

Pikes Peak Cottage City
Colorado Springs, Colorado
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Dear Dr. Church:

Yours of the 8th received this morning. I doubt whether much can be got out of the quarry people, but, as they were paying for engine and crusher by portions of te stone delivered to Arlington County, their equity in that portion of the equipment may be considerable, and it may well to attach that if such be the case. I shall write to Mr. Rust in regard to the matter, and meanwhile, if you think advisable, you may also take the matter up with him or take such other measures as you think advisable.

Of course, Mr. Browning's offer is out of the question on the Horseshoe Hill property, but, as he has property adjoining, it may be possible to work the two places together in subdividing and sale. Under such circumstances I believe the property ought to bring pretty near the anticipated \$1,000.00 per acre when sold to permanent buyers, after the road is completed. I noticed that property situated on a concrete road about the same distance out from the City of Dayton, O., but much further from schools, churches etc, and without such a broad view, was selling at \$1299.00 per acre. Washington being a much larger and more important city ought easily to produce prices fully as high.

I wrote to Hester a few days ago urging him to make up all his debts. I am glad to say that my financial needs are somewhat improved, s I shall not need a loan, I believe, and probably the form rental can be assigned to other purposes.

Taxes last year-for the preceding year-were not paid until early in November, and I thought that a similar arrangement might be made with Huddleson for this year, if necessary, but, as I say, it now looks as the rest may be so applied before that time. If this may be done, so much the better – as I did not have 1923 taxes scheduled for payment until later as I did not dare count on sufficient until that time.

We are enjoying this delightful climate exceedingly and are mighty glad to have escaped the humid weather you have been having east.

A hail storm in northern part of the city two days ago covered level ground 4 inches deep, doing much damage to windows and roofs; we had very little at the south end.

Yours truly
Percy B. Tripp

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