

instances our late Teddy.

May I ask what you enjoy as recreation? Probably you are a student of books as well as of the current events of the day? I love to read myself.

What is your opinion of the "Peace Proposition" and our President's share in its making? Are you broadly speaking a Democrat, Republican or Progressive?

May 31, 1919.

Dear Mr. Railey:-

Judging from the contents of your letters you must indeed be a very busy gentleman. Tomorrow is June - a beautiful month, when all nature is clothed in her freshest green garment. I would enjoy seeing a crop of tobacco - your state raises

approximately half of the tobacco crop
of our country. Cigars are expensive these
days I'm regard to your ginseng gardens,
how many acres are planted to ginseng?

I believe it is all exported to China.
Does it really possess medical qualities
or is that an ancient Chinese
superstition?

Enjoyed a nice boat outing
yesterday to Muscatine, Iowa. I
decided to benefit from a miserable
attack of the la grippe by a restful
outing - so left my car in the garage.
Do you own a car - or do you
care for motoring - or are you an
enthusiast along mechanical lines?
If in the affirmative, probably you
are interested in the aerial oceanic
trips of late issue - or today's
Indianapolis Races - three were killed.
How daring and foolish some men
are - but probably it is man's
nature to love adventure - for

We expect to motor to
Atkinson, Ill soon - also Chicago.
I think Mother will accompany
me on my trip to Kansas City
about the middle of June. We
may stop at Excelsior Springs
Mo. for awhile as Mother's
lady friend and a girl friend
of mine and her husband (a lawyer)
are spending several months
there - a repetition of their
trip last spring.

Our house is elevated

on a terrace and we have such a fine view of the river - illuminated at night is a pretty scene - The lights of the autos crossing the Government Bridge from Davenport to Rock Island. The breeze in summer is much cooler than those locations on a level.

I have resigned so I expect to be free from a hot summer's work. My resignation is supposed to take effect June 15th - just previous to my trip to Kansas City.

Do excuse poor attempt at the office at noon and such a pen. (?)

Do wish it was possible for us to meet "Face to Face" soon.

Write soon, please.

Trusting your Mother is now convalescent and that you too are well and happy.

Very sincerely,

Davenport, Ia.
Box 241.

Ethel L.

Emberlorn Ky

May 2 1919

Mr W J Fordrush to Mr Jallabeys.
I thought I would drop
you a few lines this letter
is all well and hope this
will find you all well
well Mr Raley how are
you get along with your
sang and golden seal
garden I have four pound
of each sang and gold seal
it is dry as it will be
and will you by it you
have been a dealer longer
than I have you know where
to send it to better than I
do we are so busy in our
crop that we have no time
to come up there to see
you about it

i have got a nice Bunch
of each kind and as i told
i have got four pound
each and it is Ready to
ship any time and
write me and tell me where
you want to Buy it are
not i will tell you that it is
all Banded But it do hurt
the looks of it if you want
to deal with me write me
your pris. if you want
to deal with me i will close
For this time answer soon
From W J Lowfish

Mr Bailey this sary is
cultivated and gold seal to

Portland Hotel

Yankton, S. D., April 2nd 1919

My dear Friend: -

I wrote you from Denver, Colo. but as I have not been staying very long in any of the towns I worked, possibly that accounts for me not getting a reply to my letter at Kearney, Neb. as I told you that you could write me there - It is useless for me to ~~of~~ leave a forwarding address as they pay no attention to a forwarding address whatever at the Post offices. The service the public receive at the present time at the Postoffice Telegraph offices and Express companies is enough to run them mad and to write to

Portland Hotel

Yankton, S. D., 1919

Washington D.C., you get about as much satisfaction as if you had sent your letter to the bottom of the sea. I am absolutely disgusted, and I have never in all my life seen so much dissatisfaction throughout the country.

I will have to work Mitchell Huron, Redfield ~~North~~ South Dakota before I reach Aberdeen S. Dak. I will reach Aberdeen between the 12th & 15th of this month & if you send a letter there perhaps I will receive it, but I doubt it, as I do not know whether you are receiving my letter or not, but I never get any of them back - so you must be receiving them.

Portland Hotel

Yankton, S. D.,

1919

How are things in Old Kentucky?
You had better make up your mind to
run up to Minneapolis on a
little visit before the crop season
sets in. A little vacation
would be beneficial to you, and
Minneapolis is a fine city - you
would enjoy it - I expect to be
all settled there by the first of
May and we could take in
all the places of amusements.

Now you must write me a
long letter & tell me every thing
providing you get this letter
I am.

