted to the superintendency

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of the Albuquerque school having an attendance of nearly 400 pupils and I go in about ten days.

In closing, I know that other fields of usefulness will open to you and your influence will yet be exerted for the uplifting of many young men and women who need it as I needed it back I deplore the great loss to alma mater

Sincerely Yours

Edgar A Allen

F. A. DAWLEY

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WALDO, KANSAS, May 17 1897

Prof. Geo. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

I am thinking of applying for the Principalship of the Alton schools and would be very grateful if you could give me a recommendation.

I have been teaching in the country during the winter months and working on the farm in the summer since I left College. I am one of the County examiners of Osborne Co. and am doing very well in my work, thanks to my college training.

I often think of the dear old college and what it has done for me, and now when I read of the radical changes that are

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being made I wonder if I could enjoy visiting it as I have in the past. I am afraid not, for those that are so dear to me as teachers and friends would no longer be there to greet me.

My best wishes, love and admiration will ever go with them wherever they may be.

Hoping that you will grant me the favor I ask I remain.

Yours sincerely
F. A. Dawley '95

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
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May 20, 1897.

President George T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kan.

Dear Dr. Fairchild:

I have yours of the 14th, and have read with interest your personal statements regarding Oberlin College. You may trust me to do what I can with Mr. Sturgiss, should he give me any opportunity.

Yours very truly,

Nicholas Murray Butler

Pers.

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University of Idaho,
Moscow, Idaho. Nov. 20, 1897.

Office of
The President.

Hon. Geo. D. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kansas.

My dear Sir:-

I have just read with profound interest your calm and dignified article in the American Journal of Sociology.

You have placed every executive of state institutions in this country under obligations to you for this review of the debauching influence of irresponsible politicians in their efforts to make our state institutions minister to party avarice.

As a president of a new institution in a new state that has done all in his power to prevent the institution from passing into control of politicians, and who has been maligned for what he has done as well as for he has not done as best suited those who have been disappointed in their inability to control the institution and its patronage, I must express my hearty appreciation of this article.

Yours truly,

D. B. Gault,

President.

Letters from Prof. J. S. Ostrander of Amherst Agl. College to E. M. F. charge Pres. G. with being a politician.

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Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler,

Columbia University, New York.

My Dear Dr. Butler:--Yours of May 11th is received. Since writing you before, I have received from Hon. George C. Sturgiss, resident Regent of West Virginia State University, at Morgantown, a request that my name may be used before the Board of Regents at its meeting on June 3d. I have agreed to give earnest consideration to any proposition the Board may make, and have referred Mr. Sturgiss to yourself, among others, for judgment as to my fitness for the work of a president.

Your suggestion as to Oberlin compels me to a frank statement, which I know will be safe with you. Oberlin was the home of my early life, and is very dear to me. I could probably give more of my life to Oberlin College than to any other institution. Its repute is in good measure the repute of my family, and all my personal energies would naturally be aroused for it. But the presidency of Oberlin College is the last place that I should seek by personal efforts, because my success there would depend largely, chiefly, I think, upon my actually being wanted. I was there as a boy and a student, under the shadow of two brothers, twenty-one and twenty-three years older than myself. My repute is wholly independent of my growth and service there, and in lines little known except in a general way, to the Oberlin people. Oberlin, you know, has had very little connection with the National Educational Association, and my work and development of agricultural colleges is entirely outside the line of their thoughts. They will naturally seek

for a brilliant minister, with educational spirit and trend, who can win the support of the evangelistic organizations of centers of wealth. Should the trustees select me, it would seem to be, and perhaps would be, chiefly because of my relationship to my brother James, who was so long president. That is, it would seem like a family affair. Neither my brother nor myself would enjoy anything of that nature, although I think he would be very glad if the mantle of his work should fall upon my shoulders. The Oberlin trustees, without the knowledge of either my brother or myself, conferred upon me the degree of Doctor of Law, so that I do not feel in any way unappreciative. But to call me to Oberlin would be to make necessary some explanation. The reason would not appear upon its surface in a true light. Possibly some of my friends may move in that direction, but it is without my sanction, for the reasons above given, which I think you can appreciate.

Yours very truly,

Geo. S. Fairchild,

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Prof. Albion W. Small,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ills.

Dear Sir:--

Yours of 17th inst. is at hand. I see the advantage and propriety of such a statement as you suggest for the American Journal of Sociology, and your conditions seem eminently proper. But for several reasons I cannot at present furnish the article. First and foremost, the policy of the authorities as to the future of the college is not as yet made plain. I doubt if it is plain to those who are contriving it. To anticipate an expression of their views would be to invite a denial. In the second place, I have hitherto refrained from all statements for publication, with the desire to save the college as far as possible from deterioration. A controversy over the future plans would arouse more re-ling than judgment in our immediate locality. In the third place, I am fully occupied with the necessary cares of the college, which is still wholly under my direction, and am working as the Secretary of the Board of Regents until the 30th of June. An article at this time would seem to me scarcely courteous to the Board under whom I am working.

If after my term of office expires and the plans of the Board are put in black and white, you desire an article from me, I shall be glad to furnish it.

Yours truly,

Geo. T. Fairchild

WILLIAM R. HARPER
President
ALBION W. SMALL
Head of Department of Sociology
and
Director of Affiliated Work

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My Dear Sir—

I have just rec'd a note from your son in Albany intimating that you might have something to say in the Journal of Sociology on the relation of the Populists in Kansas to education. I would gladly give space to an article from you on some such theme as Populism and the Higher Education, or some variation which you might prefer. I should be obliged to make one or two conditions however: e.g. you can write that Bemis and "the Bemis case" have been used as arguments by the Kansas Populists in justification of the treatment of you and your colleagues. I cannot permit the mention of Bemis' name or any direct allusion to him, for the simple reason that it would be possible for the same sort of people who made the noise about him before to distort all references into signs that the Univ. feels itself on the defensive and wants to secure justification in any round-about way. Bemis was dropped simply and solely because he had not personal weight and ordinary common-sense enough to pursue a dignified course in his general relations both with the Univ. and the

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radical world. His "opinions" on subjects in his dept. had nothing whatever to do with the case. We do not propose to give him any more for advertising if we can help it.

