

Winnebago Nebraska

July 3d. 1871.

Friend Obedge

I hear by way of Benj's letter that you have arrived safely in Penfeld. I have been talking of writing you for more than a week but have procrastinated till now. Will endeavor to give you in brief a few of the leading events transpiring at Winnebago. Week before last we made the annuity payment. got through with it charmingly. the distributive share was \$100. Chief rec'd \$75. after making them \$85. there were a large number absent who will get nothing. those who rec'd their pay with a few exceptions paid 10% with a promptness and grace which would put to blush an equal number of white men. But Mac. is still far behind. all those he trusted who are now absent he has rec'd nothing for. which bills with the balance due him from the Chiefs &c. amount to between \$3000 & 4000. We went to Omaha a day or two after the payment and ret'd Sunday. drove up the Taylor horses which

one turning over to this Agency. I haven't seen
him since his return but guess he is pretty blue.
Col. M. has to day gone up to have a council to
see if the Inds. will take an issue of hunting.
How are you Shup? He has rec'd no word from
Deerman as yet about the subsistence fund but
expects to hear every day. as regards the contracts
you know as much as I do. Smiley hasn't delivered
any Beef or Flour as yet. expected some cattle to-
day. Clark was down and agreed to furnish flour
for Smiley at \$5 per Sack delivered and not a
red cent. Charis ret'd from his Elk hunt after
eight days had been accomplished with one
young Elk (a cow) which is growing nicely. last
week Charis and I and ~~three~~ other Indians
went out into the country west some 30 or 40
miles. we found one herd of Elk with three
young but they were so old that we could not
catch them. were gone five days. Killed two antelope
I lost my hat while chasing the Elk and was
two days in the hot sun without a hat. which
makes a sordid looking person than common. Am
getting a little over it now. Oh by the way how
did you and the Col. make it settling for the

Ponies. I never heard him say a word in
regard to it. Day before yesterday the Deputy Marshal
came up and arrested Baker and took to Omaha
to await a trial for retailing lumber without a
license. Chery is summonsed for witness, so the
Mill is stopped, don't know when they will be
back. Hope they will come for the Pork dealers for
their license. The Amenity Goods came last
week. The Col. with his usual business way com-
menced issuing them on the river bank the day
after their arrival but issued all the hardware
when the Invoices came by mail with instructions
not to issue any of the goods till further orders.
this made the Col. look sideways. have a nice
lot of blunkets, 400 pair. these are stored in the
new store house. Porter is still trading in the Shop
Vince Palmer tells me the Col. is to have him move into
the new store house soon - I haven't been into his store
since he opened. Maj. ^{and} Ben. made that wheat
arrangement, got it ground at the Mission Mill.
Col. came down to me \$30. out of the Amenity
Money. mine is the way no one else knows.
it. We gave Charli \$500. but I must close

I find no difficulty in finding enough to write
to you as I know just what will interest
you. Oh by the way did you think to get me
those strap hinges. if so they have not come to
hand. Capt Buron ^{and} Brother were down and staid
two nights with us. Charlie says he looked over
the lists of murders carefully for the week after your depart
ure to see if your little pistol had been used -

We have sung but little since your departure.
have no one to "help us on the Chorus" This you see
is hone Miss A. and I are not married as yet.

shut't be till the hot season is past. Bill G. sends
kind regards. Some of us miss you much
you of course know your friends. Mrs. M. ^{and} Charac
start East next Monday. write me and be full assured
that any confidence will not be betrayed. Will send you
the money coming from Clark as soon as turned over
to me. write soon and believe me

Your Friend

A. Potter

Winnebago Nebraska
August 5th 1847.

Friend Quincy G.

Your letter I received
last week: was truly glad to hear
from you. The books and things came
our mail earlier than your letter
and are just what I wanted. I am
under great obligations to you for your
trouble and expense of getting them - In accept-
ing them as a present I do so with many
thanks and hope to return the compliment
in some way before I depart. Weather
is fine not near as uncomfortable as
last summer. I think the locality of
our house has something to do with
it for there has scarcely been a time this
summer when we could not get a good
breeze from some quarter - I have just
completed and forwarded Lewis G's

Accts. Business Affairs are in the same
condition as when you left. No funds
except the Security Money having been
rec'd since that said day. G. D. Dunman
pays money for employees of working men
every day - He (G. D.) is driving on the tight rein
is bringing contractors right up to the mark - has
sent up a Fairbanks Scale on which every Beef
slaughtered is to be weighed and a strict acct.
of their weight is to be kept. The agent "will in
no case receipt to the contractor for a greater
and than was actually received" Smiley drove
up 117 head arrived with them last week
these were the first that he delivered - they
made two issues of mutton, which took
all of the Swiss flock - which in these days
made a good market for mutton. As put
into the acct. they amount to \$1000 or nearly
which is to adopt the language of other days simply
damnable. They took down three or four loads
of that wheat and haul it around (at the
Mission) and sold the flour to the Indians for \$7
seven dollars per sack! how you like it?