Your friend
address me G. Patts
% General Delivery
Aberdeen, South Dakota



G. Potts
To Gen Del
Aberdeen, S. Dak.

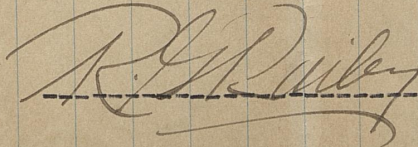
Mr. R. G. Raily
Forkton
Ky.

Tompkinsville, Ky., March 18th, 1919.

\$20.00

Six months after date we promise to pay ^{to the order of} the Peoples Bank of
Tompkinsville, Tompkinsville, Ky., the sum of Twenty-Dollars for
value received. This Note bears interest at legal rate till paid.

-----Principal



-----Surety.

R. E. SEAY
EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL
BOOKKEEPING AND ACCOUNTING
COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

3205 Fort Boulevard,
El Paso, Texas,
March 12, 1919.

Mr. R. G. Railey,
Tompkinsville, Kentucky.

My dear Friend:

With all sincerity of purpose I am writing to ask of you a special favor. I would like to know at the next election that the state of my nativity had one of the best governors of any state in the union. Regardless of political views, I believe you have the same desire. I am asking you to use your influence for a man, who was born in humble surroundings among the sandhills of Kentucky, was trained in every hard-ship known in the experience of a poor boy, and has earnestly worked for twenty-six years with the great common people to educate their boys and girls. He never turned down one out of the thousands of those who made a request for assistance.


Do you not want a man for governor who is making no promises to office seekers or any political combine, who is for economy and efficiency in state government and who will use the ax on useless jobs, less talk and more work?

Would you like to have better rural schools, better roads and the potential resources conserved? Would you like to see manufacturing, farming, and labor in all of its forms encouraged and to leave to our posterity fields of alfalfa, wheat and bluegrass instead of sumac, greenbriars and sedgegrass?

I know you will endorse the character and principles of this man. As a very special favor to me, notwithstanding the request coming from away down on the Rio Grande, won't you write Dr. H. H. Cherry of Bowling Green, stating you will support him. Any information, advice or encouragement you may give him in regard to the election will be appreciated by him.

Thanking you in advance for whatever you may do to further Dr. Cherry's interest, and requesting you to write me when you have an opportunity to do so, I am, with all good wishes for your unbounded success and happiness,

Your friend,



RES:CBO

Lewisburg, Ky.

March 12 1841.

Mr. Randall Green,
Fork Top, Ky.
Unknown Friend:

Having read
your description in the
Correspondent, and liked
it very much.

It will give
me very great pleasure
to correspond with you,
as you desire to form
^{through} the medium of corresp-
ondence the acquaint-
ance of a refined and
cultured lady mat-

invariably inclined.
I am a country girl,
age 24 yrs, height 5 ft -
3 in., weight 110 lbs., have
light brown hair, blue
eyes and real fair com-
plexion, dress neat
and stylish, go in the
best of company, and
have been taught from
early childhood to up-
hold my good name
and character.

I have a
splendid education
and live with my
widow mother, my

father died last
year, and my youngest
brother superintends
our farm.

I shall be glad
to exchange photos with
you, if you wish
to correspond with me
will send you photo
in next letter.

Will not
detain you longer
with hopes of hear-
ing from you soon

Sincerely
Carey Arnold.

P. O. Box 16.

early growth. Several years elapsed after planting (I believe) until there is any income. Since I have never heard of results, Under separate cover by registered mail I am forwarding you my photograph this condition that you will return it within a few days; as it is the only one I have at present. In order to have more finished I must have this one to show the photographer. If you should be interested, I will gladly forward you another, as soon as I can secure the duplicate. Haven't you another photo I can set if I return it by return mail?

Awaiting your reply,
Ethel M. Lowry

Box 241.

Mr. R. G. Railey,
Fulton, Ky.
Dear Mr. Railey:-

Davenport, Iowa.
March 11, 1919.

Your interesting reply received a few days ago. Judging from your biography you have indeed been a very busy public man. May I again ask what is your age?

And how and why did you happen to accept this method of knowing - "her"?

I thought it strange you did not personally sign your name personally instead of typewriting same?

In reference to myself, - I am a member of the "First Presbyterian Church" here. Take interest in Young Ladies Clubs Y. W. C. A etc. Am quite philosophical and enjoy books pertaining thereto. Did so enjoy my psychology, ethics and economics while in College.

You will find enclosed a kodak view of myself - The car is my new Dodge Sedan. I previously owned a Buick roadster. Am an expert driver. Have been in business life through choice not necessity. Will inherit some.

May I ask what is the population of Forkton and Tompkinsville - are they adjoining towns?