2nd. I should want the article to be what our reporters would call "red hot stuff." i.e. I should want it to give to the rest of the country a very realistic account of the precise state of mind of the Texas authorities with reference to educational policy. You cannot state too forcibly the vicissitudes of many colleges the sacrificing of anything except unbiased scientific conviction.

3rd. I should want the article from purpose to be cast in the form of a study of a concrete social condition — a clinical study, not a polemic. — with such generalizations as you feel warranted in drawing from the facts.

From this you will see that I cannot promise till I have seen the MS. to publish such an article as the situation warrants. For I am not sufficiently familiar with the facts to know whether they contain material of general interest. If a volley can be fired against any interference with academic freedom without involving me in another mess of explaining what in fact

needs no explanation, our Journal is always ready for it.

We go to press with the next number June 20th. It would be necessary to have copy in hands of printer by June 10th.

Sincerely

Albert Small.

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Department of the Interior,

Bureau of Education,

Washington, D. C.,

May 15, 1897.

Dr. George T. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kansas,

My dear Doctor Fairchild:

I have written to Honorable George C. Sturgiss, of Morgantown, West Virginia, and enclose you a copy of the letter.

Hoping that you will come nearer Washington and that we may see more of you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

W. T. Harris

Commissioner.

Enclosure.

WILLIAM R. HARPER
President

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
CHARLES R. HENDERSON

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
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Aug. 26. 1897
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Prof. G. T. Fairchild:

Dear Sir:

In the absence of Prof. Small I can do no more than promise to have an article considered by the department. I should think such an article as you suggest would be very timely. It should not be beyond 9-10 pages of 360 words each.

Yours cordially,
C. R. Henderson.

Prof. Small is in Europe for a vacation.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR,

Bureau of Education,

May 15, 1897.

Hon. George C. Sturgiss,

Morgantown, West Virginia,

Dear Sir:

I am requested by George T. Fairchild, LL.D., late President of the Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kansas, to write you a word regarding his fitness for the Presidency of your State University. I know nothing about any vacancy in your University, but I can say with some positiveness that Professor Fairchild is one of the ablest of agricultural college Presidents and I do not happen to know of any one that I think would be more desirable for the position of President of the Agricultural College of West Virginia if there is a vacancy.

Very respectfully yours,

W. T. Harris

Commissioner.

OFFICE OF STATE SUPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
TOPEKA, KANSAS, January 11, 1897.

To County Superintendents:

I have this day designated the WESTERN SCHOOL JOURNAL as the official organ of this department, through which medium, by agreement with the editor of the JOURNAL, I shall in each issue reach superintendents, teachers, and many school officers. This designation is complete evidence of my confidence that the JOURNAL can be safely indorsed by superintendents as a paper which should be in the hands of every teacher.

WILLIAM STRYKER,
State Supt. Public Instruction.

That we renew our expressions of pride and confidence in the WESTERN SCHOOL JOURNAL, and bespeak for it the hearty support of the Kansas school-teachers, Kansas school boards, and of all who are interested in the work of our public schools and school-teachers.—[Kansas State Teachers' Association, December 29, 30, 31, 1896.

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Topeka, Kansas, May 14, 1897.

Pres. Geo. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kansas,

Dear Mr. Fairchild:-

I have received your kind letter of May 13th, and to-day I shall write to Mr. Sturgess. Of course I deeply regret to have you leave the state, but I can see nothing else to be done at present. I should be glad to learn that you are successful in securing the place in W.Va.

Yours truly,

John MacDonald Jr.

THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL,
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Dictation No. 196.

May 15, 1897.

President Geo. T. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear President Fairchild:

It is with very great pleasure that I write the letter to Mr. Sturgiss and I hope it may do you good.

All well.

Sincerely yours,

A R Taylor

The Irrigation Review,
D. W. Working,
Editor and Manager.
Denver, Colorado.

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October 27. 1897.

Dr. Geo. T. Fairchild,
3515 Indiana Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Friend:

By this mail I send you a sample copy of The Irrigation Review, September number. The October issue will be out in a few days.

I write particularly to ask you if you think it would be advisable to publish two articles on "The Mission of the Agricultural College." It has seemed to me that a careful discussion of this subject in the light of your experience would be helpful to a large class of people interested in education; also that another discussion from the standpoint of your successor would throw additional light on the subject. My purpose is, if you think this is a good subject, to ask you to write as I have indicated; also to ask (after I have received your promise to write) President Will. - I

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The Irrigation Review,
D. W. Working,
Editor and Manager.
Denver, Colorado.

have a notion that it might be well to preface these articles with a short account of the "overturning" that occurred last spring; and I have thought Professor Cowgill would be a good man to write such introduction. What do you think of his fitness for the task?

Now, I shall not write to either of the men named till I hear from you. I know that you would avoid personal criticisms of your successor; and I should hold him to the same kind of fairness toward you: for I want the question discussed on its merits. As I understand the matter, the aim of the College has been changed. I should like to see a full, frank, and authoritative statement of the new purpose.

May I hear from you soon?

Yours very truly

D. W. Working

BOTANICAL DEPARTMENT.

EDWARD B. VOORHEES,
DIRECTOR.
PROF. BYRON D. HALSTED,
BOTANIST AND HORTICULTURIST.

New Jersey
Agricultural College Experiment Station.

New Brunswick, N. J., May 14", *189~~6~~.* 7.

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Pres. G. T. Fairchild,

Manhattan,

Kansas.

