

J. B. Whippin & Co.

Gentlemen: Your favor of the 10th inst is received. I could not think of paying the price you ask for plates which were not at all to my liking at the first and which your own report shows to be unproductive property. I cannot see that they have any market value except for sale to the founder. For this purpose I suppose they would be worth about 3 cts per lb.

Of course, when your contract expires, I am, if I desire have the book set up in such form as I desire and publish a new edition. That would not cost us much, would be more satisfactory and probably attended with less loss than the purchase of your plates. I could not at any rate think of ~~giving~~ giving more than \$100 for the plates and sheets.

Yours truly -

"In a sense, yes. The result would probably have been the same - it could hardly have been more remarkable. But the luck lay in the commander - in that peculiar quality of Gen. Grant's mind which enabled him to know precisely where all his forces were at any particular time, what was their condition, what obstacles confronted them whereby he was able, at any moment, to change or modify any plan, however carefully elaborated. That is why his plans were so generally successful."

"And you think he would have won the battle of Missionary Ridge, if he had not ~~been~~ first taken Hook Out Mountain?"

"He would have dislodged and defeated his enemy. No doubt the spectacular battle had a great effect upon both the armies who witnessed it."