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Chicago, March 15<sup>th</sup> 1889

Judge A. M. Souther,  
Maysville, N.Y.  
Dear Sir:

We enclose telegram just rec'd, requesting you to telegraph them your decision by Thursday of this week. We trust you will let us know about it before that. We answered your telegram from Shenandoah as soon as received, and telegraphed to Cedar Falls that you would fill your engagement there. They at once wired back their acceptance and then you telegraphed us that you couldn't fill it. This made a terrible state of affairs for us and we were very much surprised that you would fill the date. A few hours later I sent us a message just to the contrary. You can see the position in which you place us at the local management at Cedar Falls. They telegraphed us a second time that they would pay \$10 extra rather than lose

the lecture, because all their arrangements had been made. I had to telegraph them agains that you would not fill the Engagements. The amount expended in telegraphing amounted to several dollars, which is aside from the breach of Confidence which such action on our part entails. We have only given you a very brief Explanation of the matter.

Yours Truly  
The Naylor Lyceum Bureau

P.S.

Since writing the above your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> has been received. We are very sorry to learn that you are so indisposed on account of your old army wounds. I am quite sure that any local Committee would overlook their disappointment, knowing the full facts in the case. Wish you would write to Cedar Falls <sup>and</sup> explain to them more fully. I wrote them first that you were disabled by nervous prostration <sup>and</sup> again that your old army trouble caused the disappointment. I am sure you can smooth it over, which would be very advisable for both of us. Trust you will be able to fill your other Engagements.

L.S.