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Mr. George Bird Grinnell  
238 East 15 Street  
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Dear Mr. Grinnell:

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your autograph and check for twenty-five dollars as a contribution to the birthday gift for Professor Osborn.

Sincerely yours,

*William K Gregory*  
Treasurer

# New Jersey Adjustable Screen Company

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June 30th 1927.

Mr. George Bird Grinnel,  
238 E. 15th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We wish to thank you for the courtesy extended to Mr. Shannon who called on you in the interests of this Company.

Our screen, which is a patented article with a constantly increasing demand, is the most reasonably priced, all metal adjustable one piece mesh screen in the world and we feel that we can still further reduce the price to the consumer through mass production thereby giving us more profit per screen by increasing the demand and reducing the manufacturing cost.

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Mr. Shannon will call on you as agreed on Wednesday, July 6th 1927.

Cordially inviting you to visit the plant and see the "WORLD'S BEST SCREEN" manufactured, we are,

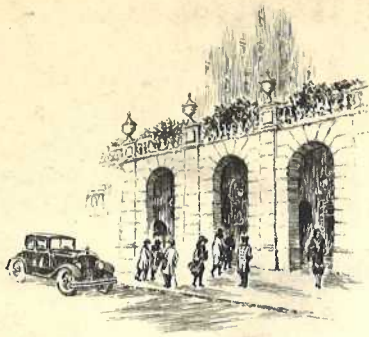
Yours very truly,

NEW JERSEY ADJUSTABLE SCREEN COMPANY,

*W. H. T. Drower*  
PRES.

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## THE BARCLAY

ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN EAST FORTY-EIGHTH STREET  
NEW YORK

JOHN F. SANDERSON  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

PRIVATE OFFICE

June 30, 1927

Mr. George Bird Grinnell  
228 East 15th Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Grinnell:

Mr. H. H. Waldron, one of our Managers, - formerly with the Ritz-Carlton, Atlantic City, and until recently Manager of the Carlton Hotel, Washington, - has suggested our writing to you, calling attention to The Barclay.

This is a new hotel of distinction, conveniently located, with appointments and furnishings of unusual beauty.

The Barclay is now well established, and many of New York's smartest people make their homes here. There are, however, about 500 desirable rooms, singly and ensuite, available for a select clientele who wish to come here transiently.

The service throughout the Hotel and restaurants is unexcelled and the rates are reasonable.

We trust that we may have the pleasure of entertaining you at The Barclay and assure you of every courtesy and attention.

Cordially yours,

THE BARCLAY

*J. F. Sanderson*  
Managing Director

JFS/BGR

called, Raw Hide <sup>Creek,</sup> and he had been a chief at the time when - after the Plattes went to the Pawnees - a white carpenter with an ax cut off the arm of a Pawnee man.

On both these occasions he had so controlled the Indians that they did not kill the other white people as they might have been expected to do.

The name of this old blind Tsau chief is not known. Can it be learned to whom in the Tsau tribe he was related

# THE MIDWEST REFINING COMPANY

CASPER, WYOMING

R. S. ELLISON,  
VICE PRESIDENT

September 12, 1927

Doctor George Bird Grinnell,  
238 East Fifteenth Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

I have your letter of September 8th and since I plan leaving on a ten days' trip into Colorado, Utah and New Mexico early Wednesday morning, I will answer it promptly.

Mr. Gatchell's initials are T. J. and he lives at Buffalo, Wyoming. I have heard him say several times during the past few years that he has quite a lot of first-hand material gathered from Indians and survivors of the fight there in person or by correspondence, but I hope that you will not feel too modest and let him put you off in order that he can get out the material in printed form himself, provided, of course, he gives you an opportunity to use his material with proper credit to him, naturally. After you write him, in case you think a little suggestion from me would be helpful, will be glad to have you write me to that effect.

I am glad also to have the additional references to the present accounts of the Wagon Box fight and since I am sure I have the three additional sources mentioned in your letter, I will look them up at the first opportunity.

I know you will be interested to hear that Saturday and Sunday last, I spent in checking over the location of the Red Buttes Indian fight of July 26, 1865, in which Sergeant Custard and 21 men were killed, with two of the Eleventh Kansas soldiers who were then stationed at the Platte Bridge Station. One of them is 86 years old and not able to help much, but the other one feels that he has located the approximate place and I am rather inclined to believe he is right. In any event, I hope so and trust I can in due course get some tangible evidence confirming such fact.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

RSE:MH





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Lincoln, Nebraska, Nov. 2, 1927

Dr. George Bird Grinnell  
238 East 15th Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

This department of the University of Nebraska is trying to determine the origin of all place names in this state. This also includes names that the Indians gave to streams and other landmarks. I have read your very interesting books on the Pawnees and your name has been mentioned to me by Mr. Clarence Reckmeyer of Fremont, Nebraska as an authority on the Pawnees.

