

Washington without losing my way.

We are having fine weather but it is cold in the mornings & evenings and you can hear the snow crunching under foot. I suppose that after vacation most of the snow will be gone and we can go around without coats and wear thin clothes. I shall be glad when the ground gets dry and we can play tennis. The courts ought



March 16 - '05.

My dearest Brother -

Your letter came yesterday with one from Mother and two from Father. I am getting some instructions of how to get to Washington. I wish that you were coming with me - I don't much care about travelling alone, but I suppose I will meet some girls that I know and I ought to get to

to be shovelled off now so that
we can play as soon as possible.

One of the girls told me that
all she remembered about Philosophy
which she learned up here last
semester was that we always associate
some picture with our memories and
that this picture represents
a soldier and a dog going thro' a
door. I would never have known
it if she hadn't told me. would you?

The big debate between 'S+M' and
"Qu Vive" comes Saturday evening. They
are going to debate on the Closed Shop
and 'S+M' have the affirmative
side. It has been debated all over the
country by colleges but the affirmative
has never won. "S+M" is the society
that our class will belong to next year.
We will be initiated in the Spring

For J & M

For the work that's well done
we sing in praise & gladness
that for victory lost or won

For it's our 1905

and you've fought a good fight too
and we simply want to tell you

"J & M" were proud of you!

It is quite pretty when sung.

"J & M" lost last year so I hope
that they will win this year.

Did I tell you that the
Hoppers are going to take
the Haxtun's house for the



So of course I want it to win.

We have a beautiful song to
sing to the Seniors. We have
been practicing it everyday
lately.

"The Union Shops & Unions

are the questions of the day

the strike that's just been raging

on the L and the Subway

But of all of the employees

"J & M's" debate could hear

they'd agree with out a question

to have union shops we'd fear

summer - I don't see how they can stay there so much - of course they want to overlook their house while it is being built - but I think that I should get pretty tired of being there if I went there every summer all my life as they have done - and especially if the ~~Haxtuns~~ Haxtuns are not there - there will only be the Hopsons and the Thayers - I heard that Paul Smith & May Straight are engaged but I don't know that it's true.

There are rumors around college that we may get out early on account of the scarcity of water and the lack of any prospect of more water -

I wish we would but I'm afraid that we wait.

I must read Hamlet now for English -

Your loving sister,
Grace

give my love to every body and keep well & happy.

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Mr. George E. Woodruff
933 Second Ave
Louisville
Ky.

LOUISVILLE, KY
MAR 11
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Both are harbingers of Spring
I am sure every one will be
rejoiced this year to see the
coming of the springtime, it has
been the most severe winter I
can remember -

Everything seems flat in this
Hotel since Congress adjourned
for it was full of Congressmen
& their families - and now it is
not half full of anybody - The
Proprietor here kept the famous
Sagamore at Lake George for
more than twenty years - and
this is their first visit in Wash-
ington -

We are glad to hear you have
kept well - but am sorry to
know that your boarding place no
longer suits you - it is in rather
a nice part of the town - and
the Mrs Clarke used to be

The Dewey - Hotel
Washington - D. C.
March 14, 1900 -

My dear Sonny -

The back bone of the
winter - is broken I am almost
inclined to believe, here in
Washington - although yester-
day it was quite chilly
and snow was predicted -
to-day we took a walk
as far as the Corcoran
Art Gallery - to see Senator
Clarks collection of oil paintings
As we crossed the Parks
we heard the song sparrows
and saw the crocuses popping
up out of the ground - and

very nice ladies in their more prosperous times
but I suppose keeping boarders is more
or less demoralizing - and it is sad to know
they have lost tone - Cousin Laura will
miss you awfully if you go elsewhere -

Marsfield is creating quite a stir in Washing-
ton - this week - they seem to think here that
he is our finest actor - and as it is cheaper
than in New York we are going to - moon
night to hear him in King Richard the Third
I have never seen him but once in Henry the 8th
when I think you went with me -

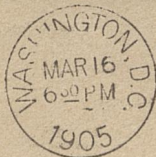
I am glad to hear you have been pro-
moted again to head billing clerk and if
you will continue to work hard and be
industrious and attentive to business - you
may become master of the situation -

I do not know yet where we will spend
the summer - I would love to spend it in
England and how long a vacation will
you have - a month?

