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CALENDAR
1882-1903
March 2

Genesee County, New York

Copy of agreement between the Tonawanda Senecas and the New York, West Shore & Buffalo Railway Company covering a right-of-way through the Reservation.
November 25

Copy of letter

Ely S. Parker to C. W. Hutchinson

[2 sheets]
February 26

Eli S. Parker to Hon. C. W. Hutchinson

Explaining that both Cornplanter and Handsome Lake were of the Wolf Clan and that the Turtle Clan, to ennoble and exalt itself, endowed Handsome Lake with a Turtle sachemship; and that, upon Handsome Lake's death, the Turtle Clan recalled the name Ga-neo-di-yo.

[The verso has a notation: "Presented to Gyantwaka, Mr. Joseph Keppler, March 6, 1901. Harriet Maxwell Converse - Ya-ie-na-wok"]
September 26

 Typed copy of Eli S. Parker's speech at the Gettysburg battle field,

 Clan divisions [Elder and Younger] of the Iroquois printed by hand by Eli S. Parker
June 3

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler [3 sheets]

A poet’s letter expressing her mood, being in the land of strangers and saying she is returning to Buffalo on the following Monday.

June 4

U.S.S. New York, Newport, R.I.

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he was never intended to be a preacher as he could not subscribe to the dogmatic conceptions of heaven and hell; that he saw Mrs. Converse before leaving New York and he found her happy over the procurement of another wampum belt.

June 12

Cattaraugus Reservation, New York

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Saying that she and Ed Cornplanter were sad at his leaving; that she is sending a photograph of the Feather Dancers and David Stevens, Halftown and George Kittle who officiated at his adoption in the Wolf Clan; saying Cornplanter has given her a brooch for Keppler.

June 20

Newtown, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that Mrs. Converse is at the Reservation and asking that the matter of the base drum be attended to at once.

June 24

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler [post card]

Acknowledging receipt of box sent by Keppler over which the family is much pleased.
June 29

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Saying that two "sky" brooches are being sent by express and explaining in detail the symbolism of each; reporting that her trip to the Cornplanter Reservation [in Pennsylvania] was successful and that the people all over speak highly of Keppler.

July 1

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Asking for a picture of himself taken by Keppler.

July 1

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Congratulating Keppler on his having become a member of the Wolf Clan and expressing his belief that his ship will not be at New York in time for the Dewey Celebration.

July 22 [post mark]

Edward Cornplanter to Harriet Maxwell Converse [post card]

Acknowledging receipt of drum and mentioning payment of express charges on it.

July 26 [post mark]

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler [post card]

Saying the drum is just the size desired and that he likes it very much.

July 26

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying that David Stevens is critically ill; that Red Sky [Joseph Keppler] has taken care of the express charges on drum; that he knows nothing about "Mr. Clark."
July 27
Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler
Saying how much the drum has meant to his show.

August 12
Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler
Saying they expect to sail that evening for New York and mentioning the heavy fogs occurring at Bar Harbor.

August 25
Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler
Announcing date of Green Corn Dance as August 27th, it being held earlier than usual because he and his dancers must leave for a three weeks' tour of the Fairs.

August 25
Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
Announcing the date of the Green Corn Ceremony as August 28th, somewhat early because the Cornplanter Company is to leave for a road tour the following week.

August 29
James H. Halftown to Joseph Keppler
Sorry that Keppler did not attend Green Corn Dance and inviting him to attend Indian fair on Sept. 19.

September 16
Jane Kittle to Joseph Keppler
Requesting monetary aid.
[This is written on a handbill dated October 16, 1897, in which her father, John Kittle, advertises the theft of a horse.]
September 30 [post mark] Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler [post card]

Saying that he is sending the little falseface and requesting payment by money order.

October 4 [post mark] Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler [post card]

Asking if Mrs. Converse has given Keppler something sent to her [probably the small falseface mentioned on September 30th]

November 3 Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

David Stevens continues critically ill; asking for pictures taken [by Keppler?]; saying he leaves for Canada and must have money if he is to collect old relics and that Kittle wants $12, and George Jones, $15, for their falsefaces. Jones' being an old one from the Genesee Valley.

November 5 [New York, N. Y.]

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Saying she is sending a young collector to Keppler and wants him to have the young man realize the importance and value of Iroquois material, particularly falsefaces, and saying there are none in the State Collection as rare as those Keppler has; she has located an "historical" wampum belt. [A portion of this letter is missing.]
November 7

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

[Lawton Station, New York]

Acknowledging receipt of $5.00; mentioning a schism between the Pagan and Christian parties in the Seneca Nation over tribal monies and saying that there are many old relics in Canada but he cannot procure them without money. There is a half-sheet, undated, but probably belonging to this letter, asking that Mrs. Converse be told that David Stevens is near death.

November 20 [post mark]

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

[post card]

Saying he has returned from Canada with no relics because he had no money.

November 22 [post mark]

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

[post card]

Saying he has located a small falseface for which the owner wants $1.00.

November 29

Newtown, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Reporting David Stevens as dying; announcing date of New Year Ceremony in February 1900; advising that Red Sky [Joseph Keppler] not do as planned, but send clothes to be distributed to all the people before Christmas as that will avoid trouble; saying that the catarrh snuff-medicine will be sent soon; agreeing to Keppler being made a chief and, in a postscript, saying that he has sent Keppler a small falseface, an old one from the Genesee valley.
December 7

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Newtown, New York

Reporting death of David Stevens; stating that roots from which snuff is made are not plentiful; discussing the coming selection of Joseph Keppler as a chief.

December 10

Chapman Schanandoah to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse [post card]

Brooklyn, New York

Announcing that Capt. Chadwick is to leave the "New York" the following day and is to be succeeded by Capt. Snow.

[French Ensor Chadwick commanded the armored cruiser New York, flagship of the North Atlantic Squadron during the Spanish-American war, and was Admiral Sampson's Chief-of-staff]

December 18

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Lawton Station, New York

Saying that David Stevens' widow is most thankful for the help received and that she is going to make Mrs. Converse and Keppler a gift of some brooches; that he works every day and has little time to search for relics.

