

Metropolitan National Bank BOYD CIRCUIT COURT.
of Cincinnati, Ohio Plaintiff,
AGAINST } Order of Attachment.
William Means &c Defendants

∴ The Commonwealth of Kentucky.

To the Sheriff of Boyd County:

You are hereby commanded to attach and safely keep the property of the defendant William Means in the State of Kentucky and in the hands of Thomas W. Adams and G. Cook Means, Administrators with the will annexed of Thomas W. Means, deceased, in your county, not exempt from execution, or so much thereof as will be sufficient to satisfy the claim of the Plaintiff, in this action Metropolitan Natl Bank of Cincinnati for the sum of \$75000⁰⁰ and interest from this date Dollars and Fifty Three Dollars for the cost thereof; and you will summons the Garnishees to answer herein on the first day of the next January 1893 term of said Court, and make due return of this order on that day.

Witness, BEN U. STEELE, Clerk of said Court, this 4 day of July 1893

B. U. Steele Clerk,
By _____ D. C.

The object of this order of attachment is to attach in the hands of Thomas W. Adams and E. Cook Means Administrators with the will annexed of Thomas W. Means deceased, out of the interest of William Means in his said father, Thomas W. Means, estate, and as devisee, the sum of Seventy five thousand dollars, with 6 per cent interest from this date, and thirty dollars for costs of suit, and all the property of William Means in Kentucky.

John F. Pogue, E. F. Dublin and others
Atty's for Plff

4th Jan'y 1893-

No. _____

vs. { Order of Attachment.

To _____ Term, 189

Came to hand _____ day of _____ at _____

_____ minutes _____ o'clock, _____ M.

NOTICE: The person or corporation to whom this order of attachment is delivered is hereby summoned to answer as garnishee in this action on or before the first day of the next Term. 1893, of the Boyd Circuit Court.

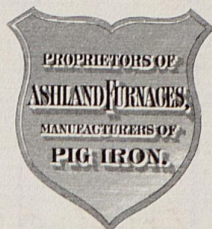
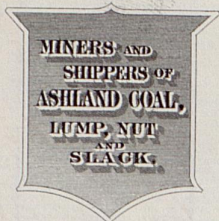
John F. Pogue
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

By *John F. Pogue* Clerk

DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR. President & Genl. Mgr.
JND. G. PEEBLES, Vice President.

E. C. MEANS, Superintendent.

ROBERT PEEBLES, Secretary & Treasurer.



Kentucky Lumber Co. Louisville

ASHLAND, KY. 14th Jan'y 1893

Dear Aunt Margaret;

Your letter of 9th inst received enclosing note of A. H. Lampton endorsed by you - \$400⁰⁰ 11th Jan'y - '93 -

Have letter from Miss Isadore R. Means acknowledging receipt of N.Y. draft for \$500⁰⁰ as per your request - That was a nice gift for you to make and I hope that she will appreciate it as she should.

The Metropolitan Natl Bank is now suing, Tom & I, as well as every body else to try and find some money belonging to William Means to pay some of the notes that he gave as "Trustee for Six" and "Trustee for Five" - It is a consolation to know that they even attack the Trustees of Mrs Means & family who are now causing us to go to Cincinnati so often - You ought be thankful you are in Mexico.

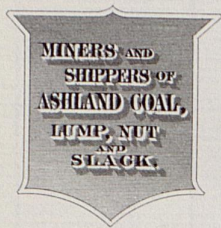
It is a long petition and so much in it I cannot tell you all about it. The Bank claims as did the trustees that William's notes should ^{not} have been charged against his share in the estate but that all the money advanced for him was a gift on grandfathers part. It also claims that when William directed Tom & I to pay you and Aunt Molly & Father what he owed each of you, that it was wrong, the money had not been spent for him or given to him and that you all were trying to save the money for him so that the Bank cannot get it.

The money was spent for him and me too and you, Aunt Molly & Father are entitled to it, as much as the Bank, and it is best for all that you claim it as he proposed you should be reimbursed for your money. For the amounts that you have him charged on your books I shall assert that he owes it to you. Any time in the future you can give ^{it} again to him or his family but do not promise to do so now or at all.

DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR. President & Gen'l. Mgr.
JNO. G. PEEBLES, Vice President.

E. C. MEANS, Superintendent.

ROBERT PEEBLES, Secretary & Treasurer.



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The amounts sued for were debts created by him and others to keep up the value of the bank stock and he seems to have been used as a tool for the others. I doubt if he ever received any pecuniary benefit thereby -

Mr Hager and Anderson think we will win the suit -

William Means owes you over \$18000.00 (In addition to the Labrot matters there is a note for \$5700.00)

You need not worry about the case you cannot lose anything more by it - and if you win may save some of the \$18000.00 -

With much love to you both

Yours aff.

E. C. Means

Jan 21, 1893



PROSPECTUS

OF THE

GOVINGTON IRON AND STEEL CO.



PROSPECTUS
OF THE
COVINGTON IRON AND STEEL CO.

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I propose to organize and put in operation about the 1st of April, 1893, a joint Stock Company to be known as the Covington Iron and Steel Company, upon the following basis, *to-wit*:

The minimum capital stock of the proposed Company will be fixed at Four Hundred Thousand (400,000.00) Dollars, with power to the stockholders, or to the Board of Directors if authorized by the stockholders, to increase the capital stock of the said company to any sum not exceeding Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000.00) Dollars. I

propose for myself and any associates I may desire to unite with me, to take \$350,000.00 of the capital stock of the said company. I propose to pay the said sum of \$350,000.00 which I expect to subscribe to the capital stock of the new company, by selling to the said company, for the lump sum of \$200,000 my Dolly Ann mines property and equipment complete; and my Stack mines property and equipment complete, embracing both real estate and personal property of every kind and description attached to the said mining properties as of their condition respectively; on the 1st day of April, 1893. I propose also to sell to the said company my Covington Furnace property and equipment complete as of the 1st day of April, 1893, at actual cost to me with interest on my outlays for said Furnace property at the rate of 6 per centum per annum. If the sale of the Dolly Ann mines property and Stack mines property, and of the Covington Furnace property to the new company at the prices above named do not pay my stock subscription of \$350,000.00 I propose to make up the deficiency in money. The capital stock of the new company will be divided into shares of par value of \$100 each. I desire at present to put \$50,000.00 of stock of the proposed new company on the market so as to reach the proposed minimum capital stock of \$400,000.00. As soon after the \$400,000.00 minimum capital stock is subscribed as is convenient, in order to carry out the propos-

ed plan, I propose to effect the organization of the new company.

It is probable that the new company will acquire by purchase, by lease, or in some other way, the property of the Alleghany Iron Mountain Mining Co., and also the property of the Covington Machine Co.—The two properties last named, if acquired by the company, will be acquired upon such terms as its Board of Directors shall agree upon with the Alleghany Iron Mountain Mining Co. and the Covington Machine Co. or either of them. The remaining \$200,000 of stock, being the difference between the minimum capital of \$400,000 and the maximum capital of \$600,000 will be put on the market in such manner as the Board of Directors of the new company shall determine, and probably will be used for the purpose of acquiring the property of the Alleghany Iron Mountain Mining Co. and the property of the Covington Machine Co., if either should be acquired, and will be used in any event as and for a working capital of the new company, it being understood that the said \$200,000 of capital stock of the new company, last above named will be used by the new company or sold by it in such a manner as its Board of Directors may determine that the interests of the new company may require, keeping in view the necessities of the new company in the matter of working capital, and also the interests of the new company in the way of acquiring the two

properties above named or either of them, or and other property.

At present I invite subscriptions to the stock of the proposed company to the extent of \$50,000.00 as above indicated. The Dolly Ann Mining property is situated about three miles East of Covington, Va., and its real estate comprises about 3,000 acres more or less. The Stack Mines property is situated about ten miles West of Covington and its real estate comprises about 1,200 acres of land. These properties are now actively used as mining properties and can be inspected by any party who may desire to take stock in the new company. The Covington Furnace property is situated about one half mile East of Covington and can be seen also by any person desiring to take stock in the new company. I have already let to contract a railroad connecting the Covington Furnace property with the Dolly Ann Mines property. This new railroad will be considered a part of the equipment of the Covington Furnace property. I have left with the cashier of the Covington National Bank a subscription list, and all persons who desire to take stock in the new company can indicate it by subscribing to said list. Any further inquiries may be addressed to me.