Your Father joins me in much love
and many prayers for your health & welfare -

Your devoted Mother

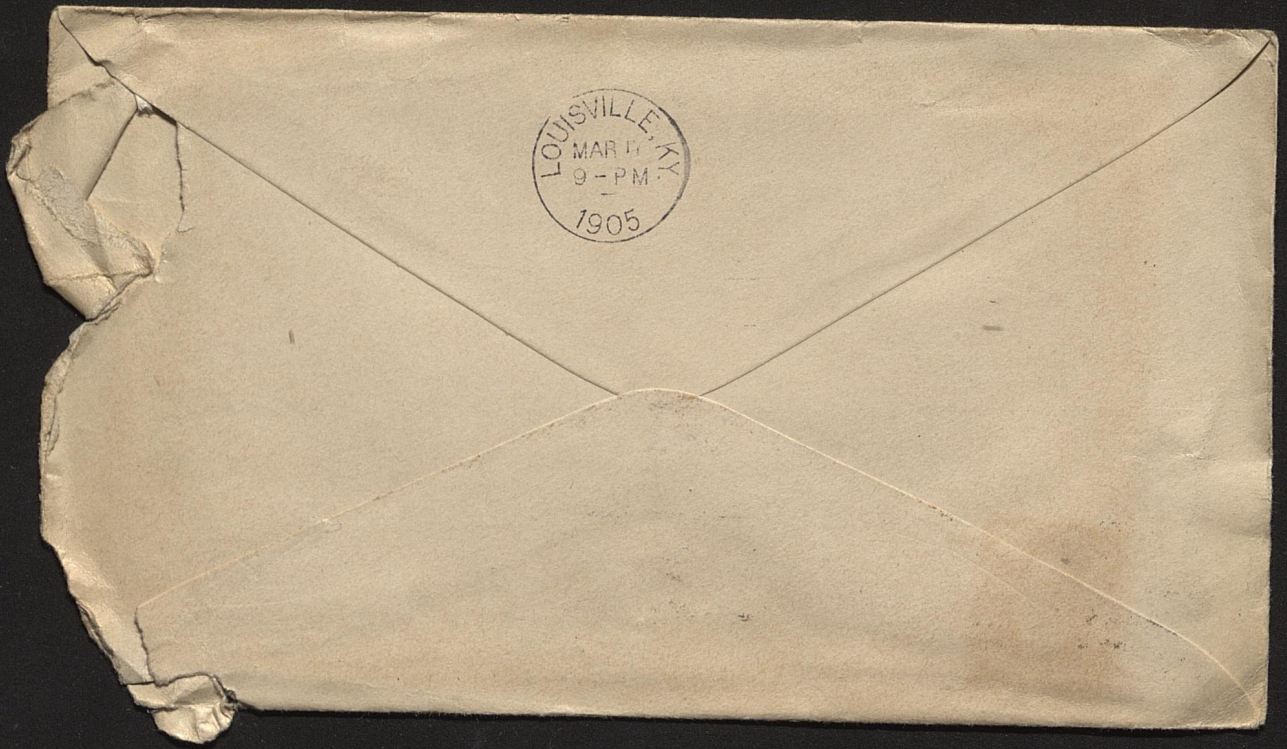
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By
Miss Clarke

Kentucky



by a man from Albany, but I haven't been able to find out his name. He is on his honeymoon and he didn't appear for some time this morning. The pastor that he became quite worried because the college minister was out of town and there was no one to take his place. They were ~~so~~ afraid that he had forgotten to appear but finally he came. At the end of the sermon he looked over toward the guest seats as we decided that less work must have sitting among the guests. There are always a lot of guests now since the new chapel has been finished and there is room to accommodate them. I wish that you could see it - It's really a nice one. Have I sent you a post card picture of it? If I haven't, I will because I have some.