December 24

Chapman Schanandoah to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse [2 sheets]

U.S.S. New York, At Sea

Saying they had a splendid voyage New York to San Domingo City but that his quarters have been changed to less comfortable ones at the order of a first lieutenant through the influence of an unnamed party; sending his love to individuals on the Cattaraugus Reservation.
J. O. Prant-Sero to Joseph Keppler

Saying that news reports state that Keppler is leading a movement to disinter the bones of Deerfoot [Lewis Bennett] and rebury them in Forest Lawn Cemetery at Buffalo, and suggesting that the publication of a biography of Deerfoot might constitute a more suitable memorial.
7 December 30

C. E. Lambert to Joseph Keppler

Reporting a visit and an unexpected gift from a representative of Indians of the Six Nations; asking if it is possible to obtain a copy of the speech of presentation and making inquiry as to the meaning of the clan totems on the token given him.

[?] Two sketches of the head-stone to be placed at Deerfoot's grave, Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo. The larger sketch carries the stamp of C. W. Cooper, monument dealer in Buffalo, and is marked: "O.K. Jos. Keppler."

[?] Joseph Keppler to - Bennett [copy]

Saying arrangements have been made to remove his father's remains from Gowanda to Buffalo and asking him to notify the relatives and descendants of Deerfoot, as he promised. [With this is a form letter to be sent out, the verso of which carries the names of the people to be notified.]

January [?]

Chapman Schanandoah to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse [2 sheets]

Reporting his difficulties due to drunkenness while on shore "liberty" and asking that she write to Capt. Snow in his behalf.

New York, New York

IROquois PAPERS
JOSEPH KEPPLER COLLECTION
FOL. W,3 No. 2

New York, New York

IROquois PAPERS
JOSEPH KEPPLER COLLECTION
FOL. D,3 No. 1

U. S. S. New York, St. Thomas

IROquois PAPERS
JOSEPH KEPPLER COLLECTION
FOL. S,3 No. 6
January 11

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Reporting illnesses of George Jones and George Pierce, the latter being serious.

Fol. C.8.3 No. 7

January 12

Lawton Station, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying he and his sisters had Christmas presents from the Sunshine Club and that they had a big feast at Delos Kittle's home on New Year; asking Mrs. Converse for Sunday picture papers.

Fol. C.8.4 No. 1

January 17

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying a reservation has been made for her at the Lawton Hotel and that he is glad that Joseph Keppler is to receive his horns; reporting that some drunken boys kicked a hole in his drum at the Newtown Long House at a recent Indian show there.

Fol. C.8.3 No. 18

January 28

Washington, D.C.

Lester Bishop and Andrew John to —

[2 sheets]

Account of hearing on "Ryan Bill" and on amendments concerning oil leases on entire Allegany and Cattaraugus Reservations; mentioning friendship of Representatives Ryan and Sulzer [cf.]

Fol. J.5 No. 1

January 30

Williamsport, Pa.

Arthur C. Parker to Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying that his school work is going well and that his capacity for learning is due to "Uncle Frank's" [Mr. Converse] training, and that the surrounding countryside is most beautiful.
February 3

U.S.S. New York, Colombia, S. A.

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Congratulating Keppler on his having become a full Seneca chief and asking if Mrs. Converse reported his trouble to Keppler.

February 10

U.S.S. New York, At Sea

Chapman Schanandoah to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse [2 sheets]

Saying that he received 10 days solitary confinement and was fined 15 days pay by the court martial; expressing his desire to obtain his discharge once the ship reaches New York.

February 17

Gowanda, New York

J. H. Schaack to Joseph Keppler

Offering to remove Deerfoot's bones to Buffalo for $60.00.

[The verso carries unrelated sketches of furniture by Keppler]

March 15

Buffalo, New York

Edward S. Strickland to Joseph Keppler

As Assistant Secretary of the Buffalo Historical Society saying they will be able to have the grave for the deposit of Deerfoot's bones ready upon two or three days' notice.

March 21

Gowanda, New York

J. H. Schaack to Joseph Keppler

Saying the remains of Deerfoot will be disinterred on the 27th and taken to Buffalo the following day.
March 22

Edward D. Strickland to Harriet Maxwell Converse

Complimenting the New York Athletic Club on its interest in the memorial to Deerfoot and saying he will check on all final arrangements.

March 23

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying that her message has been given to George Pierce; asking about Nation matters in Washington and Albany and stating that although the people are against him he will not give up.

March 23

J. H. Schaack to Harriet Maxwell Converse

Estimating that the time required to transport Deerfoot's remains to Buffalo at about 6 to 7 hours.

March 24

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Hoping that Keppler's health is much improved; announcing death of George Jacob's wife on February 29 and asking about matters in Congress.
Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]

Reporting she is leaving for Buffalo the following Tuesday and will stop at Canajoharie in an endeavor to procure a falseface, a belt and some brooches from Mrs. Richmond; mentioning the publishing of an article of hers on Deerfoot [Lewis Bennett, 1830-1896] in the New York "Sun" [see Deerfoot File for this clipping]; asking Keppler to interest himself in Kaspar Mayer who is worthy of encouragement.

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Enclosing a story sent the Buffalo "Express" last week; sending address of tombstone man in Buffalo and saying she plans to be in Canajoharie on Friday.

Baptist Thomas to Joseph Keppler

Regretting that he had not met Keppler personally during his recent visit to Cattaraugus Reservation.

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Expressing the gratitude of the Seneca Nation for the honor Keppler has shown to the memory of Deerfoot. [Keppler was instrumental in having Lewis Bennett's remains disintered and reburied at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo and in erecting a stone at his grave. [See Deerfoot File, this collection.]}
April 8
Orlando Doxtader to Joseph Keppler
Acknowledging receipt of a package and expressing appreciation for "the beautiful pipes."

April 9
Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
Requesting some aid as it is necessary to purchase seeds.

April 16
Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler
Acknowledging photograph sent.

