

Ottawa, Kansas,
July 27. 1886.

My Dear Wife: Both your letters here were and
on arrival. I suppose I have got all or
nearly all you have written. If I have
not answered or alluded to them
it was because of a lack of time and
the fact that I felt so bad that I could
not bear to write to you at all. In
fact I have always dreaded to get
your letters knowing that they could
only contain evidence of your suf-
fering and the courage which it cost
me to know that you must exercise.

I would come back but it seems re-
ally wicked to throw across the magnifi-
cent line of fences we have over every
road at the west as long as there is a
chance. Chas is learning something
and really has very fine qualities.

I think he will get on the right line yet.

Of course, it has been very hard for
me — very discouraging and very de-
pressing and I cannot really say that
I have any good ground to expect
that it will be better. Lawrence disap-
pointed us really. I was real sick yes-
terday — thoroughly broken down. For a
time the old pain at the back of the
head threatened to resume again
and the old hob waves along the
spine were far from encouraging.
Today, I am a little better but not
much — The house in Wyandotte only
a little better than paid expenses but
that was so much better than pay-

yourself in readers if you
should get a telegram next
week to come on anyhow.
I am not sure it may not
come - My lectures are exciting
some people up of course and one
may be getting to pay dirt -

You see how my letter has hit
the Educational Bill between
wind and water. If I have
not earned much money
for my studies I have saved
the country some millions and
put it where most needed, at
the least I have done

Keep up a little longer dear and
we will see what might be
done. I am glad that the
press has taken I know that
his right hand man is Harris
Gage's brother and you may
get in some good work
there yet. Do not despair my

Darling. It is a bitter fight
and perhaps a foolish one
but we will make it all
the same. When I go back I
am going to have my revenge
on Indianapolis by speaking
there on a Sunday evening. I
am not going to let any failure to
try on my part affect the ultimate
success of this matter. If I could
only know that you were safe and
happy and take you with me a-
cross the mountains I would
be happy. Give my love to Sis. She
can understand that I thought of her
and every body else very sadly yester-
day when I thought I had broken
down. God bless you both - I
think I realize every day more and
more fully how blessed I am in
the love of such a wife and such a sister.

Yours ever

Albin.)