I wrote you with a letter last week. It was not a masterpiece either of writing or composition but it was a letter. I don't believe that I shall ever be a good penman, but I suppose if I try long enough I may be able to improve that which I am.



College - March 12 - 05 -

My dearest Brother Ed -

This is Sunday and a very pleasant day to write letters to my little brother, but for the starting out to be quite glorious has clouded up and isn't very attractive now. I am going out later on however.

I started on to the city beautifully, getting up before breakfast and starting out for a walk. I won't mention that four of the other girls got started ^{an hour} ahead of me and went down to the inclusion place about two miles or more from here getting back in time for breakfast. I decided the night before that it is a little too early to get up for a walk, so I had them not to wake me at such an unattractive hour. Resulting from my early rising I've been quite sleepy ever since but that doesn't make any substantial difference.

We had a very good sermon

with know the Pilders family in Brooklyn.
See after night in chapel the organ
went up the spout - Sometimes
knew out inside and we have had
to go with out music in chapel ever
since - Have you ever had an organ
explained to you? It is the most in-
teresting thing. This one that we
have is a beauty - it is an electric
one and is the chief feature of the
chapel - There are so many different
pipes - one likes the non human
and reed pipes, flute pipes etc. -

July 12 more days before vacation
three weeks - and then a few more
weeks and summer will be here -
and you will be coming east again -
How long a holiday are you going to
have and where do you want to be
for it - You will have to choose - we
can go around to different places &
find one that will be nice - when
there will be a lot of tennis or boating etc.

I've been going to gym a good deal lately
making up track with and I get so stiff
that I can scarcely move - Did I tell you
that I jumped within half an inch
of the record. The record is 4 ft 2 1/2 inches
and I jumped 4 ft 2. The cord was
sagging a little in the center but it comes
better to say 4 ft 2 than less - I wish
that I could go into field day - but I haven't
gotten off that long yet - and miss me
there thinks that its doubtful that I
can get enough work in between now
and the next exam, which is the last
one before field day as I don't know what
to do. I should have begun to tutor last
fall instead of waiting till this semester -
I will get it off before you know - if
I possibly can.

Ruth has gone over to dinner with
Mrs. Pilder. She is the wife of Dr. Pilder's
son Lewis who lectures on art up here
at college - I wish I talked you on - they

has had a very nice time. I told you that she was one of the 16 girls who got 'Honors' in her class. She is still about the same but I think that Anita has become a little more airy. College has been quite a revelation to her.

Yesterday afternoon, I went down to the gym to see some wants to summer goods. She played to get some ideas and we topped and had salad. All the girls I know nearly are making hand made wants. They start out very bravely but as far as I can see don't progress very far.

We had a class meeting and elected the class marshal. For the display chair. The requirements for such a person are that she shall have the best looks of any one in the class. Do you remember Florence Lorton, the girl at the Yale last summer,



I hope that the tennis courts will be in good enough condition to use when we come back, but I suppose they won't as we get back here quite early, two weeks before Easter.

I am going to leave here Friday the 24th on the 11.55 train for N. Y. Cross the city and take that fast train for Walling ton (3.25) that we don't take last time, and we will get in at 8.30. There will be lots of other girls there going down on the same car. I wish that you were going to be there too. It doesn't seem nearly so much like vacation without you.

Betty Hixon asked me to dinner with her last Friday, so I asked her over last night to dinner with me.

on your class day and also at your
commencement prom? Well she is the
one that we chose - She is quite
tall has light curly hair and is ex-
tremely well-built - The Daisy chain
hasn't been announced as yet but we
are all crazy to know who is out -

I am going to stop

Your loving sister
Grace.