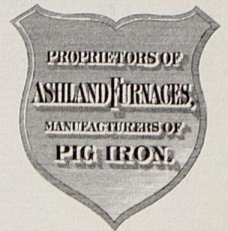
FRANK LYMAN,
59 William street
New York City.

January 21st, 1893.

DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR. President & Gen'l. Mgr.
JNO. G. PEEBLES, Vice President.

E. C. MEANS, Superintendent.

ROBERT PEEBLES, Secretary & Treasurer.



Kentucky Litho Co. Louisville

ASHLAND, KY. 25th Jan'y 1893

Dear Aunt Margaret!

Your welcome ^{letter} of 19th inst came this morning and I wish to thank you very much for your kind remembrance for my services last year. But I think \$400⁰⁰ is too much and I shall not expect so much next year. I intended that you should receive the statement of your business for last year before you sent the check. From the statement you can see how much of, and how your funds were cared for.

Tom Adams & I on Saturday last (21st inst) presented a statement of our transactions in connection with the estate of Thomas N. Means, to Judge M. W. Houston he approved them but 30 days must elapse before a final approval on his part. He allowed us four (4%) per cent commission which amounted to 2% for each of us or \$8,703.²⁰ apiece. Father was satisfied with the commission and beforehand advised us to ask five per cent. and I believe the

Judge would have allowed that. However I think 4% was enough and would not be surprised if some objections were made to that. It is the first settlement only and there will be another later when we will be entitled to more commission.

If you and Aunt Molly approve this amount it would be well for you each to write to Judge Houston and tell him so.

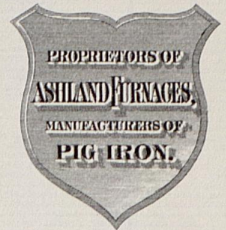
On March 15th we will sell at auction the following stocks, Means and Russell Iron Co \$175,000- Means, Kyle and Co \$210,000- Portsmouth Gas Light \$3,500- and Norton Iron Works \$12,000-

It will be necessary for the heirs to agree at what price they are willing either to take the above stocks among themselves or to allow them to go to outsiders. Father, Tom Adams and I will have a conference with Mr Pebbles & the Culbertsons and determine how much to bid for each of the four heirs here, that is, you, Aunt Molly, Father and Tom Culbertson - It is desirable not to bid too much - and at the same time not to allow a sacrifice of the properties for less than they are worth - I trust such an arrangement will be satisfactory to you -

DOUGLAS PUTNAM, JR. President & Gen'l. Mgr.
JND. G. PEEBLES, Vice President.

E. C. MEANS, Superintendent.

ROBERT PEEBLES, Secretary & Treasurer.



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Ruby is at Frankfort having a good time. She went out last week expecting that I would be in Cincinnati while she was away but the taking of testimony has been postponed until today so I have been at father's for a week. Father and Tom went to Cincinnati yesterday and I go today - Mother & Mildred left Monday for Ft. Worth, Fla. Rose & Harry are to attend the Fitch-Campbell wedding today. Ruby & I were not invited - Mrs. Sheldon left Monday for the east - Louise & Ruth are alone while Tom is in Cincinnati.

Mr. Thomas, the clerk of Mr. Sinton, has had a stroke of paralysis, we see in the papers - Will Seaton & Bess are getting plans for their house from Mr. Hoard - who as usual is very slow. With much love to you both.

Yours affectionately

E. C. Means

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Company.

Proprietors of Ashland Furnaces

Miners and Shippers of Ashland Coal.

ASHLAND, KY., 6th Feby 1893

Dear Aunt Margaret:

This day I mailed for your account New York exchange for \$100⁰⁰ to William Means at Johnson City Tenn -

In my statement rendered of your business for 1892 I showed all credits received and all expenditures made. To make a balance it was necessary to show whether you had more or less money in Banks than at the end of the previous year -

Funds in bank increased \$697.75 but the total was that shown as in the Ash. Nat Bank and in the Citizens Nat Bank -

5,164.19	
2,737.22	\$7,901.41

Since writing I have purchased for ^{you} \$5000. of Cincinnati 4% bonds. These can be sold at any time when a ~~good~~ profitable investment is found. Father, Ruby & I were at Bessie's yesterday looking at their plans for a home which Mr Hoard has drawn for them -

I shall be pleased to attend to the payment of the shoes when the bill arrives -

With love to you & Aunt Mally,

Affectionately, E. C. Means

ASHLAND, SUPERINTENDENT.

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Company.

Proprietors of Ashland Furnaces

Miners and Shippers of Ashland Coal.

ASHLAND, KY., 13th Ruby 1893

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Your welcome letter from the City of Mexico was received today. I found it very interesting reading and will read it to Ruby tonight. Ruby is in bed with the Grip - She went out calling Friday which was a cold damp day and going in and out without removing her "wraps" she caught cold - Saturday she was determined to go out to Judge Savage's to attend a tea party to which a number of young married people were invited and while there became chilled and that night had considerable fever. Sunday at P. M. her temperature was 104° but Dr. Montmullin has succeeded in reducing it to 100° and she feels much better. Father came down and spent the evening with her last night.

I hope you and Aunt Mully will not get the typhus fever and that you both will continue to enjoy the new scenes in Mexico.

The old homestead at Hanging Rock was sold at auction last Saturday in Drouton - It sold for \$17,156.⁰⁰ which was two thirds of the appraised value.

It was purchased by a syndicate composed of
Col. Gray and others - Tom Adams, Will Seaton
and I went down but concluded not to bid for it.
I think the parties who bought it can make some
money out of it by selling in small tracts of land
but it would be more difficult for us to do so.
Father rather favored us ~~by~~ buying it in for
Aunt Molly, you and himself. But I was opposed
to it because it would be hard for us to attend
to selling it and it would take a long time to
do it - On account of law matters at Cattlets
being for this Company and the possibility of being
called to Cincinnati at any time I could not
attend the Low Moor meeting in New York this week.
Ruby intended to go East with me and I feel
sorry we could not go - She has never been in
New York City and no doubt would have had
a good time -

I enclosed a letter from Muel Will which came
the day after I sent him the check for \$100⁰⁰ which
he has since acknowledged receiving - I hope
he will find a purchaser for the Roan Mt property
I don't think we will be able to do so -

With love to you both -

Yours affectionately,

E. C. Means

New York, February 15th 1893.

To the Board of Directors of
The Low Moor Iron Co. of Va.

Gentlemen

Herewith please find the usual semi-annual statements showing the result of the business of the company for the six months ending December 31st 1892.

The Balance sheet shows to the credit of Profit/Loss 349 303.95 against a balance June 30/92 of dividends.

Paid in September + December *4000- 311 883.14

17 470.81

Low Moor Branch R.R. cost reduced 3 382.01

Furnace Repairs Fund - increased 3 198.74

Sinking Fund increased 3 042.19

Earnings for six months \$ 27 043.75

after charging off 50¢ per ton on 9248 tons of mill iron say \$4624. - for depreciation in value of this part of our stock.

Neither the Mill nor Store shows any profit; the reasons for which are given in the Agents report herewith.

Since the last semi-annual statements the market for our product has remained in the same unsatisfactory condition, prices uniformly low with a weakening tendency towards the close of the year.

The larger output of Furnace B, averaging 125 tons per day, with a fair proportion of foundry iron which has been readily sold, has enabled us to show a little profit on the business, yet the large stock of low grade iron on hand makes the outlook for the next half year a

poor one.

The severe and continued cold weather of the last two months has interfered materially with the working of the furnace, as well as with the delivery of iron sold.

With the opening of navigation we may have a better demand, though there is nothing at present to encourage us to look for better prices.

There is now to the credit of Furnace Repair fund \$56,674.90 showing that the 75th per ton allowed on all the iron made is excessive; but as we shall have in the next few months to face an expenditure of at least \$25,000.- for relining furnace "A" and the four stoves it would not be well to reduce the rate. The Treasurer proposes that whenever the amount to the credit of this fund exceeds \$5,000.-, the excess be charged off to Profit + Loss.

The Treasurer would suggest that a dividend of two per cent (2%) on the capital stock of the Company be declared payable at the office of the Treasurer on the 15th day of March next.

