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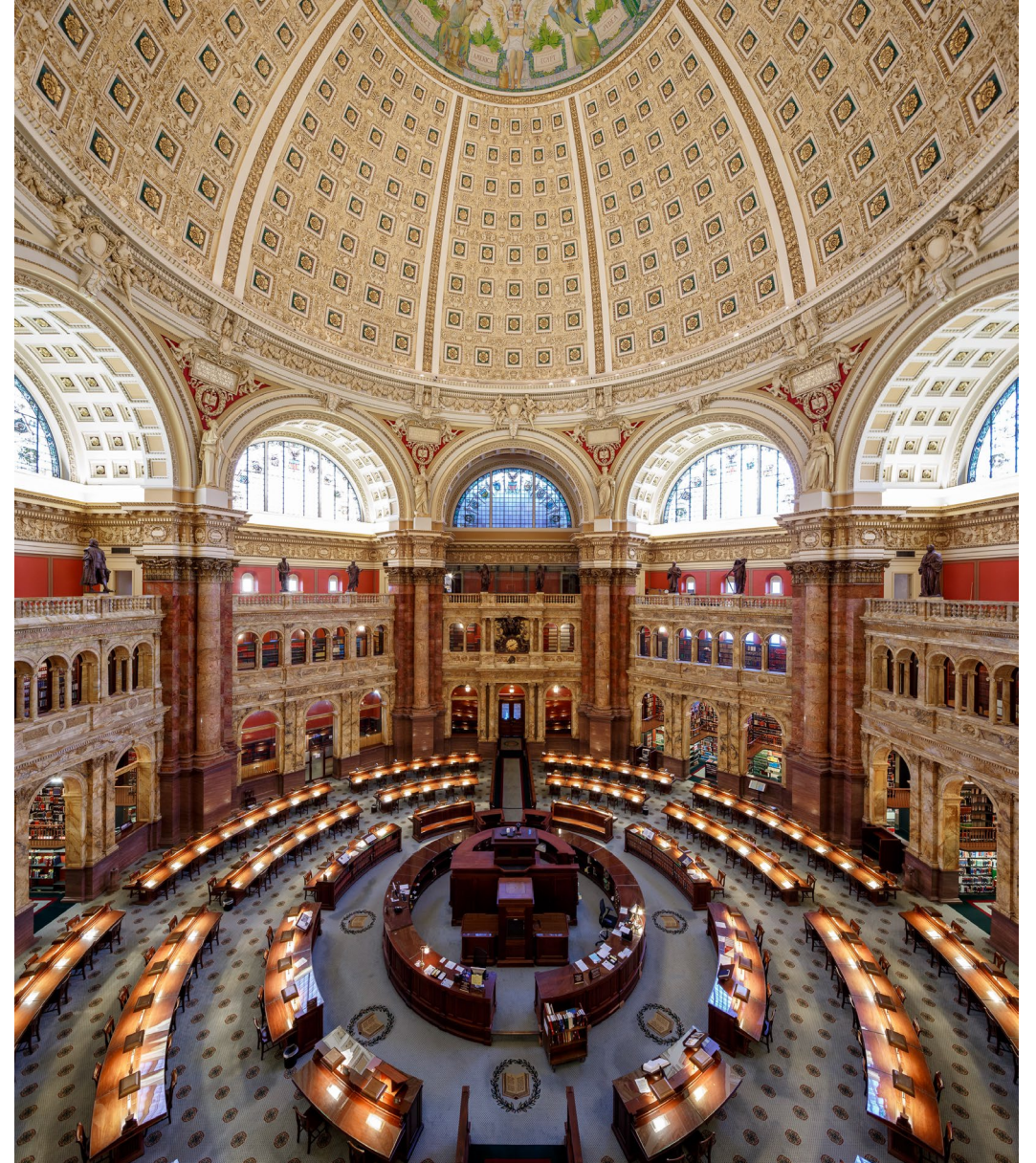
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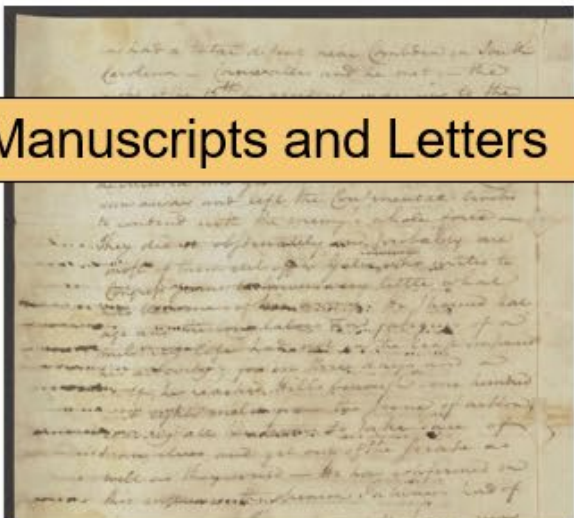
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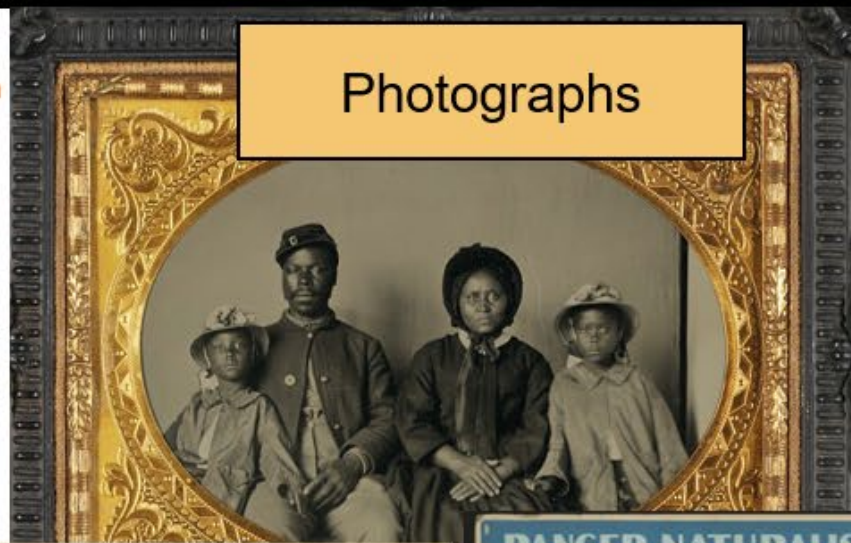