April 20
Moses Shongo to Harriet Maxwell Converse
[2 sheets]
Stating that Joe Jacobs and Perciful (sic) Nephew have opened Deerfoot's grave. [See non-Indian correspondence under "Deerfoot Memorial" in Keppler Mss. Collection]; Joe Jacobs and Josephine Button are living together as man and wife; relating the writer's early life, 5th to 17th year, and brutal treatment received from Jack Logan who was a foster parent.

April 21
Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse
Reporting a letter from Joseph Keppler concerning tribal matters [in Washington?]

April 26
Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
Saying that 3 brooches have been sent and the falseface will be in a few days; asking about the progress of Indian legislation. [Marked: "Ans. Apr. 30" in Keppler's hand.]
Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he has reported to William Crow and the people what Keppler told him concerning tribal matters; asking if Keppler will contribute $5.00 to a fund for uniforms for the Seneca Nation [Logan's] band; and inquiring when the Condolence Ceremony over the Deerfoot monument is to be held.

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Reporting coming Medicine Ceremony [June 12th] and various activities of his Show Band and the Newtown baseball team; saying that Eliza Hemlock send regards and asking about the early payment of the Kansas Claim monies.

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying that John Big Kittle is ill; that he is sending the snuff; asking about Indian matters before Congress and saying they expect Converse for the Strawberry Dance on June 14.

Chapman Schanandoah to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

[2 sheets]

Saying his time of service in the Navy expires in 23 days and that he hopes to be in New York soon; he saw a fake "Indian" fortune teller while ashore at Newport and exposed him to a local newspaper. [The clipping from the Newport Herald, July 8, 1900 reporting this occurrence is attached to p. 3]
July 12
Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Saying she is leaving for the Reservation to be gone a week and reporting that "Joe" Fraser described the administration of the "na-ga-na-ga" medicine to him most accurately.

July 16
Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Saying she is leaving for Buffalo on the 18th and that Mr. Converse will accompany her; asking Keppler for any message he may want delivered to people on the Reservation.

July 24
Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that her Indian woman had died at Bellevue Hospital and that she will be busy for two days arranging for the funeral services and accompanying the body to Nyack.

August 21
Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler [post card]

Expressing his pleasure that Keppler is about to visit him and announcing the opening of the Six Nations meeting on September 15th.

August 21
Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying he has a good job, with his band, with the Flaming Arrow Show and discussing his probably itinerary.
August 24  

Onondaga Castle, New York

Baptist Thomas to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying he cannot reply to Keppler’s letter as he does not know his address and asking for it; speaks of certain people quarreling among themselves.

[Mrs. Converse forwarded this letter to Keppler with a penciled note covering the blank pages.]

August 25

Chicago, Illinois

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Reporting that he is with the Lincoln J. Carter Show and that week after next they leave for night stands through Wisconsin; hoping that Joseph Keppler can take his picture in his three costumes when he visits New York.

[This is on note paper of Lincoln J. Carter’s Theatrical Enterprises]

August 29

Oneida, New York

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he is quite rested and that old scenes begin to look natural again and that he had a lawyer make a title search of his property and that it was found sound and clear, so he will continue to pay off the mortgage.

August 31  

Onondaga Castle, New York

Baptist Thomas to Joseph Keppler

Asking Keppler to price clothing for him in New York as it is very expensive in Syracuse; noting a meeting of the Iroquois Temperance League at Allegany Reservation “first Tuesday in October.”

[October 2nd.]

September 4  

Oneida, New York

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Asking that his discharge papers [in Keppler’s keeping] be sent him and that he commences to pick hops the following day.
September 6

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Sending itinerary of traveling show saying they are very comfortable, being housed in Pullman cars, and sending regards to friends in New York and on Reservation.

September 25

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Saying that Mrs. Converse's and Keppler's visit was too short and expressing appreciation of Keppler's gift of money to the chiefs; announcing a special meeting at Newtown on October 13th.

October 8

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying he has steady employment with the Go-wan-go Mohawk Flaming Arrow road show through the whole winter and sending his itinerary. [This is on the stationery of the Lincoln J. Carter's Theatrical Enterprises]

October 9

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Requesting Keppler to be sure and come on Friday so that Isaacs may sing a "luck song" for him.

November 19

U.S.S. Atlanta, San Juan, P. R.

Chapman Schanandoah to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying that after the trial trip, his ship left New York sooner than had been expected; reporting a rough trip and a coal bunker fire in mid-ocean which was finally brought under control and that "last Friday," on their arrival at San Juan, another broke out near the magazine which, too, was put out.
November 30

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet
Maxwell Converse

Camden, New Jersey

Explaining why he wants to quit
the show and asking help in re-
turning to his home and family.

December [?]

Lawton Station, New York [?]

Jesse and [Carrie?] Cornplanter
to Joseph Keppler

Hand-printed copy [page 118
"Second Reader"] of Grandmother's
Clock; the lower half of the page
is a note - possibly in the child-
ish hand of Carrie Cornplanter -
asking for earrings for Christmas.
The verso carries a drawing
[probably from the same "Reader"
of the clock, a woman and a boy.]

December 3

Lawton Station, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying he will meet Keppler at
the train on December 24th; that
his little sister Martha is so
pleased at his coming visit; that
George Snow was seriously burned.
[The verso carries several sketches
probably done by Jesse.]

December 7

New York, New York

Joseph Keppler to Stephen York [copy]

Discussing the personnel of a
committee appointed by Governor
Theodore Roosevelt to investigate
the Indian question and asking if
York can be counted upon to appear
before the committee.
[Attached is a news clipping
reporting the appointment of such
committee.]
December 10

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Asking for color crayons so that he may draw something for Keppler. [The verso carries a pencil and water-color drawing of an Army scout in buckskin costume.]

December 14

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Saying that his finances do not permit a visit to New York at this time. [The verso carries penciled memoranda in Keppler's hand.]

December 24

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Saying that her burden is heavy but that she will manage some way even though retrenchment is necessary.

December 26

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying he arrived home the previous Monday night; enquiring about his getting a position with the Indian troupe being formed for the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo and saying there is some distrust of Wilson Stevens who is now manager of the troupe.