Since the last meeting of the Board this Company has sustained a great loss in the death of another of its oldest members, Mr. A. A. Low, who was deeply interested in its success, and always ready with his counsel and assistance financially when needed.

Yours Respectfully

Edw. A. Low.

Treasurer.

Dr

Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia
Condensed Balance Sheet, December 31st 1892

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Real Estate	619 349 41			Capital Stock			600 000 00
L. M. I. R. R.	50 853 85			Bills Payable	31 840 00		
Furnace F.	84 877 59			Wages	5 595 03		
New Stoves	21 584 98			Hospital Fund	999 01		
Inventories	260 821 27			Unsettled accounts	38 029 12		
Furniture Gents house	1 206 37	1038 693 47		Accounts bearing Interest	34 034 41	110 500 57	
Cash with Treasurers	36 565 41			Sinking Fund	69 351 15		
" " Agent	4 209 25	40 774 66		Insurance Fund	10 463 90		
Bills Receivable		36 929 78		Furnace Repair Fund	56 674 90	136 489 95	
Trojes Redway & Co	1 674 98			Profit + Loss		329 303 60	
John F. Gordon	1 079 67						
E. Pratt & Bro	558 06						
Sundry parties	50 732 74	53 545 45					
Pen dennis		350 76					
Thurmond Coal Co		6 000 00					
		\$ 1176 294 12					\$ 1176 294 12

The Commonwealth of Kentucky.

To The Sheriff of Boyd County:

You are hereby commanded to summon *Thos M Adams and
E Crooke Meaus Administrators with the will
annexed of Thos W. Meaus Deceased*

to answer on the first day of the next *May* term of the Boyd
Circuit Court a *petition* ~~summons~~ *petition in Equity* filed against *them* in said
Court by *Metropolitan National Bank of
Centic Ohio*

and warn *them* that upon failure to answer, the *petition* will be
taken for confessed, or *they* will be proceeded against for contempt; and you
will make due return for this summons to the next *May*
term of said Court.

Given under my hand, as Clerk of said Court, this *18* day of *Feb* 189 *3*

Beuel Clerk B. C. C.

By _____ D. C.

metropolitan national Bank
against } order injunction
Wm Means &c

Boyd Circuit Court
Cincinnati Ohio

Defts

The Commonwealth of Ky.
To Thos M. Adams and E. Cook Means Advers with
the will annexed of Thos W. Means decd; You are
hereby enjoined and restrained from paying or any
funds in the hands of either as administra-
tors with the will annexed of Thos W. Means
decd in which deft Wm Means hath any in-
terest and to hold same subject to further
order of this Court, Given under my hand
this 18th day of February 1893

No.

Vs > Equity Summons

To Terms, 1893

Attorney:

Boyd Circuit Court

Ashland Coal & Iron Railway Company.

Proprietors of Ashland Furnaces

Miners and Shippers of Ashland Coal.

ASHLAND, KY., 20th Feby 1893

Dear Aunt Margaret:

Tomorrow when the bank is open I will get the New York drafts for five hundred dollars and mail them to you -

- For the reason that an agent ~~cannot~~ representing a party cannot lawfully buy from himself as agent for another party I think it well that you write to W.B. Seaton authorizing him to purchase for you stocks at the coming auction sale - It will be necessary for each heir to be prepared to bid on the stocks what they think them to be worth so as to prevent their sale to an outside party at a sacrifice -

The Means & Russell Iron Co Stock I consider to be worth between \$600 and \$700 per share.

The Means Kyle and Co Stock between \$800⁰⁰ and \$1000⁰⁰ per share.

The Portsmouth Gas Co Stock between \$40⁰⁰ and \$50⁰⁰ per share.

The Norton Iron Works Stock between \$100 and \$200 per share -

You can see by the advertisement what their par

values are - It is probable that the four heirs, M. A. Means, M. A. Adams, John Means & Ruth Peebles Trustee for J. M. Culbertson will become the purchasers and if such be the case very little cash will be required to complete the sale. Only sufficient to pay expenses and attorneys fees -

There is ~~no~~^a reason why you, Aunt Mally & Father can bid more for the Means Kyle & Co Stock than for the Means & Russell Iron Co Stock. You and Aunt Mally (or Tom) have about \$30,000 each in it and Father \$60,000. By buying in each one quarter of that offered for sale you will have sufficient to control the Company and thus protect the interests you already have in it -

The Means & Russell Iron Co Stock if properly managed and controlled can be made profitable at \$700⁰⁰ per share and certainly at \$600⁰⁰ per share -

The Portsmouth Gas Co Stock will probably increase in value - The Norton Iron Works is again making money but you have enough of it still if it should be offered at less than \$100⁰⁰ per share it would be better to purchase it as the last I sold was at \$150 per share -

Being an Administrator of the Estate of Thos W Means I desire that you now treat W. B. Seaton as your agent in this matter and ask him to

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confer with Father and not with me, as to what action he shall take in this matter - It is my duty as an Administrator to get the highest price I can for these stocks and it is to your interest not to pay any more than necessary - You had there for better not write to either Tom or what you authorize Will to bid for you -

It is also wise for a time to keep him fully informed as to your address so that there may be no delay in case he wishes further instructions or papers from you -

Write him also the power to draw your note, or check on the Ash. Nat Bank for any cash necessary - I will see to it that the cash is there - By note I mean note to the Administrators with the will - annexed - of the Estate of Thos W. Means - Also write to W. C. Richardson Cashier authorizing him to pay any such checks as Seaton may give in your name on your account -

I regret very much that I cannot act for you in this matter -

With love to you and Aunt Mully

Yours affly E. C. Means

(see over)

date & place.

To W.B. Seaton Esq - Ashland Ky -

Dear Sir: I hereby authorize you to
~~buy~~ ^{my} ~~bid~~ for me and in my name ~~that~~ ~~to exceed~~
 the following ^{number} ~~amounts~~ ~~of~~ ~~shares~~ ^{of} the following stocks
 or less
 M. H. Co ~~per share~~ for 52 shares ~~or more~~ ^{or less}
 shares if you deem wise -
 M. R. & Co ~~per share~~ for 44 shares ~~or more~~ ^{or less}
 shares if you deem necessary
 P. G. & Co ~~per share~~ for 20 shares ~~or more~~ ^{or less}
 North ~~per share~~ for 3 " ~~more or less~~ ^{or less}

The above stocks are those which are to be
 sold 15th March 1893 by the Administrators
 with the will annexed of the Estate of Thos
 W. Means deceased. In payment for
 which you are hereby authorized to pay ~~so~~ ^{as}
 much in cash as may be required, by checking
 in my name on my account in the Ashland
 National Bank of Ashland Kentucky, ~~and~~ ^{and} by giving
 note signed by you as my attorney in fact
 or by receipt by you as my attorney in fact
 for a portion of my distributable share as
 legatee under will of Thos W. Means deceased -
 for the balance required over and above the cash
 payment -

P.S. Where I have written in red ink write full
 name of Companies, ~~amounts~~ ^{no.} of shares etc -
 Write the ^{price} ~~amount~~ per share, ^{to be bid} on separate sheet -

Please excuse haste - have not time to copy

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 21st Feb'y 1893

Dear Aunt:

Enclosed find the N.Y.
• drafts required - Five for one hundred
Dollars each -

Also a proper power of attorney
instead of the one sent you yesterday
If you can acknowledge it before
a Consul it will be better - But
if not have your signature witnessed
by two persons and fill out the
• date and place of signature

Tom, Father & I go to Cincinnati today
Ruby will visit Bessie while
I am gone -

With love

Affectionately;

E. C. Means

Ashland Ky. Feb 7th 1893

Ashland Artificial Ice Company.