Do you know what the Pawnees called the Platte River?

*Ki ts* / *Kah Tis*, pronounced *Keats' Kah Toose* -

*water flat*  
What does the name ~~signify~~ signify? *Flat water* (perhaps with the idea of broad)

Did they have a name for the Niobrara River? If so what was it and what is its significance?

*Ki ts Kah tah Ki* *Running water*  
*water running*  
hence the French term *eau qui court*, *running water* is a translation of the Pawnee name.

Did they have a name for the Missouri River? If so, what was it and what does the name mean?

*Ki ts wa uks te* = *Medicine water*  
*water mysterious*

Do you know why the Republican Pawnees were so named? The river evidently was named for them (Republican), but why were they called Republican Pawnees? *Probably named from River, they lived on*

Thanking you in advance for this very kind favor:

I am

Very truly yours,

*J. D. Link*  
Conservation and survey, Station A, Lincoln, Nebr.

*See also papers in Am. Anthropol. Jan & Feb, 1906 April & June 1913*

# THE MIDWEST REFINING COMPANY

CASPER, WYOMING

R. S. ELLISON,  
VICE PRESIDENT

August 20, 1927

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,  
238 East Fifteenth Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

I have been out of the city on another trip since last Monday noon and I am more than pleased this morning to find your August 16th letter advising of your safe return home after your trip into Wyoming and Montana. I drove through Yellowstone Park last Wednesday and had time for a twenty minute visit with Horace and Mrs. Albright. I found the former had missed you and was very sorry he did not get to have a good visit while you were in the Park.

I also find a note from Captain North, telling me that he is bed-fast and at a loss to know just what his trouble may be. This does not sound very good, but will keep up hopes that he will soon be out and around in his usual good health.

I am sending you a set of the snapshots taken during our recent trip to the Dull Knife battle-ground as well as to Fort Fetterman and Independence Rock, which I hope will recall to your mind as you note them, the two or three days we had together last month.

I appreciate very much the information on the Wagon Box fight which you secured at the lame Deer Agency from the two or three survivors with whom you talked at that time. I think it would be a very worth-while contribution if you should make available at your convenience the information you have in that connection, as the story from the Indians certainly sounds considerably different from the previously published reports, starting with that in Colonel Dodge's book and generally followed by others since that time.

We have been having a great deal of rain here with very little warm weather, although I was fortunate enough on my trip this week to follow along the outskirts and in the trail of the rainstorms in the section covered.

Mr. William H. Jackson came on from Washington for a visit early last week and is now at Jackson, Wyoming, where I left him last Thursday morning for a week's time with Mr. W. O. Owen, who climbed the Teton in 1898.

*Grinnell*

Although 84 years old, Mr. Jackson seems to be in splendid physical condition and still interested in the places he first saw in '66 and later in the 70's.

I have not heard since our visit to the Dull Knife battle site from either Mr. Gatchell or Mr. Condit, but find this morning a letter in my mail from Mr. Reckmeyer, written at Colorado Springs on August 13th last. It seems he is taking quite an extended trip through Colorado and certainly should have had a most splendid time in visiting all the historic points he has covered this summer.

Hoping to hear from you again at your convenience, with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



RSE:MH



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CASPER, WYOMING

R. S. ELLISON,  
VICE-PRESIDENT

July 6, 1927

Captain Luther H. North,  
2918 Fifteenth Street,  
Columbus, Nebraska.

Dear Captain North:

I have just talked with Mr. Gatchell of Buffalo on the telephone and he intends driving to Lane Deer Agency next Sunday, July 10th, to make certain that Hard Robe and Willis Rowland understand our contemplated trip to the Dull Knife battle ground, in order that no misunderstanding will prevent their coming when we get a definite date in mind.

In talking with Mr. Gatchell about the date of the trip, however, he tells me he is short-handed in his drug store this month and would like, if possible, to make the trip on Sunday. If this date cannot fit in with Doctor Grinnell's schedule, however, I am sure he will try to arrange for a substitute and go with us on a week-day, which pleases me very much, because of his knowledge, both of the history and country of that section.