Several years ago, I heard about ginseng - I believe it needed much care and protection during

From:-
Davenport, Iowa - Box 241.

Picture sent.



Mr. R. G. Railey
Forkton, Ky.

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Ans. & picture
returned 4/5/1911
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Anthony Florida

March 9, 1919

Mr. R. & P. Alley

Fockton Ky.

Kind Sir:- and dear
old schoolmate, I will
write you a few lines again

This leaves us all well
all but Mrs. Bushong,
she's in the hospital at

Ocala, Fla. she has
bing trouble well R. G.
the judge at Manchester

Tenn. sent for me to
come back there and
I went back. and ever
thing was thrown

out of court. I beat every
suit which come up in
court. I sold the farm
we both signed the
deed. and then we left
for Florida. I have not
heard from you for
some time. I wrote to
you asking you to look
after that Evans matter

But did not hear from
you regards to it. I have
never heard from Suther's
folks since I left there

Has everybody had the
"flu" up there with you.

Did Suther's folks have
the ^{cup} ²¹ When is John
and what is hea doing.

Do you folks ever hear
from sister Etta. How
is Rad's folks and do you
ever see any thing of them.

How is your fathers
family. When you see
Parker Murphy tell him
that I am still on the
pike. Well R. G. I have
bought a farm in Florida

Our garden and potatoes
and corn is all growing
fine. I have never saw
ice but once science.

I left Fern. And that was about as thick as paper. R. S. have they sold the old farm or what has become of it.

Did Jake deed his part to Etta or do you know?

Well R. S. I live 92 miles south of Jacksonville Fla. And it is just 53 miles south to Tampa. right

on the Jacksonville and S. F. Petersburg highway.

It is the finest road I ever saw. It's a hard road and perfectly white.

Our house is just three
blocks from the depot.
The Seaboard Air. Line
R. R. Well R. G. this
is all for this time. Now
is O. M. hoping to hear
from you by return mail.

R. G. after all the trouble
and the money that was
spent you can't tell that
they was ever anything
wrong. I often think of the
time that you and I sat
on them plank and spent
the time together. Now
we are a long ways apart.

Do you suppose that
we will ever meet again

Here is hoping that we
do. Set me hear from you
by return mail. Tell

Suthey's folks to write me
at Anthony Florida.

R. G. if you and I had
our school days to live
over. We would know
more than we do. Hope
this will find you well
I beg to remain with best
wishes to you.

Yours. Respectfully
A. M. Burchong

Come over and see us soon as you
can they tell me the roads are bad
you know we always say that
to a June as they have been this long
before. Mrs Davis sends regards
to you. hope you are well the fall is
not so bad here hope none of you
will have it we are trying our best
not to have it. Dr. Symkeson has come
back to Glasgow we stricken with
paralysis is real sick Mrs say soon
she had to in a bad fix. hope to see
you real soon and have a long talk
with you. You same old chum & friend
P. W. Davis.

Glasgow Ky.
Feb 17 1919

Mr R. S. Railey

My dear old chum & friend
this leaves Mrs Davis some
better. Pauline had to come
home & is still here will go
back this week. I guess if
her mother is able for her to
leave I am busy as now
we have a part of our house
rented out only five
families live there. Know
I never saw as much cry
for houses in my life some
one has most every day to
rent some rooms

we know have a part of ours rented
for about \$2000 beside we live here
our selves and I use the barn,
but when you have sickness it
takes money. I am sending you
a note to sign with me again I
didnt get to pay any on it Mrs
Davis being sick and spending
so much it is \$125.00 you remember
please sign and return.

Tabacco is bringing a good price
so they say I dont have time to
see much myself to day has
been County Court big crowd in
town too.

soon as Mrs Davis gets able she
is going over to see her mother
and you go out there if you can
Pauline said tell you she was
doing fine said she wished you
could see her Grade Cards. she
had a position offered her in Union
Col - but we didnt want her to
take it it was too far away from
home and then we wanted her to
finish school any way though
it was best for her.



