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Bro L:

Dr Dyer told in The Herald, last night, that he told Blodgett of Lake who is an abolitionist to join the whigs & elect Gregg if he could. I asked what he knew about Gregg. He said it was generally understood that Gregg would be a candidate if he could get Democrats enough to go with the whigs to elect him.

Reddick says Gregg beat him. Morris of Ottawa told me so yesterday.

Gov. Matteson told me so also, & he says Gregg got men in Joliet to vote against him also.

So, if he is to have an appointment, send him off so far that he will not find his way back.

I sold my north 18 acres adjoining old Whick, which is cut by the Archer road, for \$1000 per acre, & had one third cash. What say to this?

I gave Dr Miller of Boone instructions how to proceed in your case & he will introduce a resolution in the House concerning Speaker's nomination & declare if you nominated, Cook of Ottawa is to do the same in the Senate. If there is any opposition to this early movement, I am in the telegraph & I shall leave at once for Springfield. You cannot be beaten.

McFlemand is getting the hopes all over the State to recommend him for the Cabinet. He wants to

be the Port Nash General.

Grass St

Inventur

Mr S. A. Douglass

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Dear:

I enclose ^{accts 9} you the petition of Thomas Haynes for U.S. Dist Attorney. The original is with me.

You will see upon it the name of ~~A. H. Hayes~~ every member of the Chicago Bar, but S. S. Hayes who is a standing candidate for every office there is, & I had rather go for Peck than him, as Peck is known & Hayes is not. Peck stabs openly, but stabs in the dark.

If you want to keep things in Chicago all right, go for Haynes. The politicians are all for him. He got this from the Bar only as an endorsement of his professional reputation.

The South will get the Marshall. The Courts are held here as well as at Springfield, & the U.S. District Attorney ought to reside here.

The most of the business comes from here.
Then that Purple is a candidate.
Well, he belongs to the dead & not to
the living. If you believe in digging
up such deadbodies as Purple & breathing
life into them, then we will all
go for the resurrection & restora-
tion of Old Fogy.

It would fix things here
splendidly if Hoagbe could get
this appointment.

I have heard that Manning
wanted it. You had better reason
him for the next Congress, as the
only man that can be elected in
that District.

If Dick Richardson want
me to work for him for Speaker, let
him work for Hoagbe & I will do
it.

Yr old st

Kind regards
J. W. Matthews

J. P. M. M. M.

Chicago

Dec 29 1892

My dear Mr. M. M. M.

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for "Northwestern"

San Francisco Dec. 30/52

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.

U.S. Senate,

Washington,

Sir,

We have taken the liberty of placing the accompanying memorial in your hands, on the suggestion of our mutual friends, Genl. James Wilson, State of Oregon, Harry Shaw, and the Hon. Geo. C. Bates, and altho' we have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with you, we feel assured that it will receive your best attention.

In order that you may fully comprehend our purposes and intentions we would state, that during the year now past we have incurred considerable expense in the exploration of the territory of Oregon, with a view to discover deposits of coal of sufficient

extent to supply the demand for the Steam
mariners of the Pacific.

That at one point about sixteen miles south
from the navigable waters of Puget Sound,
there has been discovered a coal basin, with
an aggregate out-crop of veins of Eighty
five inches, of a quality of coal denominated
semi-bituminous, which is well adapted to
the purposes of Steam and fuel.

That from as careful an examination and
survey as could be made with means at
hand, we are convinced that this basin
embraces within its limits an extent of coal
land amply sufficient to meet the wants
of the whole Pacific Coast for centuries yet
to come.

That a small portion of the Coal land so
embraced, has become the property of ourselves
and associates, by settlement and occupation,
and which we propose to work as soon as a
Railway, connecting the locality with Puget Sound,

can be constructed.

That we are now preparing to obtain an act
of incorporation from the Legislature of Oregon,
to enable us to organize a company for the
construction of a Railroad from Puget Sound
to the Oregon River, (commonly known as the
Columbia River) via the valley of the Cowlitz
River, which Road must necessarily pass
through the great Coal basin referred to, and
thus serve to transport the Coal to points of
shipment at either extremity, as well as to
open to immediate and speedy settlement
those vast tracts of fertile land lying on the
proposed line of Road, and in the region of
Puget Sound.

That we have had a partial survey of the
line made, and no unusual natural obstacles
present themselves in its whole course.