Dear George:-

One of our students, a Mr. Blodgett, is from Washington and his father is connected with the Bureau of Education. I asked our Mr. Blodgett to write to his father seeking information concerning the West Virginia University. From his letter it is learned that there are five schools in the University, including the preparatory department. The collegiate department is divided into the classical and the scientific courses. There is a military department, a law school and a school of civil and mining engineering . The following is a quotation from Mr. Blodgett's letter in which it is a quotation, namely; "It is governed by a Board of Regents consisting of one member from each senatorial district and is self-perpetuating". By the report of the Commissioner of Education for 1893-'94 page 794 it is determined that the mechanical arts used over fifteen thousand dollars of the sixteen thousand alloted by the National Government, and less than one thousand dollars were used for agriculture. Mr. Blodgett writes "so far as I can learn the agricultural interest has been little fostered".

I have written a letter to a Professor in a New England College, who was for some years at the West Virginia University, and he may, if he wishes, give us some of his knowledge which should be quite to the point in connection with this Institution. I withhold his name, because I stated in my letter that all our correspondence would be subrosa.

As soon as I hear from the New England Professor and his letter seems to lend encouragement in working this field I will gladly address a letter to Hon. Geo. C. Sturgiss, of Morgantown; but until then will seek for information outside of West Virginia.

I do not know just why, but there is a sort of a lurking feeling that the West Virginia University is not just the place that you would like. One day, while I was away, there came a flood of visitors upon us here at Rutgers College from this Institution, headed, as nearly as I can remember, by Professor Myers. It was, if I remember the informant's expression, something like a breeze that they created as they went through our little quiet Institution, You know Professor Myers.

There is no question about the healthfulness and picturesqueness ~~no doubt~~ of Morgantown and its vicinity, and nothing would please me better than for my Kansas relatives to get as far eastward as West Virginia at least.

Yours very sincerely,

Byron D. Halsted

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New Jersey

Agricultural College Experiment Station.

BOTANICAL DEPARTMENT.

EDWARD B. VOORHEES,
DIRECTOR.
PROF. BYRON D. HALSTED,
BOTANIST AND HORTICULTURIST.

New Brunswick, N. J., May 10th 1897.
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Dear George -

Your very welcome letter is this day received. You may not approve of my action and had I received your letter a few days earlier it might have been different. I had written to Professor King for the full list of the New President Committee and have written a letter to each member and told Dr. Warner that I would call upon him if he desired it.

It would be splendid for you to take a year for study and rest and with it might be somewhere this way - If Anna and Professor White come to New York and write Neil there or Albany and possibly David returned then could be quite a family gathering in this vicinity.

Mr. J. T. Lovitt, Mrs. Gorgas's brother was in Saturday and he said that Professor T. was going to Washington. Mrs Lodge should not look for good places for her superior talents.

I would like to see you located at Oberlin provided it is best for you — It must seem very strange to go away from Manhattan at the close of the college year —

I have not heard from David for some time and he is keeping very quiet of late. Paul I will try to see soon — the next chance I get to run up to Passaic —

Give Lottie much love from us all. The Baby is growing but is very slow — She will be a year old upon the 31st but shows no signs of creeping talking or walking — She seems happy with all

Affectionately

Byron Halsted

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United States Department of Agriculture,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington, D. C.

May 11, 1897.

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Dr. Geo. T. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kansas.

My dear Doctor:

If opportunity presents itself to further your wishes with regard to the University at Morgantown, W. Va., I will be happy to do so. I may add, incidentally, that we have not heard from your son as to whether he accepts our proposition or not.

Very truly yours,

James Wilson

Office of the President
Leland Stanford Junior University
Palo Alto, California

Post Office: 'Stanford University'

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Oct. 2, 1897.

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Dr. George T. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have read with very great interest your strong and wise account of the ~~luting~~ closing of the college of which you were formerly president. I have written for the San Francisco Wave a short account of the new ostracism in Kansas. I feel sure that when the facts are known you will have a great addition to your circle of friends. You and your associates have stood for genuine academic freedom, which must defy the mob as well as the plutocrat.

Very truly yours,

David S. Jordan
(President)

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May 10, 1897.
1302 Exchange St.,
Emporia, Kans.

Prof. Geo. T. Fairchild,
K. S. A. C., Manhattan.

My Esteemed Friend:- Once more I address a letter to you asking favors, expressing sorrow, sending regrets, and mingling a few words of friendship.

I am back in the Normal once more trying to pick up a little Latin. I am well pleased, as is usual, with my chance for work here; and I think it a grand, good school. But my affections are still with the dear old College.

And it is with the same feelings of sorrow and regret that all College students, as well as friends, experience, and the same chagrin at the thought of the rash actions of the regents who struck such a death blow to the institution; and for pure spite, is the general opinion. But I hope it may stand the shock and prosper in its good works as of yore. My heart felt sympathies are extended to all concerned.

As is usual I was prompted to this letter by the necessity of a request. I have been trying to gain a foothold in the teachers' profession with my own feeble efforts, but, so far, have failed. This year, I mean to try the effect of recommendations. And, in beginning, I apply to the "captain" first. If you can conscientiously say a word or two in my favor in any way, I would be glad to have you send them to me in the form of a recommendation.

Hoping that my request will meet with fair results, I remain, sir, very truly,

Your humble servant.

R. S. Reed,
1302 Exchange St.,
Emporia,
Kans.

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Princeton Ills., May 11, 1897.
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Pres. Geo. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kans.

Dear Sir:

I have been pained to note the results which have recently affected your relations with the Agricultural College. Mrs. Brett wishes me to express her sympathy with yourself and Mr. Fairchild.

I am writing you now to ask a bit of advice and, if, consistent with your advice, that you will do me a favor.

I have been advised that there is a vacancy in the State Normal of Emporia in the position of teacher of Physics and Chemistry.

