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## SECRETARY FOSTER TRAPPED.

JEWELL CITY, KAN., October 3, 1892.  
Mr. G. L. Dannels, Gibsonburg, Sandusky County, Ohio:

DEAR SIR:—I understand that you purchased a farm from Mr. Foster (who is now secretary of the United States treasury) in 1866, paying him 7-30 notes for the same. Enclosed find stamp for reply, and you will do me a favor by answering, if the above is correct. Give detailed answer of purchase and payment, and oblige,

FRANK R. FORREST,  
Jewell City, Kansas.

GIBSONBURG, OHIO, October 17, 1892.  
Mr. Frank R. Forrest, Jewell City, Kansas:

DEAR SIR:—In regard to enquiries enclosed to me, will say, that in 1866 I purchased eighty acres of unimproved land of Hon. Chas. Foster, now secretary of the United States treasury, for the sum of \$800.00; and a part of first payment was made in 7-30 notes, the exact amount I have forgotten, but it was not less than \$150.00 and not more than \$300.00. After Mr. Foster received said notes he gave me a \$10 bill as a part of the accumulated interest. I do not know how the deal between Mr. Foster and myself ever became public as I have no recollection of ever mentioning it to any one, and if I did it must have been years ago, and then only in a casual way, viz.: that they were the only bonds I ever saw.

Respectfully, G. L. DANNELS.

Upon receiving Mr. Dannels' letter, I wrote to Secretary Foster and received the following letter:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
WASHINGTON, October 31, 1892.  
Mr. Frank R. Forrest, Jewell City, Kansas:

MY DEAR SIR:—I never heard of Mr. Dannels, of Gibsonburg, Sandusky county. It is possible that I sold him the acres of land in 1866, but do not recall the fact. If I did, I am quite sure I was not paid in 7-30 notes. Very truly yours, CHAS. FOSTER.

After receiving Mr. Foster's letter I sent a copy of it to Mr. Dannels, and received the following reply:

GIBSONBURG, OHIO, November 7, 1892.  
Mr. Frank R. Forrest, Jewell City, Kansas:

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 3d inst., containing Mr. Foster's reply to you came to hand last Saturday eve. In reply will say that I believe that I can send you evidence that I am not unknown to Mr. Foster, as the letter that I shall enclose to you concerning an old mortgage on the same eighty acres in question, ought to be conclusive evidence to you that Mr. Foster knows me, to say the least; and in regard to the 7-30 notes I am willing to testify before any magistrate. The exact amount of course I would not fix, but it was either \$150.00 or \$300.00. And further, my brother accompanied me to Fostoria, where I made the purchase, and he will testify to the same thing; although I have not asked him if he would. I venture the assertion that he will. I am aware that Mr. Foster is in a high official capacity, and that he has an immense amount of wealth, and that my situation is just the reverse. But fortunately, or unfortunately, this place has been my home since my birth, and as to my standing for honest dealing, truth and veracity, I refer you to L. W. Miller, postmaster of Gibsonburg, O.; J. H. Tebbly

& Sons, hardware merchants; Smith & Dohn, lime manufacturers, P. L. Bowers, hardware merchant; S. B. Stitson, druggist; Smith & Saunders, merchants; Johnston & Joseph, attorneys at law; Daniel Smith, attorney at law, also one of the oldest settlers of the township, a democrat, while I am not; the above are all of Gibsonburg, Ohio. Do you want any more? If you do I will send you a list of names next time. In conclusion, I don't want to boast of my honesty or truthfulness, but I don't like to be called a liar, even by Hon. Chas. Foster. I gave my suffrage to Mr. Foster each time he ran for congress from this district; also for governor of Ohio. And so Mr. Foster never heard of G. L. Dannels, of Gibsonburg? I wonder if he remembers of asking me to watch one James McCarty, to see if he voted for him the first time he ran for congress? Did you ask him why he gave back the \$10 after receiving the 7-30 notes? If he didn't receive them, why give me back \$10? Respectfully, G. L. DANNELS.

Mr. Dannels enclosed a letter from Secretary Foster of April 6, 1892, to show that Mr. Foster did know him. Here it is:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
WASHINGTON, April 6, 1892.

Mr. G. L. Dannels, Gibsonburg, Ohio:

MY DEAR SIR:—I have yours of the 4th. I do not know what I can do. Of course I will warrant and defend the title. Do you know anything about John Knox, to whom the mortgage was given in 1857? The mortgage is undoubtedly paid, but a record of that fact has not been filed at the proper place. Yours very truly, CHAS. FOSTER.

Mr. Foster is trying to evade the question of 7-30 notes, and in doing so has placed himself in a very bad light. To show what kind of a man Mr. Dannels is, read the following letter from I. W. Miller, postmaster at Gibsonburg, Ohio: GIBSONBURG, OHIO, October 24, 1892.

Mr. F. R. Forrest, Jewell City, Kansas:  
G. L. Dannels was born and raised in this county, has resided in this neighborhood all his life, except three years in the army, he is a man of good habits and character, trustworthy, etc. Yours, etc., I. W. MILLER, P. M.

Further correspondence will develop additional testimony, and may prove interesting. FRANK R. FORREST,  
Jewell City, Kansas.