POUGHKEEPSIE
MAR 13
10 45 AM
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N. Y.



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Ky.

I think you are right in going slow in increasing your circle of acquaintances just now. In a small town like L. one is much better known than he may think. As you make acquaintances you may run up against one of my old circle, or his descendants. You are too busy now to see them, anyway, and they could do you no good either, but by and by you may pass a pleasant word with some of them, and in the mean time it is my wish that you should present a good appearance so that you will be known as a fine young man. The truth is that recognizing my own shortcomings I am overwhelmingly desirous that you should strive to reach a high place among your fellow

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My dearest son we received your very welcome letter yesterday and as mother had written you the night before I shall send you a line this bright sunny morning, the first sunshine in 5 days. Rain, it seemed as though - I would never cease, but the streets clean and dry again, that is one thing about asphalt streets pavements, the mud cannot linger, when dry they can be swept out when wet the rain cleans them - Dear old Louisville used to have and still has & expect many dirty macadamized road ways. By and by when you have

influence you can use it to have the streets cleaned.

These warm mornings when the grass is growing green on the lawns after the frosts of Winter and there is a softness in the air which makes one think of Spring it must be delightful to start out and walk in 2⁵ or 3⁵ to Main St. and at your age it should make you glad to be alive, and the saving of the 1²⁰ also counts. The old saw, - "despise not the day of small things" is all right. Large oaks from small acorns grow. Your saving the 1²⁰ will not make you a millionaire, but it will help to make you a systematic prudent man of business. By and by

from such small beginnings you may have opportunities to save much larger sums. It is the saving habit that counts. The gammon on the struts has a bonanza of a quarter and he immediately blows it all in and may go hungry the next days. In all my reading of the successful men in fact and fiction, economy and saving enter largely as successful factors. Some rich man said that he had found the accumulating of the first thousand dollars to be the most difficult of all the things to do in making his fortune. Of course one need not be a real miser. He must dress decently and eat good food, but instead of spending the margin, he should save a little. But you know these things just as well as I do and I believe that you, God willing, will prosper.

you discontent. Miss C. would never forgive you. Do not tell even Leon & Laura. You might tell Uncle George. Where would you go. You must be sure to find a place where you could be better suited before you change. Now that you know the best job in business, you must fit yourself properly to fill the bill, and as you say every change you make adds to your competency. Be sure to do the work before you with all your might, so that you will be known as the best man that was ever at the receiving desk and also the best one at all other desks you may sit at. Mother has gone out this fine morning to have her hair washed. We have had rain for 40 days. With my best love and also with the best love of your mother's head and soul I am your loving father.

Edra Woodruff

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Citizens. I believe you have the opportunity, and I feel sure you have the ambition to succeed in reaching the mountain top of probity and righteousness. You must not be discouraged by the roughness of the road nor by the length of the way. You must keep digging away, patience and perseverance. As my old professor told me young man, know your opportunities and use them. You are aware that I think your opportunity is a first class one, - now if you agree with

one and if you also recognize that you hold in your hand a first class opportunity, I trust God may give you the wisdom to use this road to success. I will not beg and implore you to fulfill your manifold destiny, you must have within your own soul the divine consuming fire to achieve your aim, honestly and justly.

You see my dear son that I am devoted to your winning a prize. I do not criticize any part of your career. You

have done your duty as a son and have done your duty as a student and now God has sent you friends, and I believe you to be worthy of any gifts which our Heavenly Father may grant you. I could go on filling many pages with my yearnings and good wishes, but you know I am out of it. You yourself are the factor and the keystone of the arch of your fortunes. It rests with you to be not weary in well doing.