It is about 80 miles from here to Kaycee by automobile and I figure we could leave here early in the morning and with dry roads, could make Kaycee in a little over two hours, where Mr. Gatchell, Hard Robe and Rowland would meet us, coming down from Buffalo. We would then drive to the Jones ranch on the Red Fork, about 17 miles from Kaycee, where we would take horses and ride over to the site of the fight. We could then determine our further plans, dependent upon where you and Doctor Grinnell would want to go and what you would want to see and in that way not take more of Mr. Gatchell's time.

I am sending a copy of this to Doctor Grinnell, as well as to Mr. Gatchell and just as soon as we hear from Doctor Grinnell, we will make our definite plans and then endeavor to carry them out. However, it will not be a life or death matter and so far as I am concerned, just so we can make the trip before the last of the week beginning July 17th, I should have no conflicting engagements. I would like for Doctor Grinnell to not disarrange his schedule for a visit with you, unless it can be done without embarrassment to either of you, as both Mr. Gatchell and I are looking forward to this trip with real pleasure and enjoyment and are anxious to make it fit in with the time and plans of yourself and Doctor Grinnell. If you can arrive in Casper the day before we go to Kaycee and will let me know, I will meet the train and have you stop at our Guest House here. Better still, however, unless you can spend a little time with me after our return from the Dull Knife trip to see our historic points around here, I would like it very much if you could come at

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Captain Luther H. North

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R. S. ELLISON,  
VICE-PRESIDENT

least a day or two beforehand for that purpose. You could visit together here very well and at the same time, I could get around with you part of the time also.

I hope you and Doctor Grinnell will figure this out and plan accordingly if you can so arrange it.

By the way, Mr. Reckmeyer was here yesterday on his way to the Custer battle ground and indicated his desire to accompany us on the above trip if he could arrange to do so. He seemed very much interested in historical matters and I told him to see Mr. Gatchell as he goes through Buffalo, about horses for himself and nephew. I feel sure that none of our party will object to someone going along also who is sincerely interested in these historical matters.

Hoping to hear from you and Doctor Grinnell very shortly, I am

Sincerely yours,

*R. S. Ellison*

RSE:MH  
cc:GBG  
TJG

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CASPER, WYOMING

R. S. ELLISON,  
VICE-PRESIDENT

June 30, 1927

Captain Luther H. North,  
2918 Fifteenth Street,  
Columbus, Nebraska.

Dear Captain North:

I was glad to find your letter of June 27th this morning when I arrived after a three days' trip into Southwestern Wyoming, to the LaBarge oil field. I note that you and Doctor Grinnell plan arriving here around July 20th or 21st and I am writing Mr. Gatchell at Buffalo, to find out if that date will suit him or not. I may have to be in Denver on July 26th or 27th and if so, would want to be back in Casper by the 23rd of July, so as to get cleaned up in the office here before going to Denver. I might, therefore, want you to get here a little earlier in the week beginning July 18th, so that we could have our three or four days together without having to rush.

I am leaving for Lewistown, Montana, in the morning, but should be back in the office on July 5th and will let you know soon after that what I hear from Mr. Gatchell.

I will be glad to have you keep the account of the fight by Captain Bourke until you come, as I do not need it now.

I read with interest in the papers of the meeting of the old plainsmen at Norfolk and can well imagine that you are not enough of a showman to mix up with some of the other celebrities who were there. However, I would rather have your record than that of some of the others and am satisfied that your presence added real distinction to the celebration.

Boney Ernest lives about 30 miles southwest of here, at Alcova, and I have heard of him for many years through Mrs. Ellison's father, who knew him as a young man around Fort Steele, in Southern Wyoming. Boney is all right, although he never was much of an Indian fighter, from all reliable reports I have of his early days. However, he is a mighty fine chap and quite liked in this community.

I will look forward with real pleasure to our trip and hope that weather and other conditions will enable us to make it without hardship on anyone.

I am sending a copy of this to Mr. Gatchell, also to Doctor Grinnell, for their information.

With kindest regards,

Faithfully yours,

RSE:ME  
cc:GBC ✓  
TJG

COPY *Ellison*



# THE MIDWEST REFINING COMPANY

CASPER, WYOMING

R. S. ELLISON,  
VICE PRESIDENT

April 28, 1927

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,  
238 East Fifteenth Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

I have just received another note from Mr. Gatchell and enclose copy of that portion which will be of interest to you and Captain North. He also makes mention of the recent article by Clarence Reckmeyer of Fremont, Nebraska, on the number of Indians killed at the Wagon Box fight, which took place on August 2, 1867, near Mr. Gatchell's home town of Buffalo.

You will also note from Mr. Gatchell's letter that it is entirely proper for you to proceed with your arrangements with Willis Rowland and Hard Robe to accompany our party to the Dull Knife battleground. Mr. Gatchell's letter confirms your statement that Weasel Bear has not been invited in connection with the trail, but on account of his having been in the village at the time of the fight.

