

Copy for
W. C. W.

Edgefield, Tennessee, Feb. 14, 1907.

Mr. H. B. Landis,
Chico, California.

Dear Brother:--

I have had several interviews with the cashier of the City Bank of Nashville, and he expresses himself averse to settling the business between you and me until the matter is fully understood by all parties.

There is one point in connection with it that would make this really necessary. Recently your wife sent that last \$50 note of mine for collection with the rest, and no recognition was given to the fact that \$30 of this \$50 note was to cover the first year's interest on the first \$500 note. But papers in my possession show that that was the purpose for which the note was given, and he has no authority to settle this with me on any such basis. He feels that there is too much opportunity for misunderstanding for him to take any responsibility in regard to it, and for that reason he refuses to close up the deal.

Now from my point of view, I feel that as my mother and brother have taken quite an interest in the matter both in your behalf and mine, that it is best for me to lay the whole situation out before them and let them communicate with you. It will only be a matter of a day or two of difference from what it would be if I wrote you direct. Therefore I am writing a letter to my brother in regard to this transaction, and will try to get it in the mail to-night. If not, it will go forward tomorrow. In this I shall take up the whole transaction and explain the situation to them. They can communicate what they see fit to you.

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Yours very truly,

J. E. White

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W. K. Kellogg,

Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Friend:--

I have to-day been shocked to learn that W. O. Palmer is in Chicago without a dollar, and his wife has been obliged to return to her father's house.

Now, my friend, although W.O. has not always done what he should, and has not treated me in the way he should, I yet feel a deep interest in the man, and it seems to me that now is an opportunity to reach out the hand and help him. I would gladly do this myself, but I do not think there would be any possibility of his being able to come back here and take hold of anything in this locality.

Now, W. O. Palmer has great ability in certain directions. He has ability in the very line of work which you are carrying out; and I would be glad if you could see your way clear to make some proposition to him that will give him the opportunity to get on his feet again.

My mother has always taken a deep interest in this man, and has felt instructed to treat him as a son. I myself have always had an interest in his welfare, and have always been ready to do anything I could to assist him, though it may not always have been in the best way.

Now, W. K., cannot you make a place for him in some position? I tell you frankly that if I were situated as you are, I would send immediately for W.O., have an interview with him, and arrange some work for him to undertake where he could use the ability which he has and have the chance to once more get on his feet.

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I know the kindness of your own heart, and many noble things you have done all unknown to others. I believe you will feel in your own heart something as I do about this man. He has many excellent qualities. He has ability of no small order. I would like to see him secure a position that would enable him to recover as much of the lost ground as possible, and become useful in some good line of work. I wish you would think of this, and ~~ix~~ if possible, extend the helping hand.

I remain as ever,

Yours very truly,

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J. E. White

W.C.
What do you think? This was the
only thing I could see - J.E.W.