December 28

Moses Shongo to Joseph Keppler

Difficulties in supporting his children, Clifford, at school, and Maud, recently having given up a job as theatre ticket girl [in Buffalo?]; stating he is going to have the bracelet made in gold; inquiring as to "Kansas Money" and Ryan Bill.
Andrew John to Joseph Keppler
[telegram]
Asking for $40.00

January 5

Orrin Jones to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse
Saying he misses Cornplanter's help in his singing with the Flaming Arrow show company and that he is going to quit the company once it reaches New York.

February 1

Power of attorney covering the appointment of Keppler to represent the people in Washington, signed by Thomas Kennedy, Jerome Kennedy [by X's] and William Bluesky.

February 1

Draft of Council minutes at which Joseph Keppler was appointed to represent the people at Washington, D. C., to urge the passage of the Ryan Bill. The verso carries pencilled memoranda in Keppler's hand, an address of Andrew John, 224-3rd Street, N. W. and a note that Vreeland and Platt are against the Bill.

February 3

Chapman Schanandoah to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse
Complaining that he has had no mail from her and that their mail has to go by way of England; saying that his health is excellent and that he finds no difficulty in maintaining his new rating as chief machinist.
February 7

Thomas H. Kennedy to Joseph Keppler
[telegram]

Announcing his and Pierce's departure for Washington.

February 8

Joseph Keppler to Thomas H. Kennedy
[2 sheets]

Saying that he has come to Washington to aid in the speedy passage of the bill; that he has conferred with Senator Thurston, who promises its passage by February 19; expressing his appreciation for the labors for its passage by Andrew John and Lester Bishop [cf.] [This refers to the Ryan Bill H.R. 4718]

February 25

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Expressing thanks for money sent.

February 26

Thomas H. Kennedy to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Acknowledging Keppler's letter of February 8; saying that a joint committee of both Houses had agreed on Ryan Bill, as amended. [There is a penciled notation on p. 2 in Keppler's hand to the effect that Senator Thurston evidently thought J. K. an Indian.]

March 2

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying that George James has the false face, leggings, sash and medicine but that they want to know what Keppler will pay for them; that the Lays and Jones are apparently jealous of him [Cornplanter] and that Keppler should write immediately.
March 11
[post mark] Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler
(post card)
Saying that the box is being sent and asking payment of the whole amount.

March 15
[post mark] Lawton's Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler
(post card)
Acknowledging receipt of money and saying he took it over [to George Jones]. To this is attached a registry receipt signed by Edward Cornplanter and dated Lawton's Station, March 13, 1901.

March 23

Andrew John to Joseph Keppler
Suggesting his return to home by way of New York.

March 28

Lawton Station, New York

Julia Crow to Joseph Keppler
Asking $4.00 for the two baskets

April 6

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler
Saying his whole family is recovering from colds and that he has given up the idea of the Pan-American Exposition because he does not trust Lawton, Indian superintendent; that he is working 4 miles away for .75 a day.

May 13

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler
Announcing the Strawberry Dance and Medicine Society meeting early in June, that Ed Brush has been at the Reservation making photographs of the long house and other buildings, and saying that George Pierce would like the chief's pipe promised him by Keppler.
May 13

Adam Jones to Joseph Keppler

Requesting a print each of 4 different pictures of him as promised by Keppler, and asking if Keppler will sell him a certain beaded legging-strip.

May 20

George Pierce to Joseph Keppler

Announcing convocation of Little Water Society in June and also Strawberry Feast, but setting no dates.

May 22

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Hoping that Mrs. Converse turned over the money he left with her to settle an earlier loan made by Keppler; saying that he is now a chief machinist; that they are enjoying brisk autumn weather and that the ship is doing but little cruising; it takes 30-40 days for mail to reach him.

July 19

Suggesting that Joseph Keppler's "bad luck" may be due to his improper treatment of the "dangerous things" [masks, etc. - probably] he has at his home and saying that he has never heard of the Indian names about which Mrs. Converse made enquiry.
[1901 con.]

July 20

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Asking that arrangements be made for the Seneca lacrosse team to play against the Crescent Athletic Club. [The verso carries penciled memoranda in Keppler's hand: L. J. Doyle, 26 Clinton Str. Brooklyn, Crescent Athletic Club. Doyle was in charge of lacrosse team's schedule.]

August 9

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Asking about pictures to be taken by Casper Myers and for the address of the manager of the Crescent lacrosse team.

August 13

U.S.S. Atlanta, Bahia, Brazil

Chapman Schanandoah to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse [2 sheets]

Saying he has received her letter No. 4 and that some of his mail never reaches him; thanking her for going to Washington in his behalf - to procure a leave for him - and that the report she had as to the cost of getting home was exaggerated; that mail can be sent him direct by Lamport and Holt steamship line.

August 17

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Discussing details concerning a game for the lacrosse team with that of the Crescent Athletic Club and saying they are going to play at the Fredonia fair on the 18th or 19th [probably September].
August 20

Lawton Station, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Reporting that he and Joseph Hemlock are playing in their own show doing dances and funny songs; that the lacrosse team is practicing regularly; asking for a pair of boxing gloves. [With the signature are drawings of a snipe and a wolf - his and Keppler's respective Clans.]

August 31

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying that at a meeting of the lacrosse team it was decided to play the Crescent team on October 5th and that 15 members will make the trip; asking that reduced railroad fare tickets Buffalo to New York be obtained for the team and that Keppler attend to the matters of expenses, money, guarantees, etc.

September 2 [post mark] Lawton Station, N. Y.

Kelly Lay to Joseph Keppler [post card]

Announcing Green Corn Dance on next day and asking for a donation.

September 16

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Agreeing to accept the $150.00 offer [for game with Crescent lacrosse team] and bring only 12 players and himself, as, playing only one game, they would need no extra men, and discussing details of money matters and travel.
October 4

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying that Keppler's message reached him [evidently postponing the Crescent game until the following Spring] and they will wait until he comes up to discuss matters and reporting a large attendance at the Iroquois Temperance League.

