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Dear Calumna-

I have not discovered yet any mode of access to Mr. Rye of Hallgarten & Co, but will bear it in mind.

It would probably not be of use to ask the Lodds, even if from Ky, unless they are interested in the matter. Do you know whether they are? An application from a stranger for them & influence, possibly other strangers, would be so "remote".

I have a letter of introduction to John S. Hill, from Wm, son of Gov Henry A. Hill and may see him at any time if you think well to see anybody before plans are further matured.

Mr. Mr. Emilen Rosserett, cousin of our John E. Rosserett will go with me at any time to see J. Kennedy Tod, quite a prominent man here. I think I had better defer that at least until I hear from you. Mr. Emilen Rosserett is also well known in financial and corporation matters here.

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While writing yesterday afternoon, I was still more impressed with the feeling that it would be easy to make a big mistake in this matter. Eminent business men in New York are perhaps not different from the same class in other large cities. They seem extremely averse to being approached by a stranger on any subject. If it turns out to be business, of course they have to listen and decide. If it turns out to be something in the nature of "influence" or of "pull", they quietly turn round and go to writing about something else or make some other more manifest demonstration. Upon such subjects they allow themselves to be approached only by intimate friends of long standing, and then it ought to be done somewhat delicately and skilfully.

I went to consult with my friend William J. Curtis, a lawyer of prominence here and noted for his quick, accurate and solid judgments in the management of men and things, and he is a good organizer. I supposed also that he might be acquainted with some of the parties. He went through the whole thing carefully with much detail. He knows Mr. Tod but not well enough he thinks to approach him on such a subject. He did not mention having any personal acquaintance with Mr. Buge, but seems to know all about him, his methods, and manner of doing things. His conclusion was that neither Mr. Tod nor Mr. Buge will desire to have anything to do with such an appointment, and would probably not be allowed to do so, but that the whole thing will rest with Mr. Trumbull as President, possibly influenced by Gen. Dodge. He spoke of Dodge as a strong man and his assistance to you being material.

But whether Mr. T and Mr. B would be allowed to interfere or not, he was clearly and emphatically of the opinion that any attempt by outsiders to influence them in the matter, especially so with Mr. T, would only be an injury and a very decided one. His views correspond precisely with what I had feared would be the result of such an application. And with the views I now have on the subject I could not make such application in your interest, nor advise you to allow it to be done, unless some better means of influence than any I now see shall be discovered.

He thought the case was different with Mr. Wise. He is reputed to be a jolly, social, easy-going lawyer, and that laying the matter before him might lead to something useful, and could, in no event, probably do any harm, and advised that it be done.

He believes that the directors and those financially interested in the road will have nothing whatever to say on the subject and that it will rest almost entirely with the President.

He called my attention to another feature of the situation

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by observing that so far as he knows, in all cases of receivership for railroads, while there is a counsel for the receivers, the road itself continues to have counsel or solicitors to represent it, and he suggested as of considerable importance to know whether this road has counsel or solicitors at Denver, or elsewhere in the West, who have been its regular advisers, and who are ^{now} discharging that function. If so, the possibility of their continuing as such for the consolidated road, and, if not, the possibility of securing their influence is to be considered.

He asked me the question- "Why don't your brother get the aid of Senator Wolcott?" I answered that probably for the reason that Wolcott & Vaile wanted this business quite as much as you did. He nodded and smiled. This is as far as I have gone. I may or may not drop in on Mr. Wise before hearing from you on the subject.

Very truly yours,

YEAMAN & GOVE,

ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

511-14 ERNEST GRANGER BLDG.

DENVER.

Sept. 29. 1898.

Dear Judge:-

My father sent me the enclosed letter from Mr. Butler this morning. The contents of the third paragraph made me a little uneasy and I at once procured a copy of my father's letter to him to ascertain what his instructions were relative to Butler. Keeping his face closed for the present. I enclose this letter - or a copy of it. The instructions were certainly some sufficiently specific. For fear however that Mr. Butler might drop over I have had my father wire him to "Your letter received. Don't mention Yeaman matter until you are further advised." Butler's relations with Tod may be such that his speaking of the matter would do no harm but we don't know. This is the hell of working thro third parties who mean well enough but who don't know all the ins and outs.

While I determined to do what I have done of my own motion it occurred to me that the situation offered a good reason

for me to call upon Mr Cherriman. I had a most
cordial and satisfactory talk with him. Told him
that in your absence I know no safer adviser
than he as he knows the situation and was considered
by both you and myself as our most influential
striker. guess I really said friend. Then I
detailed in a general way what I had caused
to be done touching a possible means of approaching
Mr Pod and the fear I entertained lest my friend
in N.Y. would stop over. He agreed that I better
write him to keep mine for the present as he
believed things were working very nice ly here
and while you might get left that he didn't think
advisable to endeavor to do anything outside of
Barnes at this time. I didn't feel like asking
him squarely about Judge Hallott's doings after he
had volunteered so much, perhaps more by way
of reference than in terms, and I left him
to send my dispatch. He wanted to know when
you would return and whether Turnbull was
here today. Somehow I felt greatly encouraged
from our talk and I believe there's something
up.