1919
Green City Mo Aug 25

My Dear Lewis in Lee after
so long a time I will write you
a few lines I have just got
back from a long trip from
North Dakota I took a Carload
of mules & Horses for this man
Darn with him & I brought
a Carload of fine Cattle back
& I stoped & taken in the St.
Fair at Sedalia & I just arrived
here this week I am doing some
work for a man that owns
three thousand acres of land
& I am out in the Country
6 miles from a little town
called Green City Mo just a

five miles from the Dowling
 how is every body & how is my
 Dear old Aunt a getting along
 I hope all OK & how is the same
 & you a getting along with the
 Chapline Estate now Lee I want
 you to look after my business
 just the same as if it was your
 ownen & you address your
 letter to this place Green City Mo
 & let me know how everything
 is a doing & did you go to
 N Y & if so let me know what
 you done well I have been seven
 miles since I left old Ky I
 crossed India Ill Kansas &
 Missouri & Iowa Minnesota
 & South Dakota & I have seen

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Some beautiful country
you tell Aunt Lizzie that I
stopped off as I came back
from the North in my old town
Blakesburg & I went to see my
Grand Pa & Grand Ma & Janet's
Graves & I found them in very
bad shape but I got a man to
help me & I repaired them the
best that I could & I hunted
up my Mother's grave & I had
a hard time to find it but
I finally succeeded in doing so
& I having a concrete sidewalk
all around it so that nothing
but a cyclone will move it I will
close this by giving my kindest
regards to all from the old timer
Dr J E Berner

Anthony Florida

July - 1919

Mr R. G. Railey.

Forkton Ky.

Old Friend, your welcome letter rec'd some days ago.

Now R. G. Why cant you come to Florida now this is a good

time to look at land and a number of buyers in from the north at present. there will be land to

sell in December but this is the best time to look at it and buy now.

because you will get this years crop and otherwise you will have to wait a year for it. Trees now

have oranges on. Some will get ready for market in Nov and on up through winter.

We like this Country & Climate.

have had several buyers for our place but have not sold. our Crops are good. we have had plenty of rain. I think you will like this Country and they sure have good roads here. on an average the Cars Pass our place every 30 min in the Day People from all parts of the U.S.

Dont Cost much here for fuel as it does not take much and not much clothing. Things are no higher here to buy than any where else.

Anyone Should like this Country because there is no mud.

I never seen as many Automobiles in a country as there is here. and you sure can get a sale for any thing you raise. And R. Y. when you and I was raised is sure a long ways from any where. Mud. Rocks of Hills well I note you say Luther Billingsly bought the old home place. for \$900. to my nation

it was well sold.

Yet it is a home for his family,
 But People that was raised or lived
 there all these lives think that old
 Monroe is the Garden Spot of the
 world. And P. M. Murphy has passed

away. I wish to be quite old. I hope
 enjoyed life as we all should.

R. G. - I do not know J. C. Bushong's
 address in K. C. - and I don't know
 unless Bettie knows where he is would
 be the only chance to find out. they
 did have his address. see them

R. G. I never have heard from Brothers
 folks since I left them. why I can
 not tell I have wrote them three letters.
 Do you ever see them.

We have had some very bad Luck
 since we have been here.

Our Baby Boy William took a Paim
 in his left knee seven weeks ago

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Monday or he has been in the
Hospital now six weeks. We were
there this morning. when the Drs
dressed his limb. You can see about
seven inches of the large Bone above his
knee. the Strippin on the Bone is all
gone. Now the Question is whether the
Bone is going to decay or not. and if it
Does his limb will have to be Amputated.
You have no doubt often heard of
White Swollen. The Doctors can not dress
his limb without putting him under
Ether. it is so Painful.

When did you see John and what
is he doing.

How are the Crops in general
in Monroe Co.

How is your Father & Mother
hope they are well. give them
our kindest regards.

Let me hear from you would have wrote
soon. dont wait like we have. Your old
Chum A. M. Brooke



Loose Item

A. M. Bushong
Anthony, Fla.

Florida letter from
longtime friend
paid

Mr. R. G. Railey

Forkton

Kentucky

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Washington
July 8, 1919.

Dear Lee:-

Received your letter and was mighty glad to get it even if it was a long time in getting here. Last Friday I went with a party to Norfolk and Newport News. We also went to Cape Henry and took a few salt water dips. We had a grand time; the only trouble was we had to get back Monday. If nothing happens I am going to

make Ruth a visit this^{2.}
summer. You know
she is in Wilmington
N. C. and she and her
husband almost live
on the ocean so guess
I will have a pretty good
time. Seems like I
can't save enough to
get home and back so
will have to take my
vacation out in short
trips. One of the girls
in our apt. left for
good this afternoon
and two more go by the
first of Aug. That means
we have to get out and
hunt some other girls
to take their places or
else give up our apt.

We have lots of fun
doing our cooking. We
have to cook every third
week and we can't spend
over ^{\$}18:00 on the eats and
it is like working a
Chinese puzzle to make
ends meet, but then we
enjoy it.

Have you taken
your vacations yet?

Oh yes I have wanted
to ask you every time I
have written and just
forget. What has become
of the Scales family?