You must consider well the step of changing your boarding place. Be very polite and considerate in stating your wishes. Be extremely careful not to whisper a word of the real reasons of

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LOUISVILLE, KY.
MAR 12
9-PM
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It has been raining ever since
Monday - and to-day it is
pouring & will rain all night longer
We expect to have Grace
join us on the 24th of
March - and to remain through
her ten days holidays -
Did she write you that
Bishop McClaren had died
John McClaren's father - only
a few weeks ago -

Low Luther's health has im-
proved very much since
we came - his cold has entirely
disappeared - and his ear has
not troubled him - I think he
enjoys the change of diet -
which is very good and very liberal
and in great variety - I do hope
and pray that you are well & with
much love to my father & mother
from your loving son
J. P. Rosebush

The Dewey Hotel - (March 8, 1905)
Washington D. C.

My dear Sonny -
Here it is Thursday
evening and your weekly
letter not on hand - my dear
fellow if you only know how
anxiously and expectantly
we always look for your
letter you would always
send it promptly - on Sunday
night or Monday morning -

There has been a grand
regatta of people from this
hotel - since the inauguration
so that now we are more
comfortably settled - and have

The ball was a great crush - anybody who had five dollars to spare could go - if I knew as much as I did later - I should have gone with some of the ladies here as your father does not come for such things. This is a very social hotel and there is a great deal of pleasant intercourse among the guests - they began to leave as soon as Congress adjourned on Saturday night - there were more than fifty thousand left on the train - so you can imagine what a crowd there was here in Washington.

More room and a nice writing desk - and table - while the house was so crowded we had rather and I found it very difficult to write on my left - Your father sent you a Washington paper the Sunday Star - which gave a better description of the various ceremonies than I can give you - he saw the Parade from the street - and went neither to the Ball nor the Inauguration - Your father was afraid of the exposure - as it was a very gusty chilly March day although the sun shone in the afternoon.



The Delney Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

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Mr Geo E Goodruuff
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C. & Miss Clarke



LOUISVILLE, KY
MAR 10
11:30 PM
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The Belvue Hotel,
Fourteenth and L Sts.

M. O. BROWN, } MGR'S.
W. W. BROWN, }

Washington, D. C.

March 7th 1905

My dear son, all the rain which the people feared might interfere with the pageant of the inauguration, is now falling and the fact that it rains is agreeable because the streets are very dusty and need washing. Asphalt simply has to be washed, otherwise the fine dust of all the street filth is blown into our eyes and ears and is inhaled by the lungs. It seems that we are only on the A.B.C. stage of Hygiene and sanitation. Woodbury the Street Com. of N.Y. has succeeded in having a system of salt water mains instituted and the main reason urged is that there shall be a plentiful supply of water for fire purposes but really Woodbury's real object is to procure a plentiful supply of water to wash the asphalt streets.



The Delwey Hotel,
Fourteenth and L Sts.

M. O. BROWN, | MGR'S.
W. W. BROWN, |

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The crowds are much smaller and the excursionists are almost all gone. This is much pleasanter for us who remain, but of course the Hotel people growl at their diminished receipts.

We have not gone on any little trips as yet, because of the crowds and the unpleasant weather, but we hope to go to Mc Vernon and also to Annapolis soon. The many places like the Nat. Museum, Smithsonian, the Bureau of printing and engraving and still others we have yet to see. The great new R.R. station is advancing but there is an immense lot of work to be done and it will not be finished for several years.

You will yet live to see the Capital glorious with grand buildings one of the finest cities in the world
Of course the tremendous problem

of the colored people will always
be to contend with, and unless they
can be persuaded to live in the
country, Washington may be a city
of palaces and more largely a city
of hovels. The population is fully
one third colored at the present time.

This in my opinion prevents it from
being a first class place for
us to live en permanence.

We have just received a letter
from Grace. She is well and is
able to chin herself once with a
little spring from the ground, and she
says she can run pretty well.

