

Hamar's Ranch, 19<sup>th</sup> June 1893

Mr. A. W. Tourge,

Sir,

Can you assist me in procuring colored help for farm and household work? Is there any society among intelligent colored people for assisting their poor in obtaining employment? How can I come in communication with any colored families who may be dissatisfied with their condition in the South or elsewhere and wish to try a new place? I have often heard of families leaving the South and migrating to Kansas and elsewhere in search of new homes. I think a few would find it profitable to stop here - that is if they are industrious and desirous of improving their condition. We have several hundred acres of good farming land - The railroad facilities are not favorable

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for much profit - but people without capital could not have a better opportunity - as we would employ them with wages for the first year or two - until they were in condition to rent land. My husband has become disgusted with farming on account of the difficulty in obtaining help and has engaged in mining. He thinks of selling this place - but I do not like that idea. We have a lovely home - the climate is delightful and healthy. Having been here ten years we are able to judge of it.

I am making a desperate effort to obtain such help as will make life tolerable. I have been reading your articles in the Interoceanic, principally upon the improvement of the colored people, and have therefore taken the liberty of addressing you which boldness I hope you will ex-

case. If you could kindly give me an  
idea as to how to proceed in this business  
you will greatly oblige

Yours very truly  
Christine Hansen.