Guess I had better get
back to work. I have
written three letters today
think that's the limit.

Write when you find time
Hope it will be sooner
than last time. Madge

L. M. MURRAY
REAL ESTATE
ROOM 5, HOLDER BLOCK
OCALA, FLORIDA

July 5th, 1919

Mr. Rowland G. Railey,
Forkton, Ky.

Dear sir:-

Your letter of June 28th, received, and I am glad you are coming to see the groves I wrote you about; but if you wait till the first of Dec. I have great doubts of your looking at these groves except as a visitor.

They are not likely to be in the market then as the cry for groves is insistent and the prospects for a big profit is looking up to the men who are investing in them.

The owner was in town the other day and I told him that I had written you, and I asked him if the prices were good still. He hesitated a moment and said yes they will hold for a short time; but I expect I will have to raise the price as the groves will have a big crop this year.

I will quote you a part of a letter from a real estate man in Tampa that I received yesterday. "There is ∇ quite a demand for Orange Groves, and if you will give me particulars of the 2-20 acres groves you have, such as number of trees, variety, number of boxes Etc, and best price, do this at once as I am anxious to make a ~~trade~~ deal for you." I had been writing him about a fishing club place on the gulf of 300 acres, with furnished 9 room house, and where there were oysters and the finest fishing in Florida, with 100 bearing orange, lemon and lime trees for \$5,500. and at end of my letter said I have 2 twenty acre groves for sale, have you a buyer? and you see what return mail did for me.

Hoping that you will not wait till December, but come see, buy and go back, and come later to work in those overalls, and leather leggins, I am

Yours truly

L. M. Murray

RETURN IN 5 DAYS TO
L. M. MURRAY
REAL ESTATE
OCALA, FLORIDA

Florida land

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Mr. Rowland G. Bailey,
Forkton,
Ky.

and sister with me now
seems lovely too without
them - x x x - I went out
Sunday afternoon to see
a friend who owns a
large chicken farm
Am very much interested
and may this fall go
into this kind business
with my son - he has
a bunch of very fine
rabbits now. I am
tired of office work
and in this could
be with my boys more

make
all
and
a
letter.
if you
write
soon
still
my
out
San Antonio, Tex.
July 2nd 1919.

Dear Mr Bailey:
Your letters both read
last evening - had been
such a long while
since had heard from
you. Feared you
had been a victim
of the "flee" or of
"Cupid" was real
mad with you when
you sent me a lot
of paper - a long while

since ^{and} did you write me a
word - 'twas then I decided
you had possibly married
and were too busy or too
slated - "and everything" to
write me any more -
No I have not married ^{and}
that is only half the story
But am not alone - have a
wonderful little man who is
helping me just lots and
two little boys who help me
too in many ways - Wish
you could see and know
my boys then you could
understand - Tom is a
real man is taller by a
several inches than I! I
have to tip-toe to kiss
him - he and Ef are now
in Henderson - so only
have my baby boy! (Douglas)

I told him of my meeting
you etc. - and that I
heard from you once
in a while - he asked
me if you had married
and then if you knew
I was a widow - I told
him that you knew
this but was too busy
to come to see me
or to write more
than once a year -
He then said some very
uncomplimentary things of
you & as now I expect you
soon - Thank you for the
sincerely - Mary Hargrave

maybe you don't care
to hear all this - ?
I am still cashier for
S.A. Public Service Co
have been here five
years now - like my
work and the workers
just fine -
wonder if you will
ever make up your
mind to come to
San Antonio - I don't
believe you ever will
I believe you would
enjoy a visit here, so

I will give you another invitation to come - by the way - I had a funny experience in April - I had a little breakdown - over work or strain on nerves was sick about six weeks so went home to my sister at Henderson for a rest - got real strong & well - weigh more than I have for a long while & every one says I look better - but this is not my story - a fellow got on the train at Kearne - where you once got off - the train was crowded my baby boy was with me he sat near us ^{he began} talking to Douglas & then to me - we had several mutual friends - he was a very interesting talker - I learned he was from Lexington Ky - so

went down to Florida
also the territory south
of it.

I am expecting more infor-
mation later which I hope
to furnish you from time
to time. But I think there
will be more more impor-
tant - on definite than this
I have already given.

But of course you will
have to visit this place ~~and~~
and surrounding country
to decide upon a location
which suits your exact
purpose.

I see no reason why we
could not make success
there, I think it - an

Girard, La.,

June 24, 1919.

My dear Sweetheart:

Your letter of
24th ult. recd. and read
with great interest. I had
just dispatched you a
letter on the very day yours
came to me.

