

Headquarters of the Army,

~~Washington.~~

Chicago Ill.

June 12, 1891

My dear Sir

I appreciate very highly the invitation of the Chautauque County Western Association, to attend their Camp fire and dinner on the 21st and 22^d of August. It is not very probable for me to say whether I can do so or not, but I will accept with

great pleasure if it
proves to be practicable.
I am about starting
on an extended tour
of the Western part
of the country, and
the date of my return
as well as the future
demands upon my
time are now uncertain.

With sincere thanks
to the Petrus Association
and to you personally
for the kind and

complimentary invita-
tion to visit the
Petrons of my
Native County.
I am, dear Sir,
Very truly yours
J. M. Shepard

Hon. Albert W. Fonger
Poughkeepsie N. Y.