October 16

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying that he wants to see her and will meet her at the Lawton railroad station; that he hopes to go with her as he would like to see Strickland [?], Benedict, Brush and Lawton, and that he wants to discuss tribal matters with her concerning the Kansas Claim money.

October 25

Lawton Station, New York

Jesse Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Thanking him for the paints.

November 25

Newtown, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying he had sent a picture of his lacrosse team to Mrs. Converse; asking him about the license tax on the Cornplanter Indian show and discussing the possibility of advertising a meeting on Saturday, November 30th, at Newtown Long House to discuss Kansas Claim payments.

December 24

Akron, New York

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Expressing appreciation of overcoat sent and asking Keppler to inform Mrs. Converse that the petition will be returned as soon as he has the signatures.

[The verso carries penciled memoranda in Keppler's hand concerning a schedule of games for the lacrosse team and the address of Frank Eugene]
[c.] [?]  

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler  

Saying that George Jones has asked that clothing be sent him.

? June 22  

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler  

Describing the confusion in dates caused by Arthur Parker's letter and saying the more important meeting of the Senate Committee will not occur until July; saying that Parker and Harrington have been driven away from their "find" by whites who bribed John Kennedy and that they should have let her take up the matter of permission with the Council.

? November 27  

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler [2 sheets]  

Saying that she will take the brooches to the American Museum of Natural History and explaining in detail the symbolism of some of those owned by Keppler; explaining that she is instructing him in the mysteries so that he may take her place among the Seneca when she dies.

January 13  

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler  

Inquiring about cost of uniforms for the lacrosse team; sending a complete list of the players with their Indian names; announcing date of the New Year Ceremony as February 13th.

Lawton Station, New York  

Newtown, New York
January 21
Lawton Station, New York
Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Announcing death of John Big Kittle "last Friday morning ... ten of this month" [This would have been the 17th] and that James Crow is making false-face to send to her.

February 3
Lawton Station, New York
Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing Medicine Society meeting on February 19th; stating Edward H. Brush, a writer from Buffalo, was over making sketches; saying that meetings are called at the Court House, Cattaraugus; on the Allegany Reservation; and at the Shongo Court House to discuss the Vreeland bill pending in Washington; reporting that some people from Salamanca are buying Indian signatures and now have over 100.

February 4
Onondaga Castle, New York
Elijah Hill to Joseph Keppler

Saying he will send the falseface and mentioning the price.

February 18
Akron, New York
Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Expressing regret at the lack of "ser-da-ko-ne" at the time of Keppler's visit, and quoting from a treaty on the Government's promise to the Indians of good will and protection.

February 18
Cattaraugus Reservation, N. Y.

Copy of resolution commending Keppler for his efforts to have Ryan Bill passed, signed by Thomas Kennedy and Albert Bluesky.
February 25
Leonard E. Snyder to Joseph Keppler
Reporting on a mask which can be bought for $4.00, a tortoise shell and a knife.

February 26
Elijah Hill to Joseph Keppler
Saying he is now ready to send the falseface and asking if Keppler is interested in a bear mask.

March 13
Elijah Hill to Joseph Keppler
Saying he is sending the bear mask.

March 15
Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler
Reporting on how successful the hearing [on the Vreeland Bill] was and how superbly the Indians spoke, particularly Chester Lay, Francis Jamison, Andrew John, and Francis Kennedy; saying that despite the hearing being postponed, in order to force the Indians to go home, they intend to remain for its continuation.

March 17
Edward Complanter to Joseph Keppler
Saying that George Pierce is expecting the $2.00 promised. The verso of this carries penciled figures in Keppler's hand.
March 18

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Saying her belief is that Vreeland adjourned the hearing hoping she and the Indians would be forced to leave Washington; she also thinks Bishop Walker's protest upset Vreeland greatly; they are getting good publicity and some offers of monetary help.

March 21

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Enclosing her "plea" and saying her "protest" will follow and saying she expects to leave the following Sunday.

March 21 [1/22]

Lucy S. Pierce to Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying that she has moved from "Miss Layforte" to her daughter's, Melinda's, house; that her son Ulysses G., has gone to live on Cattaraugus Reservation with Chester Lay; that no old false faces are procurable.

March 35

R. Deforest Jones to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Mentioning the imminent possibility of the Indians [New York] becoming citizens through the passage of the Vreeland Bill; requesting the address of Mrs. Converse and asking for a photograph of Sitting Bull [He signs the letter "Indian Artist" with sketches of an Indian head and an unidentified animal].

March 25

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging money sent for his mother and asking Keppler to procure stringing for a lacrosse stick.
April [? ] 5

Elijah Hill to Joseph Keppler
[post card]

Acknowledging receipt of cash and saying he will send the falseface.

Lawton Station, New York

April 7

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Asking if there is really a law against Indians playing lacrosse on Sunday, as the ministers claim, and if the Crescent team will not permit them to come down with 17 players instead of 15 so that they will have reserves enough for that and the Stevens game [Stevens Academy, Hoboken]

Lawton Station, New York

April 11

Leonard E. Snyder to Joseph Keppler

Saying that his sister will sell some relic for $25 and that Poodry does not want to dispose of his belt at this time; asking that games for the lacrosse team be arranged; requesting Keppler's picture so that it may hang beside that of Mrs. Converse.

Lawton Station, New York

April 15

Elijah Hill to Joseph Keppler

Saying he was delayed in sending the falseface but that it is being shipped that day.

Lawton Station, New York

April 17

Leonard E. Snyder to Joseph Keppler

Reporting on some brooches, a falseface, a pumpkin shell rattle and a knife that are available for purchase.
April 21

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying that the lacrosse team is practicing and asking if the Crescent managers will agree to their bringing down two extra players.

May 1

Lawton Station, New York

Julia Crow to Joseph Keppler

Suggesting that Keppler draw a picture of the kind of basket wanted and saying that her husband has recovered from a recent illness.