Stockholders Names	No Shares	Stockholders Names	No Shares
M. C. Ireland	5	Forward	223
M. A. Adams	91	Rose Means	2
E. C. Means	7	Jno Russell	10
J. H. Means	5	D. Putnam Jr.	5
A. E. Biggs	3	E. J. Seaton	5
R. C. Richardson	8	C. W. Means	4
M. V. Young	3	J. F. Richardson	1
H. E. Means	10		250
Harold Means	5		
K. L. Butler	30		
W. Keil	2		
M. C. Condit	3		
E. E. Seaton	2		
M. C. Richardson	7		
J. Russell, Jr	25		
C. Russell	5		
D. S. Martin	5		
R. Peebles	5		
Mrs. W. E. Maynard	2		
Forward	223		

Annual Statement

OF

MEANS, KYLE & Co.,

FOR

Year Ending March 31, 189³

General Balance Sheet, April 1st, 1893

Including Business of Hamilton, Pine Grove and Ohio Furnaces, Hanging Rock Coal Works, and Principal Office, Hanging Rock.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash at Pine Grove Furnace,	1359	Book Accounts at Pine Grove Furnace,	3110 03
Merchandise " " " "	5162 43	" " " " Ohio Furnace,	1991 62
Book Accounts " " " "	4610 95	" " " " Coal Works,	5900 07
Bills Receivable " " " "		" " " " Principal Office,	3273 89
Furnace Invoice, " " " "	29451 76	Bills Payable " " " "	
Pig Iron, " " " "	861 62	Deductions for Worthless and doubtful accounts-	9245 90
Cash, " Ohio Furnace,	1620 5	Capital Stock,	500000
Book Accounts, " " "	6557 3	Surplus to April 1, 1892	111422 35
Merchandise, " " "	2288 79	" " April 1, 1892	115650 34
Bills Receivable, " " "		Balance Loss for the year	4227 99
Furnace Invoice, " " "	29312 80		
		Loss at General Office during the year -	<u>1723 34</u>
Cash, " Coal Works,		Keystone I. M. Co.	533 14
Merchandise, " " "	5437 63	Noblesville Furn.	281 00
Book Accounts, " " "	5060 33	J. C. Milloughly	<u>109 20</u>
Invoice Chattels, " " "	2847 21 6		
Invoice at Hamilton Furnace,	1710 51 9		
Pig Iron at " "	6786 23 0		
Cash, at Principal Office,	28336 07		
Bills Receivable, " " "	16315 12		
Real Estate, " " "	24748 40 6		
Book Accounts, " " "	16699 43		
Past Due Notes " " "	8487 37		
Ohio I. & S. Co. Stock -	1864 10		
Means Keyes Co. "	400000		
	\$ 634943 86		634943 86

Principal Office, Hanging Rock, Ohio, Statement, April 1st, 1893

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash,	28 336 07	Bills Payable,	
Bills Receivable,	16 315 12	Individual Accounts,	3 273 89
Past Due Notes,	8 487 37	Capital Stock,	500 000 00
Individual Accounts,	16 699 43		
Real Estate,	278 484 06		
Cash Dividends,			
Hanging Rock Coal Works,	23 866 38		
Hamilton Furnace,	94 412 24		
Pine Grove Furnace,	123 665 91		
Ohio Furnace,	32 316 11		
<i>Ohio I. Co. Stock</i>	1 864 10		
<i>Mans. Kyle Co. "</i>	4 000 00		
		Balance,	124 172 90
	627 446 79		627 446 79

HANGING ROCK COAL WORKS STATEMENT, APRIL 1st, 1893

ASSETS.			
Book Accounts,	5 060 33	Bus. Lump Coal Mined,	545 800
Merchandise at New Castle Store,	5 437 13	“ “ “ sold to Steamboats,	207 425
Invoice, Personal Property at Mines,		“ “ “ “ by Barges,	
“ “ “ at Hanging Rock,	28 472 16	“ “ “ “ Railway,	622 025
		“ “ “ “ Wagon Loads,	16 800
		Quantity on hand, <i>Apr. 1st 92</i>	3 050
		<i>" 1st 93</i>	2 600
Balance,	38 970 12	Bus. Nut Coal Mined,	192 133
		“ “ “ sold to Steamboats,	155 700
		“ “ “ “ by Barges,	
		“ “ “ “ Railway,	32 633
		“ “ “ “ Wagon Loads,	5 367
		Quantity on hand, <i>Apr. 1st 92</i>	1 900
		<i>" 1st 93</i>	233
		Average Sales per day—Lump,	2 327
		“ “ “ “ Nut,	535
		Tons Clay Mined and Sold,	
	9 203 67	“ Limestone Mined,	
	38 970 12	“ Ore Mined,	

Hamilton Furnace Statement, April 1st, 189³

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
7201 Tons Native Ore,	13 800 01	Principal Office,	94 412 24
215 " Lake "	681 93		
"			
"			
11 ⁴⁶ / ₁₀₀ " Coke,	29 41		
" Coal,			
550 " Limestone,	412 50		
5724 ³ / ₁₀ " Pig Iron,	67 862 30		
All other Personal Property,	2 181 34		
	9 444 45		
		Balance, Profit for the year,	
	94,412 24		94 412 24

STATEMENT SHOWING COST OF PIG IRON, AND SALES FOR THE YEAR.

EXPENSES.		PROCEEDS.	
Tons Native Ore,		Tons Pig Iron sold @	5 196
"		Less Freights and Agency,	
"		Expense after leaving	
"		Furnace, @	
"		Net Proceeds @	70 687 86
"		41 ¹ / ₂ Tons with Agencies,	638 25
" Coal,		590 ¹ / ₂ " at " Sold	7381 25
" Limestone,		" at	
" Coke,		" at	
Labor, including Salaries,		5092 ³ / ₁₀ " at Furnace,	59 842 80
Office Account, being all other Expenses not above detailed,		5724 ³ / ₁₀	
Total cost of Tons @			
Pig Iron on hand			
April 1st, 189 " @			
Balance, Profit for the year,			67 862 30

REMARKS.

Cost of one Ton Pig Iron at Furnace,		Furnace in operation 0 Days.
Tons Ore,		Average daily production 0 Tons.
" Coke,		
" Coal,		
" Limestone,		
Labor,		
Office Account,		

Pine Grove Furnace Statement, April 1st, 1893

Statement showing cost of Iron made during Blast ending April 1, 1893

Statement showing Profits for year ending April 1, 1893

ASSETS.					ASSETS.				
Cash,			13 59		Cash,			13 59	
Hands' Ledger Balances,			4 610 95		Merchandise, <i>Invoice</i>			5 162 43	
Bills Receivable,					Bills receivable,				
Merchandise, <i>Invoice</i>			5 162 43		Book Accounts,			4 610 95	
Invoice exclusive of Iron and Merchandise,			29 451 76		Invoice exclusive of Iron and Merchandise,			29 451 76	
Balance cost of 4690 tons Iron delivered at Hanging Rock,			82 745 55		5548 1/2 tons Pig Iron at <i>Various Places Valued at</i>			56 162 00	
<i>Pig Iron Invoice</i>			56 162 00		<i>Loss in Business</i>			6 434 95	
			\$ 208 166 31					\$ 131 835 68	
LIABILITIES.				LIABILITIES.					
Book Accounts,			3 110 03		Book Accounts,			3 110 03	
Principal Office,			123 665 91		Principal Office,			123 665 91	
Sales—Pig Iron,			76 330 63		Profit on Merchandise,			5 059 74	
Profit on Merchandise,			5 059 74		Balance profit for year ending April 1, 1893				
			\$ 208 166 31					\$ 131 835 68	

REMARKS.

Cost of one ton at Hanging Rock,			14 65	Number tons Iron made,			4 690
123 bushels Coal at 6 1/2			8 00	Whole number cords Wood used,			
2 1/2 tons Ore at 12			5 19	“ “ loads Coal “			2 885 57
3/10 “ Limestone at 60			18	“ “ tons Ore “			12 663
Running up stock,			3 58	“ “ “ Limestone used,			1 394
Transporting to Hanging Rock Landing,			70	No. cords Wood to make one load of Coal,			
Average cost of transportation and commission after leaving Hanging Rock Landing,				“ “ “ “ “ ton of Iron,			
Average sales per ton,			14 03	“ days furnace was in blast,			239 1/2
Merchandise sold,			26 852 89	“ tons daily average product,			19 1/2
Net Profit on Merchandise,			5 059 74	“ “ Iron sold,			3 874 71
Cost of one load Charcoal,			13 00	“ “ on hand,			5 548 5
				Furnace was in blast from <i>April 1st 1892 and was in blast April 1st 1893</i>			

OHIO FURNACE STATEMENT, APRIL 1st, 1893

ASSETS.					LIABILITIES.				
Cash,			162 05		Book Accounts,			1 991 62	
Book Accounts,			655 73		Principal Office,			32 316 11	
Merchandise,			2 288 79		Gain on Merchandise,			2 072 79	
Invoice,			29 312 80						
<i>Balance</i>			3 961 15		Balance profit for year ending April 1st,				
			36 380 52					36 380 52	