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We got pretty "round-shouldered" at such familiar
ways of doing things (not the in particular but
the way in which Maj. of Peter run things
and old Col M. that crooked sticks could not
be inserted in all kinds of offices for
words to that effect. We was mad and I guess he
called things by their right name. He told
Col M. that he ^{had} told you that Benj. Grossman
would be the means of his (Col M.) removal from
office yet as he (M) proposed to have a showing up
(he was on his way to Omaha at the time) Col M. would
(which of course was the only thing he could do) and
wanted me to give him his hand that he would
say nothing promising if he would that equal
rights should be established. since that Maj. has
tended store for Peter, and we say Col. has not treated
his so well since he has "been on the breaking"
M. told the Col that if he (M) had not told the gang
an out of out lie when in Omaha Mr. Maj. and Mr
Benj. would have had to draw on their friends
to pay the forfeit of trading without a license
which was actually a fact. that M. did screen
them when questioned by the gang as to whether

he knew of any violation of the license law
William W. Jefferson have beat the col. bad just as
we predicted - He made out receipts to them for
all the stock or beef which he had furnished up
to the date of Smiley's contract. they drew the funds
of Lieut D. W. when col. called on them they loaned
nto the money by them they got some for
him but I guess he will not make a red
out of it. they will not pay him only to cover
the receipts of the parties from whom he purchased
them - Patrick hasn't come down very heavy yet
in the Pony affair. Patrick is Smiley Backer
in the contract for Beef of Howe. Oh by the
way Col. Hard Clark for his open eye never a
word did Clark say to me about the \$50 for
you. Western men are honorable when they can't
help being but at all other times I don't know!
Clark may yet give me this for you but I have
doubts. if he does I will forward it promptly.
How does Charlie carry sail? If you have any
big lug give him let us have it in your next
for a home when he returns - Miss K wishes
to be remembered to you and to tell you that "they two" are
getting on finely. she further declares that the Miller
hasn't got his wings singed yet, further than
that the defendant saith not.

Follow - I find that my opinion in reference to our
friend Clarke herein before expressed is mistaken
and unjust. he informs me that the Cl hasn't
paid him but sent for the op. & he further
informed me that when he rec'd the balance
due him he should leave the 50 with me to
forward to you. I reproached myself severely
for my harsh judgement - Clarke wants me
to join a party of them for an week the latter
part of Sept. Taffe, Baird and I guess Mc.
Over Wilkerson &c. are to compose the party.
I guess I shall go - Olev Braud. is intending
to write you soon - hasn't made any thing
out of this lot of Amnity Goods. The blankets
we have not yet distributed shall make a half
dozen pairs when we open them I guess -
Satinets I dont use any more - All your
friends viz. Uncle P. Dr. Will^{and} Bing join
with me in love and good will -
yours ever
Charles
H

I suppose you have heard that
Dr. Minor is relieved by Dr. Wilkinson
the latter reported for duty to day - is a pretty
good fellow I guess. is passionately fond
of hunting game we shall try and find
some chickens to morrow if it is too
hot. Willie is at the mill yet. Eddie has that little
girl of Mopsy working for him now whom
Willie gets eloquent in terms of commenda-
tion and praise. "Lizy" manages to keep
something on her stomach as yet but
fear will not be able to long. - Old Jack
has a splendid piece of corn! his wheat was
fine he has harvested it. his oats look well
and the fields pretty well himself - could
write you more but will reserve the rest
for next time - hoping to receive
an early answer to this I am
as ever Your true friend
Charles H.

P.S. August the 10th. since writing the
above I have been to Franklin to order

Winnebago Agency Aug 17th / 67

My Dear Friend

Sir

To Col. Elivedy

I am taken greates
pleasure write to you few lines to
day that you know before you left
this place I promis write to you
Sooner I get back from visit Otes
Indians that I did not make much
this time but only I made one
poney for myself. I have no ~~news~~
importance news write to you
this time, every thing just about
the same while you was here

I was very glad heare
from you that you wrote to
Mr. Potter. I want you should
speak good word for me to ~~Mr. Potter~~
Col. Mathewson & Mr. Potter all

your friend here, I am
working for my tubes
now all time I think my school
commence very soon now
Dornes I ~~soon~~ start my
school I'll be all right

Hoping this few ^{line}
find you all well My family
all well I am live in bachel
now, my wife she down wisconsin
now visit, she will get back
Sometime next fall, you
just - tell ^{me} what you know when
you write to me I like to hear
some news from Washington,
you please excuse me my hand
written I was so hurry write
this letter for you
~~No more~~ Give my respect
to all your family

Your Respectfully
Friend
Bradford. S. Conlin

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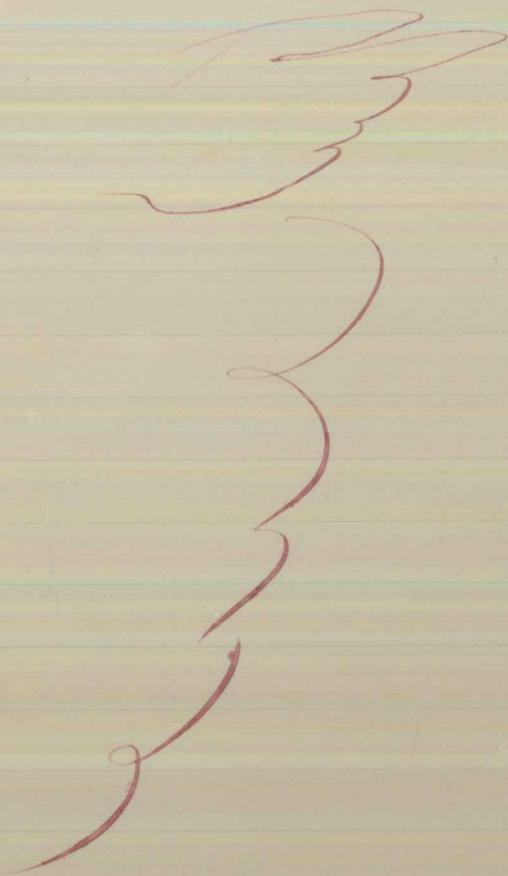
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Give my respect
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Send your lightness to me
I will send my to you