We pray for your health and
happiness. May you grow in grace
and wisdom day by day, and with lots
of love I am your loving father

Lezra Woodruff



The Delney Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

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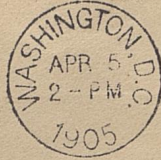
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My dearest son, the bank sent
me yesterday a copy of a nice
souvenir of the N.Y. Clearing House
a most wonderful affair which
you might study up. It contains
pictures of all or many of the
most distinguished Bank Presidents
in the country and you can
look over their faces and see if you
can see yourself among them as the
future books may show. I pray
heartily for your persistence in the
path of rugged duty which will
surely lead to smooth roads and
pleasant skies - by and bye

Gracie wired us that she
had arrived safely at Vassar last
night. She will have her hands
full of work for the next few
weeks but I hope she will be
able to triumphantly surmount
all her difficulties and emerge
with honors. I do not see why
our children should not become
distinguished citizens. I feel sure
they have a high average of brains
and therefore I have consistently urged
you to pray for wisdom to use your mind.
Of course there is also the hope that
you may seize the "skirts of happy
chance", and then with wisdom there is
no telling what ~~one~~ one could do, but
patience and perseverance. With our
best love I am - your loving father -
Ezra Woodruff



The Dewey Hotel,
Washington, D. C.



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is long and narrow and very pretty. The next time you come here you will be sure to see it.

I guess that I am going to spend the Easter vacation in Washington - Mother & Father haven't said so definitely, but I take it for granted -

Butter wouldn't think of coming down there with me because she wants to go home & see her family -

The faculty had a meeting and decided upon all sorts of things etc but

[March 5, 1905]



my dear Brother - -

You very welcome letter came safely and I enjoyed it very very much. I should think that you might thank Constance for the card she sent you - It was very nice of her to send it to you.

I am glad that the banking house dinner table "belonged" the postal cards - The lake is across the road from the lodge or main entrance the campus - It

two reports that I've heard are so
varying in character that I don't
believe that they decided upon
anything after all - however to
leave a new dormitory the tuition
is to be raised to 500 instead of 400,
and the number of scholars
is to be kept down to 1000. Mr. W is
to leave a year's vacation and
Mrs. K. was to resign -


We also had a class
meeting and nominated our
class marshal - She is the best
looking girl in the class &
marshals the daisy chain ~~which~~
which is to consist of the ²⁰ best looking
girls + who carry the chain -
The committee for choosing it
sit in the back of the Chapel and
look at the girls as they walk
out - They all look too foolish
for words ♦ I paused for ideas but none
of very brilliant nature came to me

one of them by the collar &
dragged it from the room
while the janitor Mr. Harris
appeared from the depths
with another one and after
subduing the excitement we
proceeded on our way with
the guys.

Write to me sometime
Your loving sister
Grace.

March 5, '05

so perhaps I better stop.

O la. Ys-in  out the other
day - we were just getting
down to a guy when
suddenly loud ylling of
dogs mingled with frightened
cries from his young
maiden sounded thro'
the air - Every body made
wild jumps for the seats &
stood up holding their
skirts around them while
Bull heroically grabbed