However, I would have
replied to you before now,
but have delayed to ob-
tain the information you
sought in regard to the

Florida at Fort Lauderdale,
and is in position to know
on hereof he speaks - "I there-
fore quote him - the best
of oranges, grape fruit pears
& etc, can be grown on the
East Coast anywhere below
Palm Beach. An account
of an occasional frost, I
would recommend that
no investment be made
north of Fort Lauderdale.

From this place (Fort Lau-
derdale) southward and
westward, oranges are
safe and perfect."

I would certainly include
Fort Lauderdale as one of the
places I visited when I

best orange growing locality
in Florida.

Hearing never visited Florida
and the Ga. friends to whom I
knew who were to reside
in that State I neglected
to keep up with their address,
it was a subject hard to
gain useful knowledge about
beyond our general geographi-
cal knowledge of that
State and her climate.

But at last I am coming
to you with some infor-
mation which I consider of im-
portance which I obtained
from one Mr. Wilson,
of Thomasville, Ga. who has
a winter home in

I am sorry to have been so long
writing you what I learned,
but I feel it will be of
benefit to you, and help you
to make your plans with
greater dispatch since you
through Mr. Eaton have found
out the best locality for orange
growing in Fla. I have
had at least a dozen letters,
but none as satisfactory as
what I have written you.

I would be glad to write a
longer letter - but want you to
have the information as soon
as possible and am anxious
to hear from you as to what
you think of it. The expense has
been perfect - so far, traveling
you are, will need to hear from
you soon. I'm all yours
C. J. D.

ideal project, an ideal
climate, in fact "where the
Oranges Blossoms grow"
has always held a fasci-
cination for me, and
a congenial couple, united
only always to please
the other, with a true
conception of the making
of an ideal home, and
life what it should be,
in such a climate, I
do not see why we could
not succeed and do
well, and spend the
remainder of our lives in
contentment, peace and
happiness.

I really do not know where
it is to be held but from
the above I do not quite
think October. In the mean-
time should I know it is to
be held some will let
you know.

Dr. Keeney's home situa-
ing one place is to be held
for some, or is for sale
rather, it is a splendid
place or all improved and
if the toll ^{or} it is not
such a loss as many regard
it, it would be a good invest-
ment. He died just before
Kear's last.

And after knowing where the
best range growing section
is you can accomplish and
arrive at a decision far
better, ^{by a variety} than by all the de-
scriptions in the world.
Since I will do as you ask,
continue to find out more
and more about it and
inform you.

The Confederate Quinine will
not be held at Saranac for
the reason that Saranac
wanted them for June
and many of the Vets
and Comdr. ^{and} officers
wanted it in October.

Cork, Ky.

Dec. 17 - 1919

Mr R. L. Railey

Dear Mr R. L.

I am writing you for help
dont feel that you will wear
me away. I will tell you
my story and see what you
have to say. The man that
is to move in the house
where Uncle Chess lives is
a whiskey dealer, a thief &
a gambler. We talked of moving
away from here when we
found out he was coming
there to live, but Grandpa
is so old and feeble he can
not move. I want to know
if you will lend me money
and take a note on the

the land to ~~stay~~ stand
good for the money if
you will let me have
the money will you give
me three years to pay for
it. will pay interest.
think I could have crop
enough made to pay for
it in two years to pay
for it but wanted plenty
time to pay for it so I
would not loose the land
Jesse Chess made a bout
fifteen hundred by him
self this year. the amount
I wanted to borrow is
Twenty five hundred will
you trust me with that
much. If you wont let
me have that much will

you let me have ~~One~~
One hundred and fifty
Dollars.

Don't think bad of me
for asking you for money
Don't tell any one about
me asking for money I
have not told any of my
people about writing

If you wont let me have
the money dont write
for I dont want any of
my people to know I wrote
you. I ~~was~~ took your advice
about the suit. I wrote you
I was only aieing to sue
for support of my poor
& wet baby.

Frances,

If I get the land will put ^{up}

a golden Seal garden just
as soon as I can
get it payed for and money
to put it up,
H.P.