The further correspondence spoken of by Mr. Forrest is received in time to make it a part of this record. It is as follows:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
WASHINGTON, November 10, 1892.

Mr. G. L. Dannels, Gibsonburg, Ohio:

MY DEAR SIR:—I have your favor of November 7. I have no recollection of the mortgage to which you refer. My suggestion is that you get some one to send me a paper describing the property mortgaged, and description of the mortgage, with release for me to sign. I can't do it here because I have no data that would enable me to prepare the proper paper.

Very truly yours,  
CHAS. FOSTER.

Compare this one with the one he wrote Mr. Dannels, April 6, 1892. But

it might be well to send you the letter Mr. Dannels wrote to Mr. Foster which brought the above reply. Here it is:

GIBSONBURG, OHIO, November 7, 1892.  
Hon. Chas. Foster, Secretary Treasury of the United States:

DEAR SIR:—I have before me two letters, one written by yourself to me, dated Washington, D. C., April 6, 1892, concerning an old mortgage still on record at the court house against the eighty acres purchased of you in 1866. I hope you will give it the proper attention and remove the same from said records. The other is a copy of a letter written by yourself to Frank R. Forrest, of Jewell City, Kan., in which you say that you never heard of G. L. Dannels, of Gibsonburg, Sandusky county, Ohio, and yet you say that it is possible that you sold him land in 1866, but do not recall the fact, but that you are quite sure that you were not paid in 7-30 notes. The letter to myself and the one to F. R. Forrest look rather inconsistent as they both lay before me.

Now, Mr. Foster, I want to state the facts to you and see if you can't recall them: I, in company with my brother, older than myself, came to your place of business at Fostoria, Ohio, and finished a deal, which in your absence had been partly made with your father, for eighty acres of land in Madison township, Sandusky county, Ohio. The consideration being \$800.00, one-half cash, balance in four annual payments. Of the cash at that time paid you, there was either \$150.00 or \$200.00 in 7-30 notes. After you received the notes, the justice of the peace who did the writing, congratulated you on your good fortune, and you returned me a \$10 bill as a part of the accumulated interest. With these statements can you recall? My brother still lives and remembers very distinctly that I paid you some bonds, but, like myself, does not remember the exact amount, but does remember that you returned to me \$10 as a part of accumulated interest.

Very respectfully, G. L. DANNELS.  
Gibsonburg, Ohio.

You may use the entire correspondence as you see fit. In the proof sheet I sent you on Wednesday last I think there was a typographical error, as to date. It is in Mr. Foster's letter of April 6, 1892. The error is April 6, 1862. Please correct. This undoubtedly will finish all correspondence with Mr. Foster on the 7-30's. Hoping you success in the ADVOCATE, and with the grand achievement obtained at the polls on the 8th in Kansas, I am still growing in the faith. Fraternaly,  
FRANK R. FORREST.

Jewell City, Kansas.

Get in the Wagon.  
Get your name on the ADVOCATE list at once, so as to get the treasury fraud expose, proceedings of congress and the state legislature, the result of the monetary conference and all the other rich things the paper will contain during the coming year. The tabulated statement of the state vote will probably be ready to print next week, and you will want a

copy to keep for reference. Some of our contributors are taking a vacation, but they will be on duty by the end of the year.

## A Correction.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—In the *National Economist* of the 26th inst., just issued, I find the following under the head of "Supreme Council," as special correspondence, Memphis, November 19, 1892, to-wit:

Congressman Otis, of Kansas, followed West, but seconded the nomination of Loucks. He said that he could not return to his people in distant Kansas if Macune was elected president; that he was covered all over with dark clouds of accusation, which he (Otis) considered sufficient to unfit him for the office.

## THREATENS A SPLIT.

If he is elected we of the west will have to withdraw from the national order, for we have had enough of the purchased allies of the southern democracy.

This report does me great injustice, as I never uttered the words there quoted, nor entertained the sentiments therein expressed. As you were present you will call to mind the nominating speeches and the sentiments uttered. I had no expectation of saying one word, until after the very remarkable nominating speech of Gen. West, of Mississippi. The substance of what I did say was that I considered Brother Loucks justly entitled to the position for the incoming term, and gave my reasons. I also stated that for the good of the order, and in the interest of the great movement in the northwest, we desired to have some person nominated for president against whom there had not been such a continued and bitter fight. That personally I was friendly to Brother Macune, but did not believe it was for the interest of the order to make him our national president.

And in my statements upon that occasion I feel that I voiced the sentiments of our membership in Kansas. I said nothing about any "threatened split," or any "withdrawal" or other form of "secession," for I knew nothing about any such foolish moves, nor had I, up to the time of Gen. West's speech, heard about any such thing, only as reiterated in the false and partisan press of the city of Memphis, and to which no good Alliance man gave any heed.

I should not now notice this report only as it claims to come as a special correspondence to the *National Economist*. Any one who knows me knows that I have always advocated the utmost unity, harmony and fraternity. And I trust this statement of the actual facts as they occurred will place me right before the Kansas membership. I had the honor to represent upon that occasion.

Yours truly, JOHN G. OTIS.  
Washington, D. C., November 25, 1892.