May 6

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Discussing monetary details of coming trip to New York for Crescent A.C. game; sending the personnel of the team and the measurements for four uniforms.

May 15

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying they had some trouble over the game on the 11th and for Keppler to pay no attention to any story he may hear concerning it; that the team is leaving for New York on May 23 [?]; discussing the teams money arrangements and saying there is some dissatisfaction among the players because they play so many games without pay.
May 16

Jacob M. Jimerson to Joseph Keppler
[3 sheets]

As captain of the Newton lacrosse team saying the team is practising faithfully, asking more information as to what the players are to be paid for their four games and saying the team can get no satisfactory answer to this question from the manager, Ed Cornplanter. [The verso carries a penciled note by Keppler: "Louis V. Mohar, Manager, Orange A.C., Orange, N. J."]

May 20

Lewis J. Doyle to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Enclosing a news clipping and stating considerable interest in the coming lacrosse game between the Crescent Athletic Club and the Seneca teams is evidenced; discussing a game with the Orange Athletic Club and the matter of uniforms.

May 28

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying that they arrived home safely the day before [from the trip to play the Crescent and Stevens games] and that he is about to commence making hickory bark rattles.

June 5

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Sending money to pay for uniforms and giving shoe sizes of 4 players; reporting on the killing of Adam Jacob by Charlie Snow; telling Keppler to be ready for the coming Strawberry Festival when, if George Pepper attends, he will be given an Indian name, and suggesting a choice of names first for Keppler.
June 7

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Asking that he be met at the West Shore Railroad depot on the morning of the 21st.

[The verso carries penciled memoranda in Keppler's hand of uniform and shoe sizes of four members of the lacrosse team.]

June 9

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Announcing date of Strawberry festival as June 14th and that they are willing and ready to confer an Indian name on George Pepper; setting date of Medicine Society meeting as June 16th and that a lacrosse game will be played at Newtown on the 15th, Sunday.

June 9

"Toniageh"

Joseph Keppler to Moses Lay

Handwritten copy [?] of letter calling attention of the Nation to the indiscriminate adoption of white people into the various Clans, and advising more care in the granting of clan names before these people have proven themselves worthy of them.

June 16

Salamanca, New York

R. Deforest Jones to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging the photographs of Sitting Bull, which he returns herewith; saying he has no Indian relics but "King Tandy Jimerson" collects a lot of them. [This letter carries the sketch of an Indian head at its top].
June 17

Delos E. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he will consult his mother about old leggings and that his pair can be had for $6. [Pages 3 and 4 carry notations in Keppler’s hand concerning a conference with a Mr. Philbin.]

[New York, N. Y.]

July 29

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Saying that he was met upon his return; announcing the Green Corn Dance and the Six Nations meeting to be held in September and asking that Keppler confer with Hewitt [J. N. B. Hewitt of the Bureau of American Ethnology] on the Handsome Lake Code.

[New York, N. Y.]

August

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Note on reverse of letter dated the previous day from William Sulzer on Committee of Military Affairs stationery calling Keppler’s attention to its contents.

[New York, N. Y.]

September 12

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Announcing date of the Six Nations meeting as September 27th.
Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Saying she is leaving that night for the Cattaraugus Reservation where she is to address the Senecas at the big church, Irving, with Bishop Walker; requesting Keppler to be sure to be present at the Great Corn Dance to help oppose giving Indian names and clan status to certain white people from Buffalo.

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying he is just back from the Canadian trip of the lacrosse team in which they won all their games at Brantford, Oshweken and St. Catharines and that he will have even a better team next season.

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying that he is going to run for the presidency of the Seneca Nation against the Willie Hoag party; that the Six Nations meeting is to be held in Canada on October 25th; that he is trying to collect monies owed by Dr. C. F. Bunbury a lacrosse club manager at Rochester.

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Saying they have won three games [lacrosse] from Canadian teams and announcing the Six Nations meeting as opening on October 12th.
October 18
Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Requesting money with which to attend the Six Nations Council to be held in Canada where he will endeavor to procure wampum and silver head-bands.

November 13
Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging receipt of pictures which have been distributed.

December 15

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Saying it is necessary she go to Washington at once on the Vreeland Bill matter and asking Keppler to come down if he possibly can.

December ?

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Thanking him for money sent to finance her emergency trip and reporting in detail on her experiences with different individuals in Washington, both in and out of Congress; mentions the Indians staying in Washington.

December 18

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Saying she has just received a copy of the bill and asking Keppler to come up to discuss it, and condemning Vreeland for stating that the Indians were in favor of it. [This written on the verso of a letter to her from Chas. T. Andrews - dated Ithaca, N. Y., December 15, 1902, suggesting that Bishop Walker be asked to induce Rogers, Locke and Williams, attorneys of Buffalo, to become associates with Van Voorhis as Counsel for the Indians.
1903

The final page [others missing] of a letter from Julia Crow probably to Mrs. Converse [which would date it prior to November 1903] asking that the Catholics be stopped from building a church near the Long House.

December [2 undated]

Three requests from Louis Saylor [writing for James Longfeather] to Joseph Keppler for reduced railroad fare tickets for traveling Indians.
[The letter paper and ink place the 2 undated letters in this year]
[Same noted as "Answered" in Keppler's hand]

[?]

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Corplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Stating that he will never renounce his pagan religion no matter how many are against him; that Clough's Sunday School now has an organ; that he is minding his own business and has never done anyone any wrong; that Mrs. Converse should come and see for herself and not listen to stories about him.
[See clipping New York Sun, June 19, 1904 re Corplanter's reported conversion to Christianity.]

January [?] 13

Onondaga Castle, New York

Elijah Hill to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is ready to send the falseface and that he has three others, all different; asking if Keppler wants some more "uttgocah".
January 15

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Enclosing a letter from Van Voorhis [attorney for the Indians] and describing Chapman Schenandoah's deep gratitude for Keppler's help in obtaining his honorable reinstatement in the Navy [See Schenandoah File for detail of this trouble]; saying she is holding some Sioux material in which Keppler may be interested.