1	215	Tons Lake Ore at RR	\$ 681.93
2	4201	" Native " " "	13,800.05
3	16,080	" " " " Ore ¹⁰²	26,822.40
4	4405	" " " " Py ¹⁵⁰	6,607.05
5	<u>27,901</u>		<u>\$ 47,911.43</u>
6			
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Treasurer's Report
 Low Moor Iron
 Aug 1893

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.	The Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia, June 30th, 1893.	Cr.	
Real Estate.....	\$619,349 41	Capital Stock.....	\$600,000 00
Low Moor Branch Railroad, ...	46,571 17	Bills Payable.....	\$65,932 92
Furnace "B.".....	84,877 50	Wages.....	7,515 96
New Stores.....	21,584 98	Hospital Fund.....	961 22
Inventories.....	368,013 02	Unsettled Accounts.....	25,469 88
Furniture, Agent's house.....	1,296 37	Accounts bearing interest.....	36,815 62
	<u>\$1,041,601 54</u>		<u>136,695 60</u>
Cash with Treasurer.....	\$24,064 13	Sinking Fund.....	\$73,282 04
" " Agent.....	1,651 87	Insurance Fund.....	11,786 17
	<u>26,716 00</u>	Furnace Repairs Fund.....	61,949 40
Bills Receivable.....	57,358 43	Profit and Loss.....	147,017 61
Krugger, Hedway & Co.....	\$722 93		<u>332,384 87</u>
John N. Gordon.....	5,385 67		
E. Pratt & Bro.....	982 26		
Sundry Parties.....	77,720 50		
	<u>84,811 35</u>		
Pendances.....	350 78		
Tharmond Coal Co.....	5,160 00		
	<u>\$1,215,998 08</u>		<u>\$1,215,998 08</u>

Statement of Inventory, &c., for Treasurer's Report, June 30th, 1893.

INVENTORY.		IRON MADE.	
Blast 2 B.....	\$56,455 35	Iron made January.....	4,110 ¹ / ₂ tons.
Transportation.....	45 56	" February.....	3,704 ¹ / ₂ "
Wood.....	262 50	" March.....	4,446 ¹ / ₂ "
House Repairs.....	1,641 50	" April.....	4,101 ¹ / ₂ "
Foundry.....	297 99	" May.....	4,159 ¹ / ₂ "
Limestone.....	1,059 95	" June.....	3,629 ¹ / ₂ "
Teams, &c.....	1,785 70		
Farm.....	719 00	Total for six months.....	24,334 ¹ / ₂ "
Iron Product.....	165,632 50		
Mines.....	24,378 40	ORE.	
Store.....	15,738 57	Ore from Mines, 6 months.....	27,537 tons.
	<u>\$308,012 02</u>	" purchased, 6 ".....	30,132 "
		" consumed, 6 ".....	54,322 "
		" on hand at Furnace.....	14,600 "
IRON PRODUCT.		LIMESTONE.	
12,219 tons Iron at Furnace, @ \$11.....	134,429 00	Limestone from Quarry, 6 months.....	23,544 tons.
1,061 " " " J. R., @ \$13.....	13,403 00	" consumed, 6 ".....	23,628 "
1,739 " " " New-York and transit, @ \$13.....	23,607 00	" on hand at Furnace.....	900 "
21 " " " Richmond, @ \$13.....	273 00		
15,110 tons Iron. Total.....	<u>\$171,792 00</u>		
	<u>466,332 50</u>		

Profit & Loss six months ending
 June 30 1893 26,980.92
 Dec 31 1892 17,420.61
 June 30 92 3,067.14
 Dec 31 91 28,923.67
 June 30 91 35,009.45
 Dec 31 90 38,074.83

Capital Stock \$ 600,000 -
 Dividends \$ 39,468.99
 27,048.75
 18,436.51
 37,209.11
 44,198.08
 23,824.64

24,000.00 - 4
 12,000.00 - 2
 30,000.00 - 5
 42,000.00 - 7
 60,000.00 - 10

New-York, August 10th, 1893.

To the Directors and Stockholders of The Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia:

In presenting the usual semi-annual statement, showing the result of the business of the Company for the six months ending June 30, 1893, it seems useless for the Treasurer to comment on the depressed condition of the iron market. Under the circumstances the result is a favorable one, and may be attributed to the large out-put of foundry iron by Furnace "B," and the economy in all departments exercised by our Agent at Low Moor.

As shown by the balance sheet herewith, the amount to the credit of Profit and Loss is	\$332,284 87
Against a balance December 31, 1892,	\$329,303 60
Less Dividends, March and June,	24,000 00
	305,303 60
Increase in credit to Sinking Fund,	\$26,980 92
" " Furnace Repairs,	3,930 89
Decrease in debit to Low Moor Branch Railroad,	4,274 50
	4,282 68
Earnings for six months,	\$39,468 99

In addition to this we have reduced the value of the iron at the Furnace and in transit a little over \$4,000.

The outlook for the next six months is not favorable.

The deplorable condition of the finances of the country has brought business almost to a standstill. The closing of furnaces decreasing largely the production, but this being more than offset by the decreased consumption.

The difficulty of making collections, with the uncertainty of getting paid for sales made, makes the business at this time any thing but pleasant.

Under existing circumstances a cash dividend to the stockholders at the present time is not to be thought of. The certificates for stock dividend, provided for at the meeting of stockholders, held at Low Moor June 28th, will be ready for delivery on and after August 28th, at this office, and will be delivered in exchange for and including shares represented by the stock certificates now outstanding, which will be no longer transferable. Scrip certificates for fractional parts of a share will be delivered at same time.

This dividend is 11 1/2% on the par value of old stock, (\$600,000) making, with the 3,33 1/2 shares issued to Mr. FRANK LYMAN, in pursuance of the vote of stockholders to purchase his Virginia properties, as per circular May 25th, 1893, the increase of \$400,000 in the capital stock, which is now \$1,000,000.

Yours respectfully,

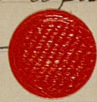
EDWARD A. LOW,
Treasurer.



Vancouver, B.C. July 14th 1893.

Know all men by these presents that I, Margaret A. Means, do hereby make, constitute, and appoint Ellison C. Means, Asst. Cashier, Boyd Co. The enterpriser, my true, sufficient, and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to loan to W. H. Lampton, or of my funds, money sufficient to pay all notes or other obligations of said Lampton, or either of them, on which I am, or may be liable as indorser or otherwise, said Means to do that the money so loaned shall be applied to take up said obligations on which I am or may be liable, and to do and perform all necessary acts in the execution of said business in as full and ample a manner as I might do if I were personally present. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the day & year above said.

Margaret A. Means



Witness
My A. Adams.
J. Schofield.

United States Commercial Agency

VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA,

14th July 1893

Personally appeared before me, FRANK H. PIERCE, U. S. Commercial Agent at Vancouver, B. C., Canada, Margaret A. Means, and Ellison C. Means, of Vancouver, known to me to be the same, and who acknowledged that he freely and voluntarily signed the above document for the intents and purposes therein set forth.

Witness my hand and SEAL OF OFFICE the day and year above written.

Frank H. Pierce

U. S. Commercial Agent



JULIUS L. ANDERSON,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

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OFFICE: ROOM 8, ENTERPRISE BLOCK.

Canton, Ohio, July 24-1893

Mr. E. C. Means,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find, Power of atty from Mrs. M. A. Means to you, to loan money to W. H. Lampton - also a note of theirs to her, in case of loss, for \$450 - I drew the power of atty, but she has refused to sign - thinking, I presume that it was better to have it in her hand - I said to her that it would be as well to loan the money to them & that, perhaps, you would not charge as much interest as the bank, and this would be a help to the Lamptons - I in reply to this she says, "I am glad to let Joe have the money & do not care whether Cook charges him any interest at all."

Very respectfully
Julius L. Anderson

Bowd County Court

July Term, 1893.

In re. Estate of Thomas W. Means, dec'd.

To Hon. M. H. Houston, Presiding Judge.

Referring to report of the undersigned, administrators with the will annexed of Thomas W. Means, deceased, filed this day, we desire to accompany same with matter of special report, as follows:

1.