If you think best, would you kindly write Pres. A. R. Taylor what you can in my favor. I have taught Physics and Chemistry for eight years, nearly nine. Have taught for nearly seven years in the Princeton

High School. Obtained my degree of M. A. from Oberlin under the new requirements by doing assigned work under Prof. Jewett, in Chemistry. Am able to fill a better position than the one I now occupy. Was offered the chair of Physics and Astronomy at Knox College last year. If it had not been for the Astronomy adjunct I would have accepted.

Is the State Normal liable to be the plaything of a political machine. Anything that you may say will be respected as strictly confidential.

The election at Emporia will occur by the first of June.

Very Truly Yours.

A. N. Brett.

86 Check. $12 00

Manhattan, Sept. 14, 1898.

Dear President,

I do not know whether you have drawn your salary for the months of July and August. The rolls are here and payment being made. I am adjusting the expense. I enclose statement of amounts we are collecting. Some of us decided to apportion as is shown on this sheet and payments are being made according to it. So, do not object because your salary appears as it does. If you want to pay one dollar on that legislative deal you may do so. — I do not

know just how to reach Prof. White. Can you send him the statement? I have made out several copies so that all may see them.

Prof. Georgeson spoke to me about having written you suggesting that a circular be put out to meet the statement of the Board. Of course we all read your letter in the Capital. It was very good. I have thought more about Prof. G's suggestion. I hardly know now what to say. I cannot see that it could do harm, but am not certain that it will do any good. If past regents with daughters and

You would issue a statement it seems to me that it would have more weight than if it were issued by us in self defense. Or if the two could be issued together it might be better still. I have learned that lies travel faster and further than the truth. But I do not want to throw cold water on any attempts to answer these villifiers. I am going to say one more thing. The infamous course pursued by these men has aroused within me a feeling and spirit that is to say the least ugly. I can not tell when before I have felt such a settled feeling of anger. I know, however, that it is unavailing.

We are in good health. I have stood this summer much better than last. Perhaps I thrive on hate.

Well, I must close or I may disclose a disposition that has been suppressed for 30 yrs.

Sincerely Yours
G. H. Failyer.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK
FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

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May 11, 1897.

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President George T. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kansas.

My dear Dr. Fairchild:

I have your letter, and shall be delighted to do everything in my power to help you to the West Virginia position, if you will tell me how to go to work. I do not know any of the West Virginia people.

They are looking also for a President of Oberlin College, Ohio. Why not try that?

Yours very truly,

Nicholas Murray Butler

Pres.

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Kansas State Agricultural College.

G. H. FAILYER, M. S.
PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY
J. T. WILLARD, M. S.
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY
C. M. BREESE, M. S.
ASSISTANT IN CHEMISTRY

Manhattan, Kas., Aug. 3rd, 1897.
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Dear President,

Yours just received. We have heard rumors and this morning we, Prof. Georgeson and myself, asked secretary Graham what they were doing regarding the making of the pay roll. He said an opinion had just been received from the attorney general regarding the payment of salaries, principally whether the old rate or the new would hold during July and August, but Prof. Will did not understand it fully and was going to Topeka and would talk the subject over with attorney general and be guided by him.

While we were talking, Profs. Lantz, Mayo, and Breese came along. The five then went to Will's office and asked him as secretary of the Board what they were going to do about paying us for July and August. He repeated what Mr. Hoffman had said about paying and

essentially the same as Graham had said about the attorney general's opinion. That he was going to Topeka tomorrow on business and would see the attorney general. — I told him in substance the following. That we did not want too much time to elapse for if the Board did not pay we would bring suit and should bring suit in time for the September term. If Mr. Hoffman as treasurer thought he was not authorized to pay but as a member of the board was willing to make the payment, speaking for myself only, I was willing to accept the statement of Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Limbocker, and Mr. Hudson if he could be reached, in writing, that they would work for and vote for the payment of these salaries at the September 1st meeting, and would not begin suit now. That is a long complicated sentence but I guess you will understand it. While we were willing to postpone bringing suit if they gave us such signed statement we must have it by the 8th or 9th to give us time. He said he could let us know on the 5th. So, the matter rests. We will not take definite action before the 6th or 7th anyway and I can probably let you know on the 5th whether to come up on 6th. The 9th may serve every purpose.

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Kansas State Agricultural College.

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ASSISTANT IN CHEMISTRY

Manhattan, Kas., 189

What I said to Prof. Will about waiting until the September meeting of the board on the receipt of a written statement from Hoffman & Limbocker, of course binds myself only, although, I think some of those present assented to it.

I shall be glad to receive any suggestions from you.

Am pleased that you enjoy your visit; of course you will, however, unless the heat prevents.

With Regards

G. H. Failyer

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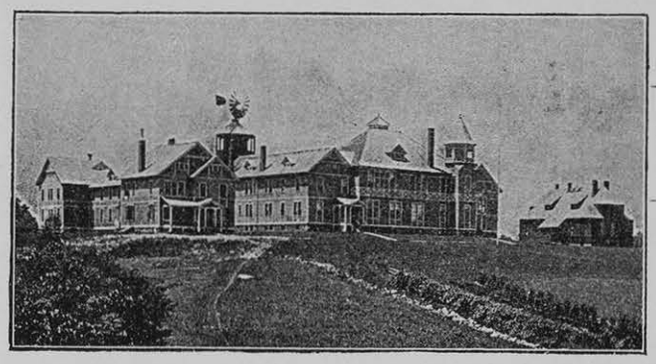
STORRS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

B. F. KOONS, PRESIDENT.



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Telegraph Office, Willimantic.
Telephone Connection at the College.

STORRS, CONN.

Sept. 24, 1897.

Pres. Jno F. Fairchild,

Kansas City, Mo.,

Dear Sir and Friend:- Yours of the 21st concerning Dr. Mayo, received and contents noted. We have received quite a number of high commendations concerning the Doctor, and I think, without doubt, the Board will get to the matter next week. There was some inclination when it was talked over sometime ago, to employ a local veterinarian, but with Dr. Mayo's experience, it seems to me that he ought to have a very strong case before the Board.