Glasgow Ky
Nov 9, 1919

Mr R. S. Kaley
Forkton Ky

My Dear friend & chum R. S.
& have been aiming to write
you for some time in
regard to your Bailey negro
-you wrote me about & told
Mr Head to tell you and
he promised me he sure
would Mr Hodge who
married one Miss Ruby Hepp
of Sumner Shade Ky.
I am sure you have heard
of him has bought a farm
in Hardin County and
will give them all the places
ground they want to cultivate
and wants them had
you write him & told Mr
Head to tell you all this
but for fear he did not
care telling you too
I knew you knew him and
could tell you colored

folks about him he lives
out close to Summer
Shade. he told me he
would go out to your place
and see them. have lots to
tell you about your old
sweet heart miss Copass father
& could not afford to tell any
one else but will tell you
say come over and see us
looks like you might get off
a few days. Mrs Davis is
working in a store
had a letter from Pauline
she is teaching Short hand
& Typewriting in the B. W. at
Bowling Green said she was
going to teach last week -
this dont know if she will
teach any longer or not she
didnt say. said she liked it
fine. we want you to come
over come & stay a few days
any way with me reaper
& am going to look for you
Mrs Davis sends regards
from your same old friends
& them B. H. Davis

The Glasgow Republican

W. H. JONES, EDITOR

Glasgow, Kentucky

Nov. 8, 1919

My Dear Railey:

Some weeks ago, we had a letter from you, in which you enclosed a few news items. This arrived too late for that week's paper, and was rather ancient for the next. At the same time, you asked if we would like for you to give us some items from time to time. I was heels over head with work at the time, and laid your letter aside to answer when I had time, and you know how such things go with a busy man. yes, we'd be glad to have you give us items from your section, having in mind that items of public interest was wanted, and not let it trend into a chanel which would be looked upon as advertising. Shall be glad to furnish you the paper in exchange.

Sincerely Yours,

W. H. Jones

This is a very lively City -

Atlanta Ga.,

Oct. 8, 1919.

My dear Sweetheart :-

Just a few mo-
ments ago I reached the
City leaving my bed this
morning (at 9:30

I had awaited a letter
from you before leaving
home but was disap-
pointed upon not
getting it

have been well and I
could come.

And I am glad I did so
but of course disappoint-
ed in not finding
you here.

I recall you writing
me your mother was
very sick which may have
been reason I did not
hear before leaving home.
I will be here for a
few days - write me at
home with much affection,
Ely

I felt sure you would
come and wrote you
a second letter that I
would be here. So can
not see what has prevent-
ed you from coming
although I know that
at the last moment
some thing serious may
some time happen to
prevent us from carry-
ing out our plans.
But all the family

— 1919 —

216 E. Chestnut St.,
Louisville, Ky., Oct. 1.

Mr. R. G. Railey,
Forkton, Ky.

My dear R. G.,

I am greatly pleased to have your favor of Sept. 23rd. It brings back memories of bygone days. Others, especially Bije Counts, staying now in Louisville, have been telling me of your large success in life. It is a great gratification to me.

Yes, hereafter Kentucky will be my State, though perhaps for some years to come I shall be away from it most of the time. I may go East about the 1st of November, to be gone most or all the coming winter.

Mrs. P. and the rest of the family are near El Paso. She and I have not decided just when she will return to Kentucky, though probably some time within the next twelvemonth.

I thank you most heartily for the invitation to visit you. Few things would please me more. Such a pleasure within the next few months is not impossible.

I am mailing you a copy of The Herald, to give you some idea of my present activities. I am spending a part of my time in getting my philosophic scheme—a very big undertaking—through the press. It will require something like a year to bring forth the first volume, the others appearing more promptly thereafter. This is my life-work—the thing I have lived for.

With all sorts of good wishes, I am

Yours cordially,

R. L. P. P. P.

B. W. BRADBURN

MAX. B. HARLIN

BRADBURN & HARLIN
LAWYERS
TENTH STREET
BOWLING GREEN, KY.

Dear Emily:

Sunday - Sep. 28-19-

To say that the gift was highly appreciated hardly expresses my feelings. Of course I was surprised beyond measure as well as delighted and so was every body at home and in the office. It was of all gifts which might have been selected by you the most appreciated. Do you know that some months ago I had broken my watch and just at this time I was entirely out of a time piece?

R.H. many times I think of Missouri and the people over there - all of whom were so good to me and have always been my friends since I went there in 1895. That sounds like a long time - but it has passed quickly. Times have changed - people have died - many things have happened - some of which make me feel very sad - others make me happy - I like to stop and think of the days when I was there around the court house with you - Sherman Dow - Grainger - Joe Graves - Henry Courts - well if I should undertake to name them all it would take all day - when we used to sit out in the shade - that was in the days when J.O. Daniels adms. sued every body - and every body sued W.J. Bryant - in the days when Aunt Ret dispensed hospitality down on the