Clause seven (7) of the will of Thomas W. Means, provides with respect to settlement of his estate by Executors "that no final settlement of my personal estate can in any event be required before three years after my decease", and it is further in said clause provided as follows: "I also hereby authorize and empower my Executors, if they deem it best for my estate, to divide and distribute in kind the whole or any part of the notes, bonds, accounts, claims, &c belonging to my estate to any or all of the legatees of this will according to their respective shares----- at such valuation as my executors may deem just and equitable."

As will appear by reference to former reports on file all items of assets included in inventory and appraisal, sold or converted by us have been at a price not less than or in advance of appraised value, except in the single instance of sale of 70 shares of stock, par value of \$50.00 per share, sold one share at 80 per cent and 69 shares at 72 per cent of appraised value, in Portsmouth Gas Light Co.

With respect to items - Stock Means & Russell Iron Company 175 shares of \$1,000 each, appraised at \$800.00 per share, and 210 shares, Means, Kyle & Co., \$1000 each, appraised at par, or \$1000 per share, 917 shares Roan Mountain Steel & Iron Co., \$100 each, appraised at \$20 per share, 12 shares Norton Iron Works, \$1000 each, appraised at \$300 per share, 53 shares Second National Bank, Ironton, Ohio, \$100 each, appraised at \$100 per share, we report :-

(a) That the Second National Bank of Ironton, Ohio has refused to make transfer of said shares, even in event of sale, unless we would give special bond of indemnity against loss that might ensue under attachment levies in suit to subject same as property of William Means.

(b) There is not now, and there has not been since the date of our qualification a recognized standard of market value for any of the stocks above referred to.

We have been diligent in efforts to make sale of said stocks by private negotiation, availing ourselves of every channel of negotiation likely to result in consummating sales. The unsettled condition of the money market in large financial centers of this country and Europe, and universal depression of iron stocks properties and values in such business have made it almost impossible to place any negotiation on a basis promising favorable results.

We have now outstanding optional contracts for sale of stock in Roan Mountain and Means - Kyle Company Corporation. Desiring to bring the administration of our trust to a close, or as nearly so as might be within three years after our qualification, we advertised sale of all stocks re

ferred to in this special report, except Roan Mountain and Bank Stock, to take place at Ashland, March 15th, 1893.

In the suit of E.R. Cowen & als, trustees, against us, as Administrators afore said, pending in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Kentucky, and asserting their ownership and right to the interest an of William Means of 1-5 in the estate of Thomas W. Means, and seeking cancellation and surrender of notes of William Means to the estate of Thomas W. Means, aggregating \$136,035.75, appraised at par, and by us distributed to Wm. Means on account of his share as devisee under the will, the plaintiffs before 15th of March, 1893, obtained injunction and restraining order enjoining and restraining said sale. The Court subsequently modified the order allowing sale to proceed under the requirement that no stock should be sold at less than 70 per cent of appraised value. The sale was extensively advertised and on 29th of March, day to which sale was adjourned by order of said Court, the only stock for which we could obtain an offer of as much as 70 per cent of appraised value was stock of Portsmouth Gas Company, which was sold. The stocks of The Means & Russell Iron Company, and Roan Mountain being under option at the time were not offered.

The stock we hold in The Means & Russell Iron Co. is a majority, and that held in Means Kyle Co. is 42 per cent of the whole. In our judgment it is more valuable held in this way than in less sums. We have not been able to fix a value upon the shares of stock undisposed of,

which, in the peculiar and exceptional conditions growing out of the litigation concerning the interest of Wm. Means in the estate, could form a just or equitable basis for

distribution of stocks in kind. *Under all the circumstances we submit whether, having exercised all diligence and proper effort to make sale of the stocks within three years, and having failed to do so, we should not continue our efforts with an enlargement of time within which to make sales thereof.*

As appears from reports on file we have distributed \$67,230.00 to each of four legatees, John Means, Mary A. Adams Margaret A. Means and Robert Peebles, Trustee of Thomas M. Culbertson. To William Means, legatee \$136,035.75.

We have distributed and have in hand proceeds and sale value of every item of property contained in inventory we have been able to convert into cash. We have no further available resources for income or expenses except by sale of the stocks mentioned in item 1 of this report. In view of the pending litigation referred to, and of the suit now pending in the Boyd Circuit Court, of the Metropolitan National Bank of Cincinnati against Wm. Means, and in which we have been made defendants as garnishees, we deem it an act of ordinary business prudence not further to distribute the cash in our hands. And that it be held in balance without interest to answer the further requirements of the unadministered trust in our hands.

We therefore ask that this as matter of special report be filed with report this day submitted, and that the matter thereof be treated as subject to exception by any party in interest, and, if unexcepted to, that our acts in the premises have the sanction and approval of this Honorable Court July 24th, 1893.

*Thomas M. Adams and
E. C. Means, administrators
with annexed of Thomas H. Means, dec'd.*

to Athens that same day - but which we thought we could
not well do - they accordingly went on & we followed at
our usual gait. But what was our surprise on passing
Berbs to find their carriage drawn up in front of the
gent's patiently awaiting our arrival - but on signifying
our intention to proceed they scrambled ^{up} again into
their go cart and drove off in such a hurry that I
forgot his name - (which he enforced ~~him~~ by promising to
accompany it on our return) proceeded some distance
& found we had lost our whip - felt distressed but
made a plan to recover it by proceeding that day
to Athens - Arrived at Mullus at Six - found Lor & Tim
already arrived - very glad to see each other - brood
a nice supper - amused ourselves meanwhile by
washing our hands & faces - throwing water & sponges
at each other - combing hair &c - partook of the
repast - Tim asked a blessing - we all giggled when
he had finished - ~~found~~ he felt heat but hope not
thanked up to start off - found Barney had the
thumps - deliberated some time whether to go or
not to go - finally concluded to go - & I took my
seat along with Lor & Tim - where I enjoyed my
self exceedingly as was afterwards quite glad I
did so, as I found that Pres declared the girls all
the way in - & made them walk up all the hills
they came too - from which trouble I was
providentially relieved - found Lor very ^{pleasantly}
sang me several songs - "Piney Sarsent" & others -
interesting conversation - Tim - had the tooth ache

Red wing expecting to go on her
to St Louis - but she had not
time so we went to a restaurant
for dinner - went ~~to~~ back to
Marys again & came down at
6 - but still no boat then took
a ride on the river on the hill
then to get a view of the ~~town~~
City - after waiting till 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ the
boat finally came bode our friends
Lanell & started on her - Had
a pleasant visit - Nephew James
& Mary did all in their power
to make our visit agreeable -
he must have spent at least
fifteen dollars in carriage hire
for our benefit - then loaded us
down with oranges plums pears &
nuts to eat on the way - Mary had
no job which was a great
sorrow to her - her girl having
gone home to harvest - She seems
to be perfectly happy in her Cottage
home - He had great difficulty
in getting a good State room Cabin
near leaving the boat - but
finally succeeded in getting a good
room

The scenery on the Upper Mississippi is
much finer than on the Lower
high bluffs + hills almost mountains
in height + a great many pretty
islands - many pretty little towns
scattered at the foot of the hills - the
scenery Lake Pepin is very pretty -
The day being so warm on the boat +
magnolias so plenty we concluded to
leave at Prairie du Chien - ^{a small place} - where we
spent the afternoon + then took the
cars for Milwaukee we left at 6. P. M.
+ reached Milwaukee at 3. A. M.
Came to the New Hall hotel a very
good one took a ride this morning
Saw many elegant residences. The
handsomest Mr. Mitchell's. which had
the largest Conservatory + more flowers
than any place I have seen - The houses
are built of a light colored brick called
Milwaukee brick - scarcely any stone
being used. + are not as handsome
as St. Paul Detroit + Minneapolis - though
still it is a pretty city - of the same
cities I think Detroit has the most
expensive + handsome stone residences
+ Minneapolis the finest common
School buildings -

