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

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Gwynn Garnett, Pres. A.H. Sellers, Vice Pres.
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Frank H. Sellers, Trust Officer.

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A.H. Sellers, John De Haven, John P. Wilson,
A.H. Stewart, William W. Gurley, E. J. Keith,
Chas. W. Drown, John J. Herrick, John L. Threlkell,
Gwynn Garnett, Horace T. Chase.

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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 try to
take advantage of the circumstances, so I
was forced to consent -

I never hated to give up my trip to
Cal^a 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