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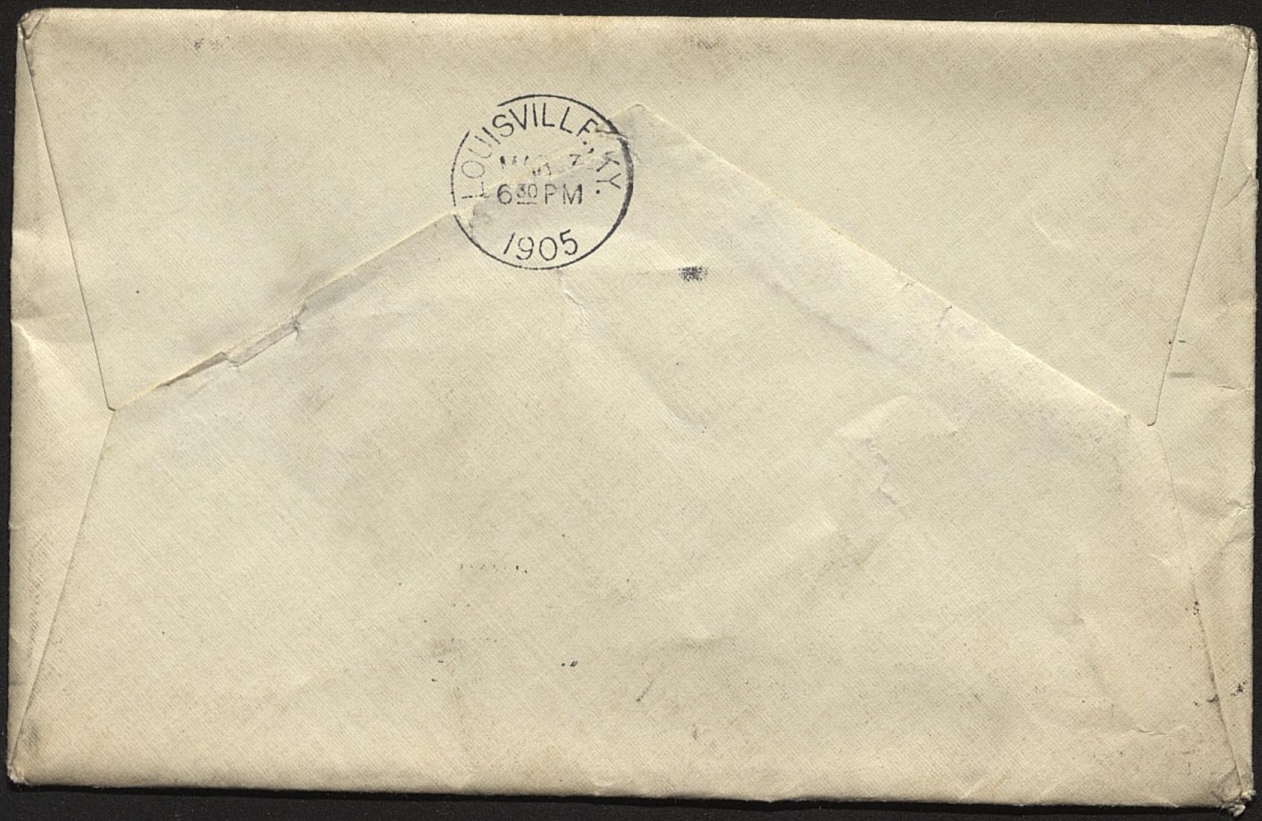
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The Delvey Hotel,
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M. O. BROWN, } MGR'S.
W. W. BROWN, }

Washington, D. C.

Mch 4th 1905

My dearest son, this has been the great show day of the American people. It broke fair and the sun shone merrily until 11 am. when the northern sky rapidly darkened and soon it looked like it might rain, snow or do almost any unpleasant thing to spoil the inauguration. But fortunately the keen north wind blew the clouds away and old sol showed his smiling face once more and the festivities or functions of the day proceeded without a single drawback. We did not get up to the Capitol because of the great crowd but we had a good view of the parade which was very good, it looked like all large parades. The fireworks are just over (8⁰⁰) and everybody who is going to the Inaugural ball, are starting. He saw the room yesterday and saw the decorations and heard the band rehearse. Mother says the room is not so large

as your room ball room. Still the room is large and serves its purpose very well.

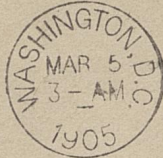
We think of remaining here until Gracie's holiday on March 24th. and we think that a second visit to the Capital will be of some interest to her. The Senate may be in session and there are many objects of interest to occupy her time.

We feel quite tired after our busy day and so I will close my short scrawl and try to do better next time, and so with our best love for our dearest son I am
Your loving father.

Ezra Woodruff



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