Yours truly, B. F. Koons

As to the vacancy here, the Bd. decided last June that they would make a change in the Pres. in 1898 so that I step out at the end of the present school year, and I should be delighted to see you take the place. If you decide to become a candidate please let me know and I shall do all I can to help you to the place. I would rather see you take it than any other man.

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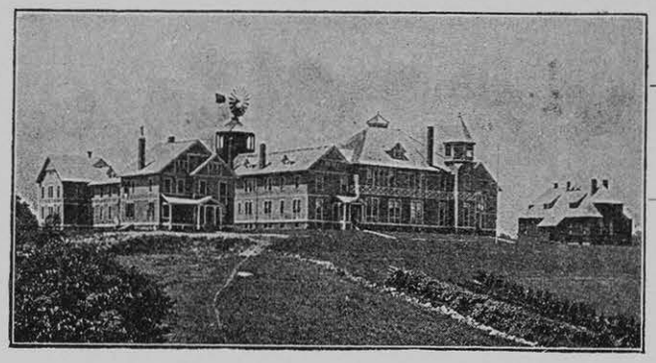
STORRS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

B. F. KOONS, PRESIDENT.



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STORRS, CONN.

Sept. 30, 1897.

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Pres. Geo. T. Fairchild,

809 Elmwood Ave., Kansas City, Mo.,

Dear Sir:- A letter written by Prof. Georgeson to Dr. Mayo, concerning the Kansas trouble, and a recent visit to you, and its object, Dr. took the liberty to forward to me, in which I was much interested. I may say that Dr. Mayo was elected to the position of veterinary surgeon last Tuesday, and our Board of Trustees elected him without a thought of the Kansas trouble; it did not weigh against him in the least, and if anything, was in his favor. It occurred to me that you and your co-laborers that have been the victims of this trouble, perhaps in your imagination, think the outsiders in the United States are entirely on the side of the opposition, but I suspect that at this end of the United States, at least, the sentiment is much as it was in our own Board,- simply a reference made to Dr. Mayo as one of the fifteen dropped in Kansas, was all that was said about it in our Board meeting this week, but his case went through with the greatest unanimity,- the troubles there, as I said, have no weight whatever. It occurred to me that a word from an entire outsider might serve to ameliorate the condition in a small measure, in which you find yourselves at present. Yours truly,

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B. F. Koons

So far as I know the entire sympathy is with you and your associates. If you should come this way as I suggested in my former letter, I am thinking that the very fact that you were displaced in Kan. would help your cause here.

Course (?)

Very truly K.

Kansas State Agricultural College.

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A. S. HITCHCOCK, PROFESSOR OF BOTANY.
GEORGE L. CLOTHIER, ASSISTANT.

Manhattan, Kas., Sept 27 1897

Pres. Geo. T. Fairchild
Kansas City, Kan.

My Dear Friend: I was very glad to hear from you. I shall try and see that the report comes out & also that the other bulletins are published. I have my part of the Report ready & will give it to Secy Graham. But it should not be published I suppose till after the other Bulletins. Bulletin 66 was fairly satisfactory. The printing of the plates was not what might be desired, but much better than in Prof. Mason's bulletin.

I was also sorry that we did

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Kansas State Agricultural College.

A. S. HITCHCOCK, PROFESSOR OF BOTANY.
GEORGE L. CLOTHIER, ASSISTANT.

Manhattan, Kas., 189

not meet during your last visit.

The College seems to be starting off as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Prof. Will seems to be a good executive. He is however deplorably ignorant of details in the various departments & about many other things that a president should know. I trust he will soon learn & so save the rest of us much trouble.

I had the pleasure(?) of being appointed a member of the new committee on assignments. I am chairman of the P. G. Com. which suits me very well & am on the Library com.!!

I passed through a very trying ordeal this morning. I accepted the president's invitation to lead in chapel. My voice trembled & my legs wanted to run & hide behind the door, but I pulled through & may be able to do better next time.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Fairchild.

Most sincerely
A. S. Hitchcock

Kansas State Agricultural College.

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

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C. B. DAUGHTERS,
Treasurer.

Lincoln, Kas., Apr. 15th 1897

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Pres Geo. T Fairchild
Manhattan Kans

Friend Fairchild: I entertain some hope that you may be called to your old place as soon as the republicans assume control of the board. I have suggested that you be governed a consulship in Europe during the interim. I have written Sen. Baker & Sec. Wilson in regard to the matter. Hope you may consider the proposition favorably.

Resp.
C. B. Daughters

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Dear Father & Mother.

I have just read in this morning Sun a despatch from Manhattan saying that Geo T Fairchild and 14 Professors have been discharged because they were not in harmony with the fundamental principles of the administration. I suppose it must be true. What a shame such an action is. What has Education to do with the insanity of a lot of ignorant farmers? In one way I am glad that you are to get away from such a gang but of course it is a frightful thing to be so suddenly thrown out without a reasonable cause. I am anxious to learn all the facts. I hope that your Mother will not take it very much to heart. I am sure that

there is some place open for Father which is better and more stable than the K.S.O.C. I do hope that you can come to the civilized East and be near us. I presume that Francis has gone down with the rest and I am so sorry for Annie. What will you all do? We have not had a letter from your Mother since Ed announced his Engagement. What do you think of it? Seems to me rather a risky step all things considered.

We shall wait anxiously for a letter telling us all the nastiness of the "Jops."

We would be glad if Mother could spend the Summer with us out side of the blazing sun of Kansas.

Lots of love from us all - Love and sympathy which you must know we feel -

Your loving son
Paul.

OBERLIN COLLEGE.
GEOLOGY AND NATURAL HISTORY.
ALBERT A. WRIGHT.