Thus in a brief and concise manner we
have endeavoured to lay our plans openly
before you. We will not enlarge upon the

importance of our project, both to Oregon and California, as we believe that no man who desires the advancement of those portions of our Common Country, can raise a question as to the advantages which must inevitably follow its consummation, we would remark however, that apart from the great desideratum, viz the transportation of Coal to points of shipment, the Road in itself is of unusual importance, inasmuch as that it is designed to occupy the only route by which a Road can be constructed to connect the great Central valley of the Oregon with Puget Sound and the frontier on the north. Impassable mountains bar all communication except through this one channel. In time of war or peace all forces, supplies, and Civil matters must ^{unavoidably} ~~unavoidably~~ pass through this single artery. In the preparation of a bill to lay before the Senate we beg that

that you will keep in mind, that the Road is to be built in a new Country, where all the difficulties and obstacles cannot be measured or foreseen, where the cost of manual labor is excessive, and the necessary materials, (except timber) require to be brought from distant points, In view of which we think it by no means unreasonable to ask for a period of ten years in which to construct the entire length of road, viz one hundred miles, or thereabouts, we propose to complete one fifth of the Road within three years from the date of the grant, and the remaining four fifths as rapidly as circumstances will permit, we earnestly hope that the aid we desire from Congress may be accorded to us, and we think that we are justified in predicting, that the enhanced value of the lands reserved, will more than compensate

the Government for those donated, we would
suggest that provision be made for the
survey of the lands donated and reserved,
and that both be protected from settlement
under the present law. // The extraordinary
inclemency of the season has retarded
our movements in regard to organization,
and prevented full concert of action
with our associates in Oregon, and in
consequence we are constrained to appear
before Congress as private petitioners,
or defer the enterprise for another year,
which would prove exceedingly detrimental
to the cause, as we wish to break ground
as soon as the rains of the winter cease,
we beg to intimate that a duplicate
of the petition has, or rather will be sent
by this mail, to Mr. Lane, the delegate

from Oregon with a request, that he will com-
municate with you.

Assuring you of our high
esteem

We beg to remain
most respectfully yours.

T. R. Loomis
Charles. Muntz
A. Randall
J. A. Hick

James O'Connell with a request, that his wife & family
reside with him.

The undersigned of the County of ...
do hereby certify that the above named ...
James O'Connell is a resident of the County of ...

James O'Connell

County of ...

State of ...

Witness my hand and seal this ... day of ... 18...

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To The Honorable
 The Senate, and
 House of Representatives of the United
 States of America.

Dec. 30, 1852

In Congress assembled.

The Petition of F. Rogers Loomis,
 Charles Minturn, John A. Peck, Andrew
 Randall, and their associates,
 Respectfully represents,

That your Petitioners are citizens and
 residents of California and Oregon, and have
 large and permanent interests therein, which are
 identified with the welfare and prosperity of the
 territory of the United States, bordering upon the
 Pacific Ocean.

That the extraordinary advancement of California
 and Oregon in population, Commerce, Agriculture,
 mechanical industry, and wealth during their short
 history, foreshow their future importance, as parts
 of our common country.

That these regions, almost unexplored a few
 years since, are now known to possess great
 resources, a healthful climate, large Rivers, secure
 Harbors, and rich in soil, forests, and mineral
 deposits, which need but development to adapt
 them to the support of a dense population.

That at present the most energetic development
 of these resources can hardly keep pace with the
 increased wants of a population concentrating here

from all parts of the civilized world.

That your Petitioners are directly and indirectly engaged in Steam Navigation, and have at a very considerable expense employed skillful persons to explore for coals in Oregon and California during the present year, in the hope that a mineral of such essential necessity and importance might be discovered within our territory, and confer upon our Steam Marine the benefit of a home supply.

That from the results of these explorations, your Petitioners have become assured and convinced, that large coal fields exist to the southward of Puget Sound, Oregon territory, which are of sufficient magnitude to supply the present and future wants of the Pacific Coast.

That these coal fields extend, more or less continuously, from a point near Puget Sound to the Oregon River, commonly known as the Columbian River, and that to render their produce available, a Railway will be necessary from the said Sound, to the Oregon River, which will form a connection between the Central and Northern navigable waters of that territory - with an outlet upon each.

That your Petitioners propose to construct a Railway from Puget Sound via the valley of the Cowlitz River, to some safe and favorable point on the Oregon, at or near the mouth of the Cowlitz River.

