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**HARRY S. NEW
LETTER, 18 JANUARY 1885**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harry Stewart New (December 31, 1858—May 9, 1937) was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. He attended public schools in Indianapolis and college at Butler University. New worked at the Indianapolis Journal with his father, John C. New, who bought the paper in 1880. New, who was part owner of the Journal, held many jobs at the paper, from reporter to editor to publisher. The New family was also active in Republican politics, and Harry New began his political career as a state senator from 1896-1900. He also served on the Republican National Committee from 1900-12, and was chairman from 1907-08. In 1917, New was elected to the United States Senate, where he served until 1923. He was appointed as Postmaster General by President Harding in 1923, where he served until 1929. New was also a veteran, having served as a captain and assistant adjutant general in the Seventh Army Corps during the Spanish American War. Although New had mostly retired after he left his position as Postmaster General in 1929, he did serve as the United States Commissioner for the Century of Progress Exposition in 1933.

E.C.M. Rand was a New York City attorney, and an expert in finance and railroads.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This letter was written by Harry S. New of the Indianapolis Journal to a friend in New York, E.C.M. Rand, who was inquiring as to how to contact James Whitcomb Riley. In the letter, New informs Rand that Riley is still with the Journal and that his permanent address is at the Journal's office but that his lectures take him away from the office for weeks at a time. Still, New suggests to Rand that the Journal is the place where Rand will be able to "catch him [Riley] sooner or later".

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