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for lieutenant governor would be offended because I did not retire, but I met Mr. Poyneer afterwards and I found he did not care.

Thanking you again for your kind remembrance, and also again for the uniform support you gave me while in public life, and wishing for you many years of life and usefulness, I have the honor to be

Very truly yours,

DANIEL KERR.

GOVERNOR GEAR WRITES HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY

Washington, D. C., February 10, 1894.

Wm. H. Fleming Esq.

Des Moines, Iowa.

My Dear Fleming:

I am in receipt of the three copies of the paper with sundry articles, evidently written by yourself. Wm. Thompson of the First Cavalry was never anything but a major. Fitz Henry Warren was its first colonel.

Apropos of the election between Miller and Thompson, you may have forgotten that the poll books of the Kanesville precinct were stolen and a contest ensued for the seat. Charles Mason, late Chief Justice of the Territory, was counsel for Thompson. In a discussion in a law office in Keokuk on the case the question was raised "What has become of the poll books?" Mason had on an overcoat and in rising from his chair a bundle dropped out. On investigation it proved to be the stolen poll books. Such is the truth of history.

I notice the flags are to be moved to the State House and put in cases prepared for them. I wish that you would write an article to Lafe Young's paper, calling attention to the fact that if it had not been for the six months' hard work of my wife those flags would not have been in a state of preservation at this time. You know all about it.

Yours truly,

JNO. H. GEAR.

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