January 19

Elijah Hill to Joseph Keppler

Offering another falseface and other old Indian specimens.

January 24

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Announcing date of the opening of the New Year's Ceremony as February 2nd.

January 29

Elijah Hill to Joseph Keppler

Discussing an old specimen which belonged to Abram Old Hill who died in 1895 at the age of 84 years, and mentioning prices of various pieces.

February 8

C. C. Lay to Joseph Keppler

Saying that the committee report is being sent back by William Blueskye and thanking Keppler for permitting him to see it. The date is written "193" but this must be in error as the report deals with the Vreeland Bill which was reintroduced in 1903. [The verso carries a memo in Keppler's hand: "Senate Resolution no. 356, 57th Congress, 2nd Session, January 31st, 1903." ]
March 30

Orlando Doxtader to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Informing of newly organized "Red Jacket" lacrosse team and requesting help in getting games in New York or its vicinity.

April 4

Thomas H. Kennedy to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Making inquiry concerning the so-called "Kansas Claim" [Ogden Land Company] money which would amount to $325.00 per capita. [Actually the per capita payment was $4.-- (47 or 48)]

April 8

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Saying that Keppler's lacrosse stick is nearly done, it needing only stringing; expressing doubt that the lacrosse team will go down to Brooklyn on May 23rd because of dissention among the members over Ed Cornplanter, and saying that he, Kittle, is writing Mr. Doyle, manager of the Crescent Athletic Club team.

April 9

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Saying that the lacrosse players have asked him to write Keppler about scheduling games for them in New York.

April 9

Lewis J. Doyle to Joseph Keppler

Discussing the schism among members of the Seneca lacrosse team and hoping things will clear up. [With this is a printed schedule of the Crescent games for the 1903 season.]
April 10

Jacob M. Jimerson to Joseph Keppler
[2 sheets]

Saying he knows little of the Seneca Club's [lacrosse team's] plans and that he had no reply from Ed Cornplanter to his inquiry concerning them. Saying there is some dissension between the manager, Cornplanter, and the players.

April 16

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Complaining that trouble-makers [on the lacrosse team] are circulating untruthful stories about him, particularly Lyman Crouse, Tom Green and Ulysses Nephew, who represent the Christian faction, and asking if she knows who is writing against him to Keppler; that Delos Kittle is trying to remove him as manager of the team so that he may get the post; giving a list of the players and their positions and asking that his arrangements for a game with the Crescent A. C. be not interfered with.

April 16

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Enquiring as to who is writing him "bad stories" about Cornplanter and professing his rectitude and honesty; sending a list of the players and their positions and saying he expects Jacob Jimerson back soon.
[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]
April 21

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he has discovered that Delos Kittle and other members of the team have written Keppler and Mr. Doyle [Manager of the Crescent A. C. lacrosse team] that he, Cornplanter, is no longer manager of the Seneca team and that the previous Sunday the team held a meeting to which he was not invited and he cannot understand why they are against him except that Delos Kittle wants to be the headman in everything.

April 21

Jacob M. Jimerson to Joseph Keppler

[4 sheets]

Announcing that Ed Cornplanter is no longer manager of the lacrosse team, having been supplanted by Delos B. Kittle and describing the actions of Crouse and Green, two players, at the New Year's ceremony which caused them to be arrested and brought before the head men of the Council; saying they are practising for the Crescent A. C. game and have communicated with Mr. Doyle, its manager.

[The verso of 4 marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

April 23

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Saying he has written Mr. Doyle about the trouble in the lacrosse team and that he understands that Delos Kittle, Young Lay, Kelly Lay and Moses Cooper have written Doyle untruths about him; these four were instrumental in removing him as manager of the Seneca team; asking Mrs. Converse to tell Doyle that she will arrange for reduced railroad fare only if he, Cornplanter, is recognized as manager.
April 23

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Saying the lacrosse stick was sent that morning and announcing that the team had removed Ed Cornplanter but that Jacob Jimerson was still captain; asking Keppler various questions about the trip to Brooklyn.

April 24

[New York, N. Y.]

Harriet Maxwell Converse to Joseph Keppler

Enclosing a letter from Ed Cornplanter and saying he has no right to seek to use her in this manner. [The letter is dated April 23rd and is in the Edward Cornplanter file.]

April 25

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Explaining further details of the trouble in the lacrosse team and complaining that he has been treated most unfairly; he now hears that Jake Jimerson is against him; feeling that Keppler is siding with Delos Kittle and Jacob Jimerson and saying that he is terribly hurt by Keppler's action.

April 26

Brooklyn, New York

Lewis J. Doyle to Joseph Keppler

Thanking Keppler for his explanation of the trouble among members of the Seneca lacrosse team and saying that he will recognize J. M. Jimerson as Captain, and will consider Ed Cornplanter as out.

April 27

Gowanda, New York

Jacob M. Jimerson to Joseph Keppler [3 sheets]

Enclosing measurements for suits for lacrosse team [these are attached]; saying that Kittle has written Mr. Doyle to make final arrangements for the Crescent A. C. game.
Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Saying that since Mr. Doyle has decided to recognize Jimerson, he, Cornplanter, is going to drop the matter and asking Keppler why he believed the stories written him without asking to hear Cornplanter's side of the controversy; discussing the schism more in detail and suggesting that he can bring down a stronger team than the one coming, if he is permitted to.

Edward Cornplanter to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Complaining that Mr. Doyle should never have answered the letters written him by team members who said that Cornplanter was no longer manager and asking Mrs. Converse not to help the team with reduced railroad fares unless he is re-established as manager; announcing that a Sunday School has been established on the Reservation by T. H. Clough and that the Christian people are all against him because he is a pagan.

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Anticipating the arrival of the suits ordered by Keppler; the club is practising regularly; Keppler is to pay no attention to anything he may hear from Cornplanter, who is trying to break up the team; asking about the Kansas Claim monies.

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Reporting a long, hard trip from New York by way of Honduras and Puerto Rico; enclosing 10 dollars in repayment of a loan by Keppler.
May 13
Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse

Advising her that Mr. Doyle will inform her as to railroad tickets; stating that the people in Newtown do not hasten to bestow Indian names on white people until their friendship is proven.