Mr Cherriman also suggested that Butters
acquaintance with Pod opens the door for an
interview or perhaps social evening between

you if hereafter it is thought best that you go
to N.Y. and place the future directors of the
road in a position to sit back and when
Trembelle announces his appointment to say "yes
they are entirely satisfactory to us. We know
so and so by reputation and so and so
personally and they are all right."

The above letter head is to be modified
by dropping Rogers name a little and inserting
a short line between it and mine. Also by
adding a "g" to "Old." and respacing the letters
in your name.

Allen knocked me out in the Chemical
Bank matter yesterday although on principle
and authority I feel that I agree Hartfull
is a standstill. Have written Prescott & Kobb
the result, sent them copies of our petition
and brief, expressed a confidence in our ability
to win the decision on appeal and asked
for instructions. Of course I prayed an
appeal and had time fixed for bond etc.

Your folks are fairly well settled in
the new house which is to be immense.
Both your wife and Mrs G. are badly bungled
up but there seems to be no holding either

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of them. Rogers has some pretty sensible views but can't keep his fingers out of the soup.

The Anna business has come to a sad end. A few days ago Joe was the unanimous choice of my friends and his advisory committee. Immediately upon the choice being made a Post reporter appeared with a paragraph written stating as a fact secured from some source that she was to receive that honor, whereupon those in charge of the matter, upon it being suggested that I must have been talking around the whole thing and chose another girl. It's too d-bad for her to lose it in that way and I have told her how it was. Rogers has also talked with her about it and here it must stop and I'm sure will she my protestations of never having mentioned the subject will be of no avail and it will place me in a rather unpleasant light in some quarters. Joe knows that you are on but any future mention of the matter must be confined to us four.

Am working on the David Board matter but as usual it takes me some time to catch on to a new case.

Yours etc
Frank E. Goss

(Copy)

Superintendent's Rooms,
High School Building,
Denver, Colo., Sept. 22, 1898.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler,
Columbia College,
New York, N. Y.

My Dear Butler:-

Be kind enough to read the enclosed letter and return to me. I ask you to do nothing about the matter to which reference is made, but to tell me if you perhaps can do anything if opportunity demands. The ^{junior} senior partner of the writer of the enclosed you will possibly recognize; the writer himself is eminent as a jurist, somewhat as a politician and as a gentleman. One of his brothers of your city, George H. Yeaman, #44 Wall St., is as eminent as he is modest. So good a position as the counsel of a great road offers, is, of course, important to my son. He will do nothing improper, but as Judge Yeaman mentions in the close of his letter, we feel that any proper means should be used.

I have no reason for believing that your immediate friends are interested in the bonds or the proprietorship of these great roads, but the sudden death of Hobson, whose memory we all mourn, creates a vacancy which is desirable.

I need not add that my son wishes nothing said about it immediately, but asks me to confer with any friends I have in New York City, to ask for assistance if assistance shall be possible. Of course, when I am asked about a friend in New York City, I immediately think of Nicholas Murray Butler as the head and front of the exceedingly small line of the ranks of friendship.

I trust the year opens pleasantly to you, and am gratified to know of your continued rise to the higher and higher plane in the literary as well as the pedagogical world.

Yours truly,

Aaron Gove.

(One enclosure.)

Sept. 26, 1898.

Supt. Aaron Gove,
Denver, Colo.

My dear Gove:

Only yesterday one or two men asked me how long since I had heard from you, and in as much as I had to say "some months", I was more than usually glad to see your letter this morning.

I return herewith Judge Yeaman's letter. I remember him perfectly, as you introduced me to him three years ago in Denver. In addition to that you told me a good deal about him, which I have not forgotten.

It so happens that Mr. Tod whom you mention, is very well known to me indeed, both socially and in a business way. It will give me pleasure, not only on the merits of the case, but because you ask it, to say something that I hope may be of service. I like to do these things quietly and without any fuss, and, therefore, you may never hear that anything very much has been done; but I will, nevertheless, see that the matter is attended to to the best of my ability.

The year is just opening here, apparently with excellent prospects, and with plenty to do. We are all concerned at the moment with the despicable and dirty attack that a lot of cheap and discredited politicians have attempted to make upon Theodore Roosevelt, whom we all want to have and propose to have for Governor. That is the excitement of the hour; but as you see all about it in the newspapers I need not enlarge.

I came away from Washington feeling greatly pleased at what we were able to accomplish for the N.E.A. I endorse every word of what you wrote in last Colorado School Journal. The old Association, of which we are so proud, has a splendid future before^{it} and nothing that any of the younger generation ~~can~~^{may} do can deprive you pioneers of the glory and credit that belongs to you.

With affectionate regard, I am, as always,

Yours, *William Henry Butler*

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Columbia College

New York City-

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Denver. Sept. 29. 1898