Oberlin, O. May 6, 1897

Prof Geo T. Fairchild
Manhattan Kan

My Dear Sir.

I would like to inquire about the qualifications of Mr. Hitchcock as a botanist. his engagements for the future — his adaptedness to work as Professor of Botany at Oberlin.

I should also be glad to learn of the present engagements of Jones D. G. F. and his location — I have not happened to hear of him for some time —

Professor Kelsey has decided to accept a call to take charge of a church in Toledo —

With highest regards for yourself, and disgust with the movements of Kansas Populists — I am. Yours truly

A. A. Wright.

112 National Ave San Diego Calif.
May 2, 1897.
Pres George T. Fairchild.
Dear President.

We have just been so shocked and indignant over the statement published in the Topeka Capital in regard to the action of the new board of Regents.

Lillie and Irene Bridgman Louise and I have been trying to calmly discuss the situation; and realize the sweeping changes that are to take place at our "Alma Mater." We feel that

such a shameless and un-
-justifiable application of
the Spoils system to an ed-
-ucational institution calls
for unqualified condemnation.
It makes one feel as if
our state was disgraced and
our College ruined. If it
must loose your Council
and the strongest part of the
faculty; and in addition be
pulled about by Politicians
it certainly needs sympathy.

It will not seem
like home any more to
go back to Manhattan and
not meet any of the old friendly
faces. How the girls will miss
dear Mrs Kedzie and Winchip!

We all feel that not

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you or Mrs Kedzie or the others are the loosers for you have offers of better positions elsewhere; but the College and the state will loose most.

Lillie Bridgman is unusually successful in teaching Physics and Chemistry. Irene is in kindergarten work. Louise Reed is principal of the National City kindergarten and has been very successful. I have had most delightful classes in Botany and Biology all this year. The University professor who examined my work; accredited it with many encouraging comments. I think perhaps I shall spend next year

in the University of California studying Biology, Botany and German; and may perhaps stay long enough to take my degree; at least I hope to do so if I can do it in two years.

I feel the need of the broader culture of the University every day; not-withstanding I have con-tinued my studies in literature language and science, since leaving Manhattan.

Hoping you may soon occupy such a position as you well deserve;

I am Sincerely

Minnie Reid.

P.S. Please remember me kindly to those of Faculty that I know.

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Lawrence, Kan. May 6, 1897.

Pres. Geo. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Ks.

Dear Friend,

Will you please send me a statement of my work at the college to be presented to the State Board of Education to apply on the Teacher's State Certificate, as is required, and oblige?

I was very sorry indeed to know of the uproar at the college, and that you are to leave the college.

Very truly yours,
M. V. Hester,
Lawrence, Kan.

P. S. – Please do not mention my request in the Industrialist. M.V.H.

Alma Public Schools.

H. W. JONES, PRINCIPAL.

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Alma, Kansas, May 5/96 1897

Pres. Geo. T. Fairchild,
Manhattan, Kans

Dear Friend:- I am an applicant for a position as teacher in Topeka High School, with fair chance of success. While I desire Science and Music, yet I may be given other work. I have a first-class recommendation from the Board here, besides other good ones. I have personally visited most of the Board and a word from my friends at this time will help me. I know you are busy, and dislike to trouble you, but I would be pleased to have you write a word endorsing me if you conscientiously can. The committee on teachers are Dr. J. M. Chesterfield, Chairman, Wm. McFerran, and J. H. Squires; and a word to any of them would be appreciated.

I have been unable to discuss K. S. A. C. affairs freely, lest I might possibly be led into using such language as is incompatible with membership in Church and Endeavor Society. The college will hardly seem like home again.

Very truly
H. W. Jones.

New Jersey

Agricultural College Experiment Station.

BOTANICAL DEPARTMENT.

EDWARD B. VOORHEES,
DIRECTOR.
PROF. BYRON D. HALSTED,
BOTANIST AND HORTICULTURIST.

New Brunswick, N. J., April 27th 1897.
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Dear Gropp—

Your kind favor was recently received and I at once sent on the letter to Secretary Wilson. It will do no harm I trust to let him act upon it if he wills. From your letter I gathered that it is your fond hopes to go to Oberlin and I at once wrote to the Secretary of the College for the names of the committee for a new president and the chairman. I will write some of them and if I may use called upon Warner of New York. He came to see me once upon a similar matter when St. Gates was looked after. I did not wish to write to him with no address save New York and wish besides to learn who is chairman of the committee. I got a catalogue of Oberlin this afternoon.

If this change had come some months ago it would have been well to have pulled for the Asst. Secy of State but that is gone. May there not be some foreign work that needs a good hand at its head? I do not like to think of your going outside of the U.S. for a good place but it might be a delightful change for a time for you.

It seems to me that Oberlin will be the place. I should like to see you there – There is nothing here at Rutgers for the present that you would like.

We all keep well and trust Solter is not allogether discouraged at the persecution of the Spiritists. Give the love of the N.J. contingency to her and to Emma. I think of you often and feel so very helpless in the matter.

Affectionately
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May 6, 1897.

Pres. G. T. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Sir:------- I see that various persons who ought to know better are continuing to intentionally misrepresent the actions of the board of regents and the motives that actuate them. The latest brilliant effort is that on the part of Senator Hessin.

You know my position on this question, and that I do not desire to in any manner injure or annoy any of the outgoing professors. I believe that if we are compelled to ventilate some of the occurences at the institution it will not be pleasant or profitable for some of the members of the present faculty.

The charge that you have at various times distributed on behalf of the Republican Central Committee transportation either in the shape of tickets, round trip or otherwise or passes to students who desired to go home to vote the Republican ticket, is repeatedly made. I wish that you would let me know by return mail whether you at any time in any one or more cases have given any student, Republican or otherwise, any pass ticket or transportation to go home to vote. I think you explained to me as to the foundation of the charge that you "electioneered", and I think there is nothing in that; but this other charge is so persistently and so directly made and with such details, that I am inclined to believe it to be true; but I would like to have your personal statement.