[Page 3 carries a note in Mrs. Converse's hand to Keppler about the requested tickets and other matters.]

May 15

Gowanda, New York

Jacob M. Jimerson to Joseph Keppler

[3 sheets]

Enclosing list of team members to make trip for Crescent A. C. game [this is attached]; asking Keppler to supply Doyle with picture of the team.

May 23

Brooklyn, New York

Jacob M. Jimerson to Joseph Keppler

Saying the team had decided to go home and expressing regret at their not being able to visit Keppler.

May 26

Rochester, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

[telegram]

Announcing a tie game, score 3 to 3. [This was the game with the Crescents?]

May 27

Gowanda, New York

Jacob M. Jimerson and
Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting officially on railroad ticket detail in connection with return of lacrosse team from Brooklyn.
May 30

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Announcing the date of the Strawberry Dance as June 6th, and that a Medicine Society meeting will be held that night; asking that Mrs. Converse be so notified.

June 11

Lawton Station, New York

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Thanking Keppler for his help to the Cornplanter family during a visit made while Cornplanter was away and saying if Keppler wants him for a good brother he, Cornplanter, will be glad to accept him as such and that his unfriendly feelings will be put aside; announcing the immediate visit of Bishop Walker and the recent one of M. R. Harrington and A. C. Parker.

June 14

Brooklyn, New York

Lewis J. Doyle to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging Keppler's cheque and hoping the Seneca team had a pleasant and successful trip.

June 25

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Hoping for continued friendship between them.

August 13

Gowanda, New York

Jacob M. Jimerson to Joseph Keppler

Saying that they are ready to play any time Col. Cummins desires.

August 24

Gowanda, New York

Jacob M. Jimerson to Joseph Keppler

[2 sheets]

Announcing a victory over the Canadian Indian lacrosse team on August 16. Asking for Col. Cummins' address.
August 25

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Announcing several illnesses among the people and the death of Hannah Luke on August 23rd; complaining about Ed Cornplanter and reporting a lacrosse victory over a Canadian team, score 14 to 3.

August 31

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging receipt of a money order from Keppler covering monies belonging to the lacrosse team and announcing the coming Green Corn Dance.

September 2

Jacob M. Jimerson to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging Col. Cummins' address send by Keppler.

September 8

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Reporting a lacrosse victory over a St. Catharine's team, score 11 to 2, and saying that Mrs. Converse cannot attend the Green Corn Dance because of her husband's death on September 4th.

[The verso carries penciled memoranda in Keppler's hand.]

September 20

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Describing his voyage from the Mediterranean to Japan during which the ship's engines broke down at Aden where they stayed for a long period until repairs could be made, and discussing the boiling political situation in the Far East and comparing our heavy fleet strength with that of other nations.

[Marked: "Ans. Dec. 3" in Keppler's hand]
November 21

Julia Crow to Joseph Keppler

Inquiring about Kansas Claim money; reporting a fatal hunting accident to Bessie Mohawk's brother and asking if Keppler wants her to make baskets for him.

November 24

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Expressing his regret at his inability to attend Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse's funeral services.

November 27

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Expressing his great sorrow and loss in the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Converse and hoping that he may be given some momento from their home. [Marked: "Ans. Dec. 3" in Keppler's hand]

December 1

Edward Complanter to Joseph Keppler

Acknowledging a copy of his remarks at the funeral of Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse [Died Nov. 18; funeral Nov. 22]; saying how sad all the people are to lose her and telling of the attendance at the Indian ceremonies held in her memory.

December 1

Arthur C. Parker to Joseph Keppler

Saying that he has cleared Mrs. Converse's effects from her apartment and detailing the disposition of certain groups of articles.
December 7

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

Explaining that he did not come down to Mrs. Converse's funeral because Ed Correllanter and Gerry James hurt his feelings and wishing he might tell Keppler more concerning the matter.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

December 9

Onondaga Castle, New York

Elijah Hill to Joseph Keppler

Saying he is sending the false-face and will look around for old specimens.

December 13, 29, 29, 29

New York City

4 requests from James Longfeather to Joseph Keppler for reduced railroad fare tickets for traveling Indians

[These appear to be in hand of Dan La France [Red Eagle]]

[With notation on 2 in Keppler's hand]

December 18

George Pierce to Joseph Keppler

Saying his eyes are troubling and that he is sending a doll he hopes Keppler will purchase.

[Marked: Answered, in Keppler's hand]

December 18

U.S.S. Raleigh, Honolulu, P. I.

Chapman Schanandoah to Joseph Keppler

Expressing his sorrow at the news of the death of Mrs. Harriet Maxwell Converse; saying they are going to make him serve out the 5 months he was "at liberty"; and saying he is going to quit the service at the expiration of his 4 year term on October 23, 1904; inquiring about the Kansas Claim monies.
December 21

Edward Cornplanter to Joseph Keppler

Mentioning impending Christmas tree ceremonies at the Newtown and Gowanda school houses at which his band is to play; asking about the Vreeland Bill and saying he is against the effort to make the Indians of New York citizens; announcing New Year's Ceremony at Newtown on February [this probably should be January] 31, 1904.

December 24

Lawton Station, New York

Delos B. Kittle to Joseph Keppler

[3 sheets]

Announcing coming New Year Dance and Medicine Society meeting; reporting that Edward Cornplanter was heard to renounce the Handsome Lake religion and that he has moved over to Gowanda.

[Marked: "Ans. Jan. 7th" in Keppler's hand]

December 26

New York, New York

C. E. Lambert to Joseph Keppler

Enclosing blank orders for reduced fare railroad tickets. [To this is attached a sample form, so identified in Keppler's hand.]

December 29

Tonawanda Reservation, New York

Chauncey H. Abrams to Joseph Keppler

Saying he has noticed newspaper reports of the reintroduction of the Vreeland Bill and asking for a copy of it.

[Marked: "Ans. Jan. 7" in Keppler's hand]