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crack below the old mill - in the days
when capt Raddy prosecuted the criminal
with a vengeance and squire Bartley
dispensed justice - to "stringy neck" for Kink
Bob and Tom Dick - in the days when
amusement was real like pouring a
few drops of "high life" on Grindstaff's
mule - and again on a quiet Sunday
afternoon when a bunch of us boys
drove Edgar Maxey's horse up stairs in
the office building on the corner and
had him to make a bow from the
porch up stairs - and in the days
when we tried a sore "up stairs" in the
same building - in the days when we
would some times have a scrap - but
that was nothing for a little scrapping
now and then was "relished by the
best of men" - well do I remember -
it was in the mid September when
two Dagoes brought a bear to town and
John Walden placed a few drops of
git a way on his southern extremity
and you know the rest

But I could go on in this way all day
 for to remember those deep bringings
 pleasures - more than I shall ever see
 again - to mind & living with the best
 people on earth & But I suppose that
 it is there now as every where else - things
 are going on the run - rushing - and
 much of the spirit of friendship has
 had to give away to cold business &

well I must stop - I have written
 these lines as the thoughts came to
 me when I began to answer your
 letter this morning while alone at the
 office & I would like to see you and
 be with you for a while - over there
 in snow - don't know when I will
 have an opportunity to come but
 hope to before long &

I hear you are making money in
 your business that is good & am glad
 to hear it - when you have a chance
 be sure to come to see me &

Thanking you from my whole
 heart and with kindest regards
 I am Hoplin

For years I have wanted to spend a year in Colorado teaching but always something prevented.

This year I thought my chance had come for sure when a friend came to stay with my mother for a year, but circumstances again interfered.

So when the director from one of the little country schools near here came to me and offered me extra good wages to come out there I accepted for the Fall term

I have five pupils. Quite a difference between this and Minneapolis, Minn. where I had

Thornton, Iowa.

Sept. 14 - 19.

Dear Mr. Railey;

I am glad that I have a friend way off in the dim distance somewhere, like you, to write to this evening.

I can safely tell you some of my inmost thoughts without fearing that you will tell the whole town.

Of course it might make it rather embarrassing to meet you face to face sometime, but that is so improbable that I'll not worry about it now.

(Wish I could find another pen)

I have been in one of my restless moods today, but for the sake of those around me I have had to appear as serene and calm as a May morn. Now, 10⁰⁰ o'clock, P. M. I am alone and I must do something to relieve myself. I wonder why it comes to me to write to you in my extremity. Is it because I have you pictured in my mind as a calm, controlled, even-tempered person? Tell me something about your environment and ordinary daily doings, so I will know where to put you in my minds picture of you.

As it is I have you sort of suspended in space. Rather uncomfortable position, isn't it?

You are truly a busy man with Oil, (you must have been born under a lucky star) ginseng, Golden Seal, Political affairs, Legal matters, Banking etc. to look after. If I had all that to do I would have to have at least seventy-two hours in each day.

I hope you take time occasionally for recreation or just thing you know you will be 51 years old instead of 51 years young.

Just lean over a minute
please and let me whisper
something in your ear.

You know - A friend in need, etc.
Well, I need diversion. A long
letter from you would help
a lot to break the monotony.

Sincerely,
Nathalis Phada.

Thanks for returning pictures.

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classes of from 30 to 35
coming in to me all day long.
or another place where I was
High School Prin. But I
get some enjoyment out of
it even tho' it is monotonous
sometimes. I am going to tell
you about my five little children.
I will begin with the baby. He
is a beginner and at first he
was so stubborn that it was
really amusing but is barely
getting over that. He has
beautiful deep blue eyes with
long black lashes. Then the
other little boy is eight years old.

He is just the finest little fellow you can imagine. I want to carress him every time I look at him. And when he looks up at me with those wonderful brown eyes of his and says "why"; which is quite characteristic of him, I almost forget to tell him why some times. Then his sister a year older is a beautiful little girl. Her special charm is dimples. I am afraid I sometimes fail to hear all she says while looking at the play of the dimples in her cheeks.

Their father is a Kentuckian (Is that spelled right? It looks strange on paper). Another little girl is extremely fat and has curly hair, interesting to look at too. Then last but not least is the little girl with the unusually bright mind, and the sweetest disposition. I wonder what she will be like when she grows up.

Now much longer do you think you can stand reading this kind of a letter. Don't get discouraged I will stop in the next page.

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Mr. R. J. Railey,
Forkton,
Kentucky.

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Thornton
Iowa.

***What! Kentucky
Asking Pointers
On Hospitality?***

A telegram was received today by Ralph Faxon, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, from the Chamber of Commerce of Louisville, Ky., asking for information as to how Des Moines entertained the president over Sunday.

The president will spend a Sunday in Louisville later in the month, the telegram said, and having heard of the satisfaction of the presidential party with the entertainment in Des Moines, the Kentuckians wished to copy the Iowa plan.