Presumably you have seen Senator Hessin's screed. I am surprised that a man who has the reputation for brains and solidity, thinks that

the board of regents and the faculty are so dimunitive as to act upon the personal feelings of one of the regents. As you personally know the trouble that the boys got into cut no figure at all. Prof.Mason has nobody to blame but himself that the record reads as it does. I plead with him in the committee room,but he insisted that he must have the cause stated,that he was an applicant,that he denied the right of the board to discharge him,and even threatened us with the courts.

Senator Hessin must be hard up for something to write about,and is evidently attempting to give the people whose governor he aspires to be an idea of his mental caliber. His action in this matter however is not any more contemptible than the deliberate falsehoods to which he stooped in the Senate Chamber when he told Senator Householder that the bill fixing the tenure of office of the regents,which he had agreed to support,contained an appropriation,and thereby tried to defeat it.

If not too much trouble to you you might convey to the Honorable Senator with my compliments,my opinion of him.

Yours very truly,

C. B. Hoffman

Dic.C.B.H.

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AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

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BURLINGTON, VT., 3rd May, 1897.

My dear President Fairchild:

It is of course impossible for one to express his feelings concerning the state of affairs at your place. Fortunately it is not necessary, though it might be useful sometimes in repressing the progress of "reform". Still I have wanted to send you some sort of sympathetic word; for I feel sure that the sympathy and support of your old students must be acceptable to you now. As soon as I became acquainted with the circumstances, I felt sure that Thomas E. Weil was destined to the presidency, and since then I have felt little interest in the reorganization. Probably Mr. Munger's election to the chair of agriculture may be welcomed on the ground of its conspicuous impropriety. I have the honor of Mr. Munger's acquaintance. Besides his eminent unfitness for experimental work he has every habit of mind, training and expression to disqualify him for teaching. Any effort to give horticulture a subordinate position must also be disastrous. If Mr. Hoffman's relative, Miss Senn, may then succeed Mrs. Kedzie, the way is already prepared for another complete revolution at the next administration.

But there's no use talking about that. I wish I could say something which would help to mitigate the pain and the chagrin which you must feel to see the work in which your

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life lay so insanely corrupted. It is perhaps worth while for us to think that much of your work, that part represented in the multitude of students already dismissed, has been complete from step to step, and that mistakes now can not mar it. I also hope very strongly that the influence of your policy may still reach far over the current interregnum of Populism, and may give its impress to the re-reorganization which must soon come. It would be a pleasure for us, too, to hope that you might then preside again in person, though I can understand how unattractive such thoughts would be to you just now.

I hope that you may find yourself in a position to take two or three years of well earned rest. It would be a sorrow to us to see you hurrying away to some other work in which we have no personal interest. Mrs. Waugh joins in very best wishes to you and Mrs. Fairchild.

Sincerely yours,

F. A. Waugh.

1872 QUARTER CENTENNIAL YEAR 1897

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DOANE COLLEGE

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CRETE, NEBRASKA, May 3d '97

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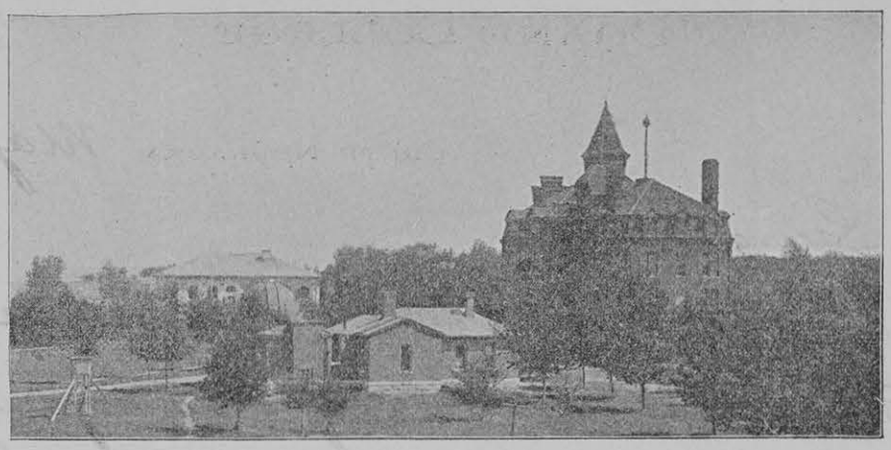
Dear Uncle George

I have just read in The Industrialist a reference to the sweeping action of your regents, and your refusal to be considered as a candidate for the presidency. For the last two weeks I have been in Omaha with Mrs. Fairchild who has undergone a surgical operation, and this accounts for my not seeing the paper sooner. Kansas has always had the reputation of going to extremes, but I have never heard of anything in college affairs to equal this. It has been reported to me that the regents were populists and were determined to get a faculty more nearly in harmony with their political views. I do not know how much of truth there may be in this, but am satisfied that they must have acted very foolishly and without much regard for the welfare of the institution. This would be manifest from the act itself, for it is not reasonable to suppose that the good of the college required that half of the faculty should be dismissed, but aside from this I am sure that your work for the college has been exceedingly valuable, and to



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5	@	$200	$4000
10	"	100	4000
20	"	50	4000
40	"	25	4000
80	"	10	3200
290	"	5	5800
445			$25,000

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SOUND ADVICE

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terminate your connection in such a way must have been very boyish and ill advised.

