

without going Alaska. In this section, there still aren't too many people. If it were a little warmer and sunnier there would be.

Oh, did you read about John Gay's Beggar's Opera and the Threepenny Opera (The World Is Mean and Man Uncouth) in the Virginia Quarterly. Do you like Gay?

I hope you're fine and not frozen with the lillies in the Plaza.

Love,

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Dear Beulah:

Thanks for your fine letter. I know that there were stone buildings at Fort Riley before the Civil War--and of course the Capital. But I had my doubts about downtown. As to the Episcopal Church. It may have been built in 1859, but I'm not so sure Jeb had anything to do with it. ^{but I went} I went to the incumbent rector when I was digging for Rome: He and I looked and he was of the same opinion as Capt. John W. Thomason of the Marines, who in his biography of Stuart says that Jeb helped collect the money for the church before he left that neck of the woods. But Stuart never saw it. It was built before the war and, I believe, it did fall in a couple of times. According to local people of Confederate descent, Jeb was beaten out of a farm he bought in Geary county in some deal by a local Yankee who was very virtuous about 'confiscating' a Secesch's land.

I think you must remember that there is a bronze tablet to him in the church. I used it as a prop in Rome--Wagnal hit it with a knife when he tried to knife the organ pumper. The vicar who was there after the second World War said that persons often came in and demanded to be shown the scratch. He was at a loss as there was none.