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Hon. O. Noble, President.

M. Rush Warner, Secretary.

Alps Insurance Company,

Cash Capital, \$250,000.00.

Erie, Pa., Oct. 16. 1871

Dear Judge,

Your with P.O. order for 43⁰⁰ recd. Enclosed find Receipt Recd.
 You neglected to return the dividend note which I will need as a voucher to the Co. If you have lost it, sign the enclosed and return to me as soon as possible so that I can make returns to the Company.

You can take a paid up policy in this Co with share in profits. It costs her \$1000. at age 33 \$381⁷³ at 34 \$389⁸⁸ at 35 \$398³⁴ (one of these hits per age)

What the dividend will be no man knoweth, but it will be smaller than on the life plan.

Companies do not "go for" this kind of biz, much & you may be right in concluding that it is the best thing for the insured. I will enclose an application which you can have filled out & return to me, answer all the questions, every bloody one and sign it wherever you can get a chance - be sure & sign with the Medical Examiners. Am glad that you are recovering

from the fever, but don't appreciate the work.
That I ~~am~~ ^{may be} enjoying the same blessing.
The Chicago fire has turned things upside
down in insurance circles. The Alps
suffered heavily but we are going to pay
up & go on. The stockholders will meet the
loss without impairing capital or
surplus. Rush just returned from
C. & says it is simply indescribable.
Not less than 2000 souls perished.

The rails of the street RR on stone
streets are bowed up like wagon tire with
the tremendous heat. Men stood in
the lake & had their hair burned off.
All the firemen in the world could
not have stayed the flames nothing
less than Lake Michigan emptied onto
the city could have saved it.

Sherridan runs the town now & order reigns
in Chicago. A hotel wanted to charge \$10⁰⁰
per day. Phil told the proprietor, if he could
run it cheaper than that he (Sherridan) could
& would. Where upon the Hebrew thought
he could too. Haven't time to write more.
Let me hear from you soon
Regards to all
Yours ever
Joe