I have asked Mr. Gatchell to prepare a rough sketch, as soon as he can, of our proposed route, with an estimate of the time necessary to cover it, but do not know whether he will feel like undertaking that job or not. If he does, will then submit same to you and Captain North for your information and suggestions.

I recently read Captain Bourke's account of the trip and fight, which was published in an early issue of the Military Service Magazine. Among other things, I noted in particular the impression the snow and below zero weather made upon his mind. I have never understood, however, that Bourke ranks particularly high as an accurate historical writer, although I note several articles and books from his pen.

We have been having some fine spring weather this week, so am hoping that our snowstorms of the present season are over.

I will be glad to have a line from you on any of the above or other matters any time at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



RSE:MH  
cc:LHN

EXTRACT FROM LETTER BY T.J. GATCHELL

Since writing you have talked with Mr. Jones, who owns the ranch where the troops camped the night before the Dull Knife fight, and he informs me that he can furnish us plenty of horses from that point to the battlefield.

Weasel Bear, so far as I know, at least, has never been over the trail, but was in the village at the time of the fight, and my idea in getting him to go was to get information relative to the situation of the Indian camp, etc.

Am very glad that Mr. Grinnell has invited Willis Roland to accompany the party. He is a nephew of Hard Robe, and is a good interpreter, and as his father was one of McKenzie's scouts, should know considerable about the fight.

I see quite a little in the papers lately about the Wagon Box fight. It is strange that any one should assume that 1.137 Indians were killed in the fight. See Captain North has been quoted in the matter, and I am pleased to state that what he said corresponds with what information I have been able to pick up.

Also read an article in the Billings Gazette where Willis Rowland makes a statement. Roland should be in position to get correct information from the Cheyennes.

It might be easier for Dr. Grinnell to come over from Sheridan, but if Captain North wishes to make the trip from Fetterman, it would perhaps be better for him to go to Casper, and we can make arrangements for Grinnell to meet the party at Crazy Woman.

However, I wish to carry out their wishes in every way.

# THE MIDWEST REFINING COMPANY

CASPER, WYOMING

R. S. ELLISON,  
VICE PRESIDENT

April 6, 1927

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,  
238 West Fifteenth Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

I am just in receipt of the copy of your booklet entitled, "Audubon Park" and wish to thank you for so kindly sending same to me. The splendid illustrations and the presentation of the subject-matter interest me intensely and I plan reading the booklet with more care while on a trip to Butte, Montana, upon which I am leaving tomorrow morning.

You will also be interested in noting copy of letter I have just received from Mr. Gatchell of Buffalo, Wyoming, regarding the trip to the Dull Knife battlegrounds next summer. I am sending a copy of the same letter on to Captain North so that you can both make additional suggestions as you feel will be helpful.

Again thanking you for the Audubon booklet, I am

Sincerely yours,



RSE:MH



EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF MR. J.T. GATCHELL

"Your letter received to day, and believe that the details of the trip to the Dull Knife fight can be easily arranged.

I have in mind having Weasel Bear accompany Hard Robe, as I have been out with them and they seem to get along all right.

Am inclined to believe that if I can possibly get away beforehand will make a trip to the Cheyenne reservation and have a talk with Hard Robe, and take his suggestions as to what Indians will be the best to take along.

Your suggestion to have the Indians meet us on Crazy Woman is a good one, and believe it will be well to have arrangements made to take them down there in a car. As quite a bit of the trip can be made from there in cars, we can meet them there, provided that we make the trip from old Fetterman over the trail to Crazy Woman, and have Hard Robe pick out the old trail from Trabing on.

I have talked with some of the "natives" down toward the field, and they are of the opinion that most of the trip can be negotiated with cars, which will make it much better for Captain North and Doctor Grinnell.

We will have no trouble finding plenty of accommodations from the ranchers down there as I know them all well, and they all say, come on.

There is a man living here who was with the pack-train on that campaign, and he tells me they followed the Bozeman trail to Dry Fork of Powder; thence down that gulch to its mouth, about three miles above old Fort Reno. It was at this place the cantonment was located.

He did not accompany the McKenzie expedition, however. He is rather reticent in handing out information, and what little I have learned from him has been earned.

Answering Dr. Grinnell's inquiry relative to getting to the Crazy Woman location, will say that the location is only twenty-two miles below Buffalo with a good road for cars.

I have not been able to figure the entire trip out as yet, but have learned enough, to know that we can arrange it so it will not be too hard on Capt. North and Doctor Grinnell."