I was obliged to be silent yet very sorry - but could not relieve him - stopped & repaired a broken bridge & then rode over it - Moon went down but stars & eyes still shone - For, got out one hell but soon got in again as he found an interesting young animal whose acquaintance he disliked cultivate at last ^{for felt the guards would} reached Athens & bid her good bye & bid farewell to Lin also & got into my own carriage reached Uncle Barker's house - Uncle Barker came to let us in but as he had no "overhauled" on was obliged to get behind the door - went in to Aunt's room & found her quite astonished at such a troop - Uncle Barker meanwhile rigged himself a light & then ^{Aunt} tucked up to bed - Slept finely, ^{in the morning} Lin ^{gallanted} us to lay out of her wits as she did not think of seeing us - In the afternoon attended an ~~address~~ ^{of the Beta Theta Pi society} - ~~in the course of the~~ ^{evening} received a farewell call from Lin & he had a real tear down - he was in fine spirits & Lin had recovered from his tooth ache - they stayed about an hour & then concluded to start off on their journey which Mr. Gills prepared amazingly, as being at such a time would have proved exceedingly valuable - shook hands & bade us a last farewell (breakfast) - In the afternoon attended a public meeting of the Beta Theta Pi society speeches very good - In the evening address to the society

Pres. Mc Guffey & Mr. Mitchell - ^{Exquisite Sermon} Wednesday, attended
Commencement - very much pleased. Speeches
very good & well committed ^{no prompting} - Speakers
all sat on the stage - Much disappointed because
Con Goddard did not speak - He is a very handsome
young man - (which quality few of the Athens young
men possess) In the afternoon after the meeting was
over went to call on Sarah Goddard - Staid
about an hour - saw George & Betty & Alice, I
had a pleasant call - Sarah the same as usual & George
a real quiet - In the evening heard a speech from Mr
bles - which was very good - Returned rather
fatigued - Thursday - Awoke with an expectation of
visiting an earthly Paradise in the shape of George
Putnam's farm as an early hour started - Road
horrible - I thought we would never get there - Road
fell - finally after wandering through the slough of
despond & valley of any bones - reached a log house
which we were told was the place - Laughed in our
stems considerable - amused ourselves by talking & reading
till dinner time - ^{most staid & therefore steeped}
^{our loves amazingly} - a fine dinner & we did it ample
justice in the ^{afternoon} ^{dragged out the time till it}
was late enough to leave ^{unable} ^{to find ourselves}
"homeward bound" again - all concluded we would
live a life of single blessedness rather than live in
such a place with such a companion -

Came home quite contented - found that eight
gentlemen & the ladies had called - Come to invite
us to a walking party - were quite disappointed -
However felt what could not be cured must be
endured - & ~~to the~~ & had deliberated till a
late hour about the office their husbands should
hold - concluded they should be ministers - I made
no such arrangements - finally went to sleep -
Friday -

In the morning Lucia ourselves in making cake &c for
Grandma's "Swassy" & in the afternoon attended it - Had
a tearing fine time - Splendid sponge cake, ginger bread
bread & butter, tongue, ham, Apple sauce, sweet apples,
blackberries, &c, &c. constituted the entertainment - The
table was a sight that would make the mouth of
an opium eater!! The party passed off well & the
company after a three o'clock reel departed -
Had a call from Rip Hoffman & his Lewis - Cousin Rip
is a tearing nice fellow - but unfortunately is
engaged!!!! - After supper the one wheeled buggy
was produced & most of the company took a ride
which caused such peals of merriment as to astonish
the natives greatly - in the evening we had a call
from Mr. Parker who was as dull as a log & from Mr
Johnson with whom we were much better pleased
to find him very lively & nearly killed ourselves
laughing at nothing in particular! - It rained consid-
erably in the course of the evening - which made the
air very agreeably cool - Saturday - In the morning
took a lunch with Grandma - & in the afternoon called
on Miss Dana - (a most agreeable & talkative young lady)

the Misses Pratt - when we nearly killed ourselves laugh-
ing at Mr. Pratt who discoursed (without hardly stop-
ping to take breath) on himself & how he used to sing
we then called on Miss Pickers (a relative of Bart
Shipman's) the Miss Curriers & Miss Perkins - & then
went to Mr Constable's where we had been invited
to ~~take tea~~ spend the afternoon - we found them very
agreeable & spent a pleasant afternoon - had a good
supper & in the evening by the light of the moon
visited the College grounds they looked most beaut-
ifully & are arranged very tastefully - the summer
house was the finest I have ever seen - After
preambulating around we returned to Mr P's
& after some music went home - we then
found that Mr Lusk & Corbana had been
waiting all the evening to see us & had just gone
home - we were of course quite sorry - & regretted
as much B thought Cor would be just the fellow
for me & therefore I felt a curiosity to take a
quintessence of his Sunday -

Methodist Church & heard an old bawler squall
out a sermon at the highest pitch of his voice on
Gal. 3:6 - there were hardly 3 ideas in it - but
these were stretched & repeated till they formed
a long discourse - we saw a great many funny
looking people & returned home not much
profited - In the afternoon attended Episcopal Church
in the Court house - we were all dressed to death (1)
& on coming into the Court house found the chaff &
bran several inches thick all over the floor & I
add jumped up at the beginning of the service
but as the rest did not take the hint - she stood

alone which ~~was a~~ ^{was a} ~~danger~~ ^{danger} ~~consequence~~ ^{consequence} two or three others stood up & read
the service ^{but finally} ~~with~~ ^{with} Psalms. staid. The time for the first hymn
& the second had to be hurried as it was not in the most
of the hymn books. The Townsend is a very unimpressive
ing speaker - & I was quite glad ~~to get through~~ ^{to get through} & concluded
that if I could only get home again into my own church
I would be well satisfied. ^{After} After I got to Uncle
we had a long argument on the last judgment - &
Auntie advanced the idea of male & female angels
& that the saints will be male & female the beautiful
as they are on earth - I did not agree with her - &
mean to inquire into it farther -
This morning arose early ^{Monday} -
& at an early hour rode on our way - we were all in
fine spirits & stopped at Millers & watered the horse &
Pres regained his gloves & at Peles & got Lewis came
when we were within 3 or 4 miles of Parisin Charles's
we were astonished to find the carriage suddenly
fall over ^{on one side} as if we had rode into a deep gutter - we all
scrambled out & Lo! there was ~~one~~ of the back wheels
broken & bent under! there we were in the woods
with a carriage on 3 wheels! what to do we could not
tell - but in spite of all we could not help laughing our
lives nearly into fits at the ridiculous appearance we
made - ~~After trying in vain to advance~~ ^{After trying in vain to advance} we
lives Pres started off for assistance - & pretty soon back
he came with Mr Davis - who soon regulated the
difficulty by taking off the broken wheel & putting
the rail in its place! We then concluded to travel
to Mr. Humphrey's ^{where Mr. Davis} (half a mile distant) -
we could get a buggy & go the remaining miles - we
Happily accordingly started & Pres rode on the rail till
we reached there - we ~~had~~ ^{had} some of walking the rest of

way but by the time
best we started & then we reached Mr Ho were glad to slip
long, lean, hairy necked fellows - Mr Ho was kind
enough to drive us down - we jumped around & measey
jolted our lives out - talked about all we could think of
up & finally to our great joy reached Hoping Port
found our friends very glad to see us, had fine appetites
& were all up all before us
mouth refreshed & amused Tuesday night in the mess
by reading the rest of the time in listening to Pies' brook's
up - after tea we all took a ride on Barney - one
at a time! I jolted myself nearly to death - rubbed
the skin of my hands but however did not mind
it much after our return we went into the store & were
all weighed - in the evening told anecdotes & had a grand
time - Wednesday - awoke with the important question before
us whether to go or not to go for the ^{not} Boothville for the wheels
finally concluded to go - & accordingly after breakfast all mounted
the great waggon or "Sam Cowin Puggy" in company with a
panel - 2 bags of wheat, ^{a saddle} for Mrs Brook drove & five girls pile
up the stuff to space - we shouted & screamed when she
reached the woods in a manner truly astonishing! &
finally reached the greatness of - we dismounted at the mill
& all went in to be ground over!! were weighed again -
& weighed 106 - 2 pounds less than I did the day before -
after capering about a while we remounted - galloped off
after the wheels - put them in behind - went in to get Pralps
which the saddle was mending & then took in a great bag
of rolls & the finished saddle & started for Hacking Port
we reached that 11 - almost jolted to death & after a
slight dinner we got into our own carriage (with a
saddle like a ^{fine} cradle in companion with the buggy) &
started for Madistion - nothing in particular & glad
in our journey - we reached Madistion at that point
Prak - Less found the folks all glad to see us - like me
went to the hooks - laughing so heartily because she was
so tickled - since my about had heard of nothing else
but our adventures & she had to come in & see
reported to them like I have to come in & see
that I don't know hardly what to do

Yokohama, Japan.

