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**Letter from A. H. Sellers to John Muir, 1899 Feb 10.**

Alfred H. Sellers

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Guyman Garnett, Pres. A.H. Sellers, Vice Pres.  
A.H. Stewart, Secy. C.R. Larabee, Treas.  
Frank H. Sellers, Trust Officer.

Directors,  
A.H. Sellers, John De Haven, John P. Wilson,  
A.H. Stewart, William W. Gurley, E. G. Keith,  
Chas. W. Drown, John J. Herrick, John S. Shortell,  
Guyman Garnett, Horace T. Chase.

Counsel,  
John P. Wilson, A.M. Ponce.

Capital and Surplus \$1,700,000.  
Title Guarantee and Trust Company,  
S.W. Cor. La Salle & Washington Streets.

Chicago, Feb 10, 1899

DIRECT ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY.

My dear Min - I am again a slave,  
my neck is again under the yoke, but  
I hope only for a few months.  
Yesterday the Board of Directors  
and circumstances made me President  
of this company, and that means I must  
be at my desk every day from 9 am  
to 5 P.M. I fought hard against it  
and had I not believed it would only  
be for a short time would never have  
yielded. The circumstances are these,  
the three companies here have been  
fighting each other very hard and there  
is now strong probability that a consolidation  
will result in the near future. I wanted  
our people to pass the Election of officers  
which always occurs at the Feb meeting  
over to the March meeting in hopes that  
the consolidation would take place in the

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meantime, but our people feared that  
if we passed the Election that the others  
would think we could not agree to  
take advantage of the circumstances, so I  
was forced to consent -

I never hated to give up my trips to  
Cala so much as I did this time and  
even Fay wanted to go -

I feel this morning as tho' I had taken  
a heavy load on my shoulders, but  
if the consolidation that is now  
proposed is carried out I will get  
out for good and to a great advantage -

I would like your sympathies for a few  
months and if I am not free then  
I want you to kick me -

Fay & Frank join me love to you  
all -

Yours very truly  
E. H. Bellus