

Omsaha Oct 24th 1900

M^{rs} Christian S. Kinnell

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 20th is
hand and in response to your inquiry - It will say
that it should be very glad to be of any service to
you especially on your father's account. From your
letter I notice that you seek to better your business
prospects - by removing to some Western place
& I fear that it would be trespassing for me to advise
any business man young or old to come to Omsaha

Omsaha is a Commercial City - but little
Manufacturing done - The trade both retail & Wholesale
is large - but in the retail trade - the Department
Stores are the only houses making money and
the Dept Stores pay but Small Profits - I have not
done any Mercantile business for twenty years

I have two Boys - The oldest one some 28 years
old is married and has been on a farm for the past
5 years - in what is known as the Black Hills some
600 miles West - & the other son expects to be with him
in the Spring - I merely write these things to show
you that I have but little faith in Mercantile
business - Some make a success but a long & weary
one

make failures - therefore knowing what to do of business
interests - and knowing the best interests of - my own
sons at heart - I have preferred to see them settled in
life - earning their daily bread - by work that
brings contentment - So you see from what
I write - that I am not capable of giving
sound advice - If you are in business or have
a situation I presume you are doing as well
in Coalington as you could do in Omaha

Say to your Father I should be glad to hear from
him - but few of his old friends of Omaha are now
living - Most of them have passed over - the River
Not a business house - left that was in business when
he was here - What are left of our old associates - are
becoming old men & women - Some families have all passed
away - My Brothers are all living - I was informed
a few days since that Brother Hough of Los Angeles - died
in Sept last - I never hear anything of our Virginia
City Associates of 1864 - with the exception of - Rubin
Hornum - He is at Lead City SD I presume that most
of them are dead. With kind regards to your Father
I regret that I am unable to be of assistance
to you in the way of business
Yours Truly
G. H. Forbes