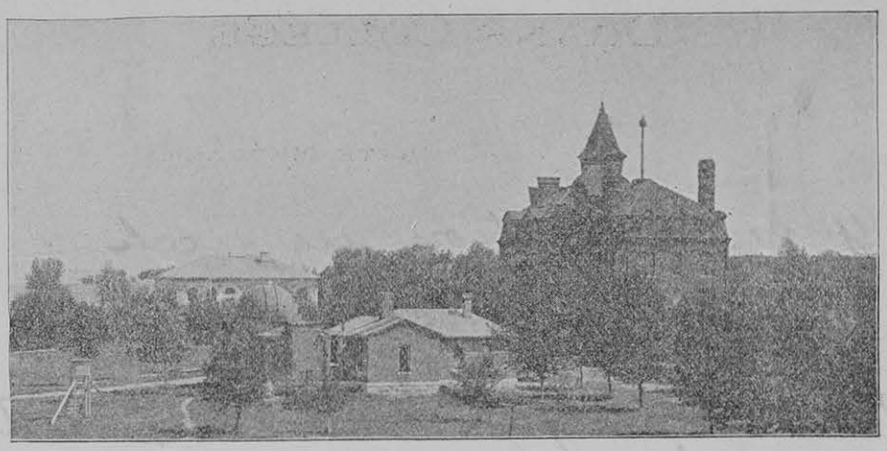
I do not suppose you have much time to write letters, but you may have some printed articles which you can send me giving the facts as you view them.

Mrs. F. is now at home greatly improved. She will have to be careful of herself for several weeks, not going up or down stairs, nor lifting heavy things, but she is quite reconciled to that when there is the prospect of better health before her.

I do not know just who are in your family at home now, but send love to them all.

Your loving nephew

A B Fairchild



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Hall Lith. Co. Spokane, Wash.

MONTANA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS.

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Bozeman, Montana, April 24, 1897.

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Pres. Fairchild,

Manhattan, Kansas.

My dear Sir,- I wish you to give me your opinion frankly in regard to Prof. Mayo, in the Veterinary Department. I assure you that it shall be strictly confidential. As you know, scholarship in this line is not the only requirement. It is often more important that one should be thoroughly honest and reliable, a man whom you can depend upon for honest work under any conditions whatsoever. Is he a good bacteriologist, and how does he stand with the stock men and farmers, so far as he has come in contact with them?

I am very sorry to see that partisan politics are demoralizing your institution and I hope the present trouble will not interfere with your future success. You have my sympathy under present conditions.

Yours sincerely,

James Reid

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Junction City, May 1, 1897.
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Pres. E. T. Fairchild
Manhattan, Kan.

Most highly respected friend:

I understand that Prof. D. B. Morrison has more to do with the selection of the teachers in Kans. City, Mo. than any one else. I think it would be a great help to me if you would write him in my behalf some time this week. I plan to go to Kans. City next Saturday.

I can not tell you how much I regret that you are going

to leave Manhattan. The
K. A. C. will never be the
same to me again. Give
my love to Mrs. Fairchild.

Very respectfully,
Bertha Helen Bachiller

All official communications to this office should be addressed to the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

DAIRY DIVISION.

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April 30, 1897.

President, Geo. T. Fairchild, L.L.D.,
Assn. of American Agricultural Colleges & Experiment Stations,
Kansas State Agricultural College,
Manhattan, KANSAS.

Dear sir:

Please accept my thanks for your kind letter of the 16th instant with its enclosure. It should have been acknowledged sooner but I have been extremely busy. As yet I have been unable to present the letter of introduction which you courteously prepared.

The revolution at the Kansas State Agricultural College was generally commented upon here and was the occasion of very genuine regret. We feel that it is a very serious blow to the progress of a well-established institution doing excellent work, and an injury to the cause of higher education in your State, from which it will take years to recover.

Besides this, your many warm friends deplore the personal interests involved and regret that your work has thus been so rudely interrupted. You may rest assured that you will not be forgotten and that any information or suggestions which can be made to yourself or to others in your interest, will receive prompt attention.

With personal regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Henry E. Alvord

Chief of Dairy Division.

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"I'm not at all surprised; that is just what might be expected. I can probably interpret the animus of the movement and the reason at the bottom of it. The president and some of the professors were intensely partisan, and as politics waxed warm they could hardly restrain themselves from breaking forth in open flame. When I was there and an election drew nigh, one of the professors sent for me one evening, and upon an interview said: 'Mr. J., you are a Republican, I take it?' 'Yes,' I answered, 'as much a Republican as anything. I take little interest in politics and know little about them.' 'Well,' said he, 'we want you to go home to vote, and here's a ticket for that purpose.' I answered that my room-mate and I had partially arranged that; as he was a Populist, it wouldn't affect the result by our voting, and therefore we wouldn't trouble ourselves about it. 'But,' said he, 'the president wants you to vote, and probably your friend won't concern himself to go home for that.' So, half persuaded, I took the ticket and at once told my room-mate all about it, and he betook himself to the professor to get a ticket also, but returned very indignant and wrathy at the announcement that there were no tickets for Populists, and he declared that their scheme shouldn't succeed with him and that he would vote anyway. Therefore, the day before election he started out on foot, and having accomplished his end, returned and went on with his studies. But he always maintained that he and others of his political proclivities were not treated by the college authorities with the consideration awarded those of more satisfactory politics, though his imagination and distrust engendered by the election episode probably had something to do with this conclusion."

Prof. G. T. Fairchild
Manhattan Ka

Dear Sir: J

Seen the matter re
you as having a
in State Journal, a
know anything
of any such occurrence
as you say as reported in
said matter; nor found
ever received such a letter
as you mention; nor found
never heard or believed that
the College was engaged
in the miserable work that
is called "proclivities"

Respectfully W. A. Peffer

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Prof L. A. Fairchild
Manhattan Ka-

Dear Sir:

I have not seen the matter referred to by you as having appeared in State Journal, nor do I know anything whatever of any such occurrence as you say as reported in said matter; nor have I ever received such a letter as you mention; nor have I ever heard or believed that the College was engaged in the miserable work that is called "practical politics"

Respectfully W. A. Peffer.

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