That

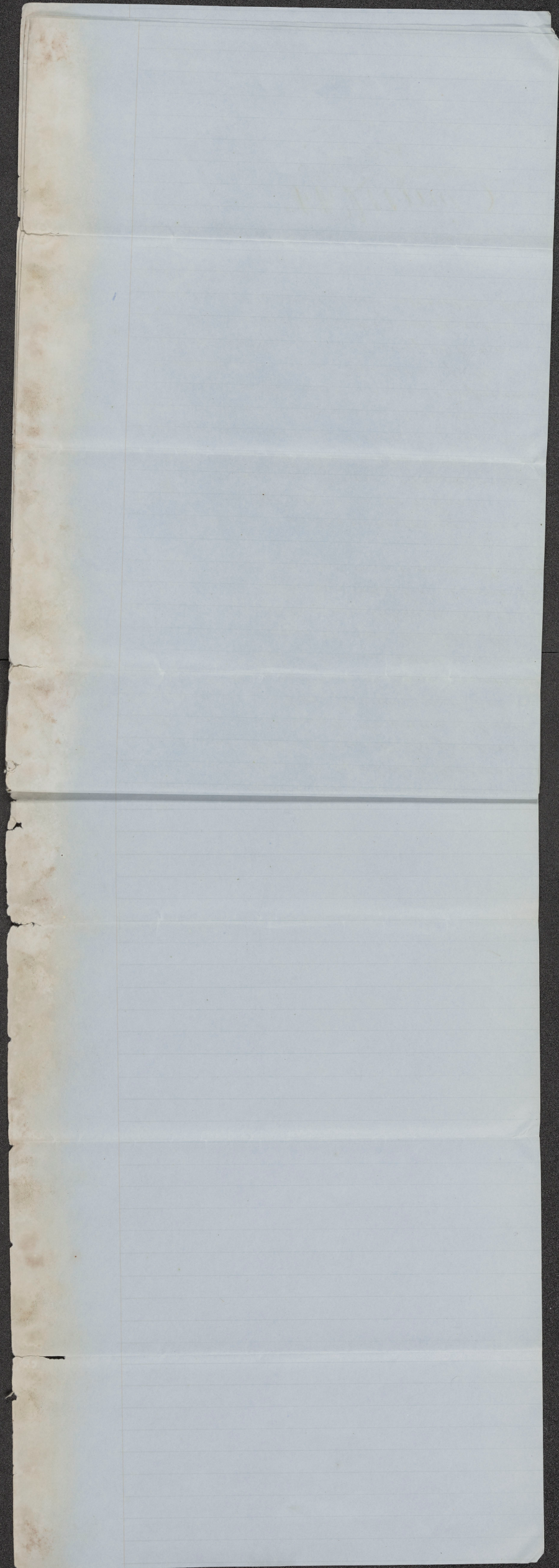
That it is believed the proposed Railway will pass over the only route by which a Road can be constructed that will connect the great valley of the Oregon river, with the waters of Puget Sound, and the northern frontier, - and that it must ever be the great line of transit, and a principal Channel of Communication between them. In every point of view therefore, the enterprise appears to your Petitioners to be of material importance, and one which is eminently worthy of the support and countenance of Congress.

That to assist in this undertaking, your Petitioners respectfully pray for a Grant of land to the amount of every alternate section for the distance of Twelve miles, or two entire Townships on either side of the line of said Road.

By such donation Congress will insure the construction of this most important improvement, and ~~will~~ open a vast amount of public Land to speedy settlement, well adapted to that purpose, and aid an enterprise of vital importance to every great interest on the Pacific Coast.

And your Petitioners will ever pray &c &c

F. R. Loomis
Charles Minton -
J. A. Beck
A. Randall



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For "Northwestern"

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For S. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate,
Washington
Dc

Mail



Chicago Dec. 31. 1832
 Hon L. Douglass
 Washington D.C.

D^r Sir

I permit myself of the last day of the present year to wish you a "Happy New Year!" in advance and also as is customary upon such occasions among children to express some gratitude for being first beforehand with you in this respect.

You are probably already advised that I am a candidate at the solicitation of Sumner Kentworth, Dyer, Peck & others for the office of U.S. District Attorney for Illinois.

With a view to this object I have received almost an unanimous request from our Chicago Bar numbering very & several times so many among whom are the opposites & antipodes of Cliques, Factions & Parties - Abolitionists, Secedents, sub-^{colleagues} Mentworth - Peck and anti

Now if I can't have your personal office in my behalf I am well assured from our past relations of friendship that you cannot enlist in any effort against my

promotion to the place I seek.

But why should I not enroll you among my friends? I know of no reason but on the contrary many to lead me to the conviction that such will be found your position. I cannot credit a rumor that Mr Hayes a stranger here clear enough for aught I know, is to ride over all other here with no popularity of any kind as yet established against the expected and almost unanimous wish in my favor. ^{WV}

You know our People will attempt to be satisfied, that did this Office depend upon our Chicago and Cook Co People, I could almost have had unanimous acclamation of voices in my favor. I say this much to you as a friend, because you are familiar with our People & cannot be deceived by any such statement on my part.

Mr. Winthrop has told me, he would send you a copy of my Petition with names, & that he would write you, but I consider it more safe to approach my friends, if any I have directly and learn from them. Now who know me best know one trait of my Character well that is, that I am never tardy when required in answering the call of friends. My efforts may be feeble indeed but it is something to be sure you can command them, when needed. My little experience of politicians ~~and~~ satisfies me that this last is rather a rare virtue found with but few - and

therefore I take it the more to be valued when found. But I have said too much of myself I fear already. Egan & Winthrop have both gone down pledged to your support I saw Egan & Winthrop both & talked with them. all I fear is that Egan being Candidate for Speaker will combine his influence there. Plato of Kansas has some queer objections but not unanswerable. he will fall in. Osgood of Ohio & the representatives of course are all right. Stillson fixes them. Cook has gone down. Sumner I fear can't go as he expected. the D-D Bankers mania has got hold of every body and keeps things loose here.

Truly let me say that I am not an office seeker & have not been as you know but I may not be unable to reciprocate with of kindness and you should I be so fortunate in my present hazard, as to merit & obtain your friendship in my behalf.

Very sincerely yours

H. P. Boyne

Miss Anne

Chicago

Dec. 31 1892