

1 Pine Bluff, Ark. Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 93,

2 Weyr Judge

3 I have just been able by the  
4 assistance of the benevolence  
5 of your influence and a little  
6 of my own to do a very good  
7 deed in the way of aiding  
8 the needy in a place where  
9 I did not expect. A White Man  
10 65 years of age name Gabriel  
11 Smith near Quinn's Church  
12 in Grant County adjoining  
13 this County, Jefferson,  
14 was clothed and without  
15 food and he went into a  
16 rich planter's ranch and  
17 stole a sack of corn chops  
18 that was fed to the oxen.  
19 Remember the man was  
20 on starvation and he had  
21 a wife to provide for. The  
22 Whites arrested him and fined  
23 him and was in the act  
24 of tossing him off to the  
25 Council for some passage  
26 to pay his fine and clothe  
27 him and his wife and  
28 his horse. At this action  
29 the man from whom he  
30 had stolen the chops turned Christian  
31 and gave Smith a barrel  
32 of flour and other goods

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old gentleman, who was a  
Confederate Soldier, now totter-  
ing for the grave, fell on  
my shoulders and wept  
say he had fought against  
the freedom of the negro  
but he was glad they were

Other persons who have  
sent in notice things  
shipped by freight,  
Glencoe, Little Town near  
Chicago in person by Gen  
C. H. Howard of the Farm Field  
and Pineside of Chicago,  
M. E. and Baptist Churches of  
Eden Valley N. Y. Miss Lillian  
Hubster Chairman, this  
work was effected by Relief Com-  
mittee of the Christian Endeavor,  
Notice signed by Rev. B. H.  
Putnam Pastor

Yours for the Cause  
A. M. Middlebrook  
(Agent)