Oct. 8, 1893.

My dear Ruby & Cora -

In purchasing stationery at a Japanese shop we told them we wanted the kind the Japanese used & this is what they gave us. Mollie & I got about the sticks in perfect safety & so far have not had a single insect. Yesterday afternoon we took the kind of shopping, & went into any old Japanese in shops where we always found one who could speak broken English. The money is as easy to learn as one's & nearly every one will know how to come in English & after talking about in their Japanese shops - which resemble the houses at home - concluded as the day was fast to take a ride upon returning - so we asked the proprietor of one of the shops to engage the earliest who were going at six o'clock from the shore, & to tell them to take us back in an hour to the bluff, then back to the hotel - to which they agreed at 10 o'clock. So we took our seats back in a fourth class jinrikisha, the wheel placing himself well between the shafts & off they trotted - like little ponies - across the low bridge from our queer bridge on Naura & all the way to the bridge our coolies called a packed pile of fire wood & our coolies cautiously passed them before starting off again. A cheer from the bluff is given in the town to the good-bye from Sacama. After riding about an hour we said, "Cut out!" & motioned to the driver to pass. This gesture in their language meant they would take us home by the way & so they did, but it was a long way. Sakami & a crowd of 60 or 70 people, with their edge, & giving us a fine view of Misaki Bay where Commodore Perry anchored in 1858, & passing farm houses in picturesque & the very ferns like miniature Hawaii - we could believe they were in the stage garden - in fine time at home - the veritable hills of some - with

rows of white violets. Putting gaudy red
all Decorative. All this distance our little
coolies kept up an almost continuous trot, & we
were delighted with all we saw in spite of the fear
that they might be running a race with us
but felt reassured by another - Americans &
English now thru in carriages - Just fancy
riding six miles in baby carriages - but we
were not very when half past five o'clock
found you - delighting in front of our
Hotel again, where we paid our coolies 30¢
apiece - the fare being 25¢ but we gave
them five cents more for which they bowed
themselves to the ground. All Japanese
make such low bows - that I feel as if
I were a prince. Mollie & I are having shoes
made at a little shop whose proprietor spent
several years in England & 3 in San Francisco
one took him our baby shoes costing \$9.00
& he is making ours very similar for \$4.25
the same materials if not better & hand
made. It is wonderful how they can imitate
Judge Hunt is having a suit of clothes made
for \$18.00 of the same material he paid
\$60.00 for in America. They take his suit &
make him in just like it. Just a
minute of the gentleman who came in our
Shama Chan had suit made. It is the same
with ladies' clothes. My Chinese and Japanese.
Today I attended winter services at a church near
here. I must have come alone, the distance being
about as far as the Ashland Baptist Church from
our old home. The church was large & well
filled - principally Americans - with American
minister a preacher. We had to get Passports
from our Consul here. To visit the interior, I
would like to and some time but it must be
returned to Consul before we leave for good. It
is in Japanese with translation in the back -
Oct. 17th. Mollie has given such a minute de-
scription of our journey to Takko & Lake Ching-
enji & I have written it to Charlie - so with
Pepin on Wednesday the ^{day after our} return from
the Lake. When we awoke lame & stiff
after our jobbing of the day before. break-
fasted at 7.30 - on good ^{fresh} ~~fresh~~ ^{stake} ~~stake~~, pota-
toes, eggs, straw berry jam & coffee - &
on leaving the dining room found the
hall filled with merchants & their
wares. Mollie & the judge invested in
several pairs of fur stiffs. The former
says she got one pair for Tom & anar
when she got up to cover little

Mary - I tell her that at the spa she
is getting home little Mary will be
old enough to love her self & him too
before the slippers arrive. Time o'clock
found us slowly wending our way to the
great temple & tomb of Jygyasen. de
scribed on page 40. (see book sent to
Sam from Tacoma), through a beautiful grove
of Euphorbia trees. After exhausting our
enthusiasm over the exterior of the temple
we approached the entrance & sat down
on the floor side for our guides to attend
to find the canvas stockings over our shoes but
the priest coming up said, "No" we must
first remove our shoes which we were
afraid to do owing to the great heat in
cold & damp & took up for granted
that the floor would be hot. We
turned reluctantly away
consulted our robes by passing at
the door of a smaller temple to watch the pe-
culiar dance of a dancing priestess of six
years of age and in a sun-like head
dressed of white muslin & a loose white garment
who stole over a high red pithood. She
danced, sang, walked, recited a few steps
this way & a few steps that way, gave for
each change & shakes a sort of baby rattle in
fan - after which she resumes her read, some she
read to the mass. We then climb the low
stone wall to the tomb of Jygyasen. passing
through a gate way one which is carved in
wood a slaps in with said to wish when
rain is coming & great fame.
The tomb is of bronze but I do not
know you will notice of the old
representations of the gods. In leaving
the temple we passed by a sacred bird in
on the famous sacred bird in
built of wood & covered with red
lagner & hard polished & is kept closed
& no one is ever permitted to enter it
except the Emperor or his wife
to pay the highest tribute
to Gen. v. s. Grant. The
the barrier to bridge to be removed
that Grant might walk across the
Gen. Grant refused that it should
suffer a desecration of his
sanctity. Near the bridge Mother & Mrs. Grant
spiced a small shop containing pretty com-
mons for sale & turning their backs on
the great bridge may soon be
the arrival for byes & etc. -

but we were in Japanese money - while the
judge & the judge's court related the sacred
bridge - but even the judge was finally
tempted into ^{giving} us in a small box,
to which he put ^{could} his use that I could
see. He then dropped our money value back
to the hotel having seen from our feet in
3 hours & were glad to see the rain come
down in torrents as it furnished us an
excuse for staying at home the rest of
the day. If you see Mollie's description of
the day upon you will not wonder at
our fatigue. After a good luncheon & part
contest we were entertained as usual by
a lot of merchants with their curios, who
were only too glad to display them & we
did not get in the least subjected
from insects. Before going to the temple &
Bent of Jyemisan. I had the guide cut
some rolls out of thick paper & put in
the canvas stocking which we put on
before going into the temple & did not
feel the cold in the least. Coming to the
campfire & almost constant rain we
since we landed. Poor Mollie has suf-
fered very much with rheumatism & had
she consented I would have returned by
next steamer to America. This is the best
season a time for it & usually the
weather is very fine. But we have a
only a day's delay now & then.

Oct. 18. You will probably not be surprised
to hear that we have concluded to go round
the world. To go with Cook's party would
cost two thousand ^{and} \$300. per ^{each} - via San
Cruz. While we are so far on our way
& going alone will be able to get tickets
from here to New York via China, India
& Genoa for \$340 ^{each} in U.S. gold - & the
Canadian Pacific will refund. The \$1000 on
our return tickets, which are \$300. per
vacation & back or \$200 one way. We have
just been to see a German physician, who
whether it would be better for Mollie
return to America or go up the Nile &
he advised the latter. & the sooner we
left here the better as Japan is over-
& low. So we shall probably leave
here the 31st and via Express of India
for Hong Kong arriving there Nov. 4th &
leave there on the 9th on "Nord-
Deutscher Lloyd" for Colombo via
Hong Kong (2 days) & Singapore arriving

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E. C. Means, Esq.

Ashland, Ky.

My Dear Sir:---

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th. requesting that you be relieved from service as an appraiser in the case of Woodward against The Great Western Mining & Manufacturing Company.

I think that you have exaggerated the amount of time that it will take you to perform the service. Correspondence with the other two gentlemen appointed makes me think that it would be convenient for them to meet you at Ashland on the morning of the 10th. of November whence you can go at once to the premises of the Mining Company by the Chatteroi road and I should think you might complete the appraisement by Saturday night. The reports of the Receiver as to the production of the mine and such other data as you desire can be furnished to you before the date fixed for your meeting, so you may be prepared to act promptly when you reach the mine and have examined the premises.

I hope you will not insist upon declining because it is difficult for me to select appraisers with my limited acquaintance of gentlemen engaged in coal mining.

E.C.Means, Esq. 2

I will direct the Receiver to communicate with you further on the subject so as to confirm my suggestion as to the place and time of meeting.

Very truly Yours,

James N. Taft.