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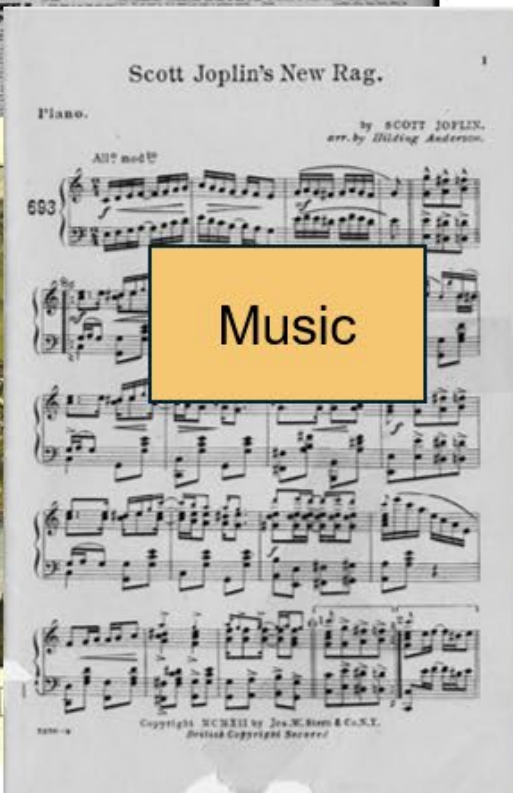
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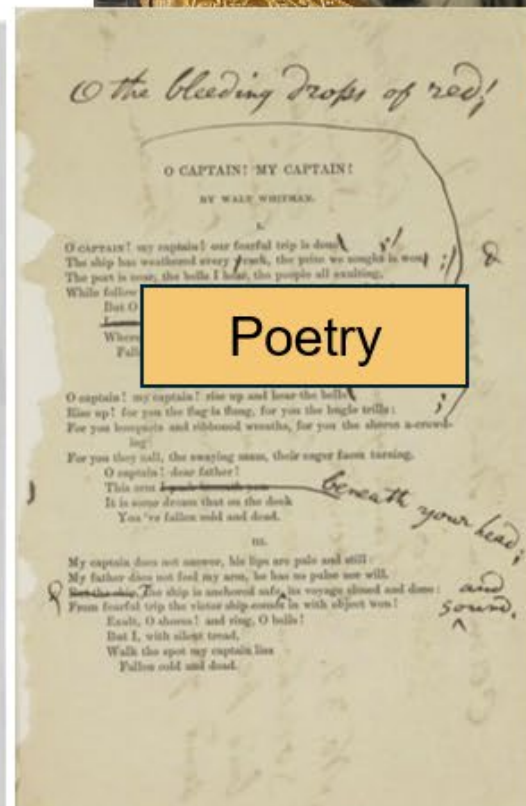
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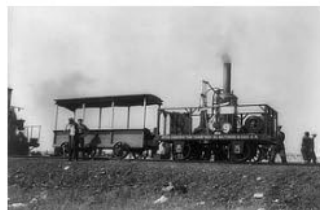
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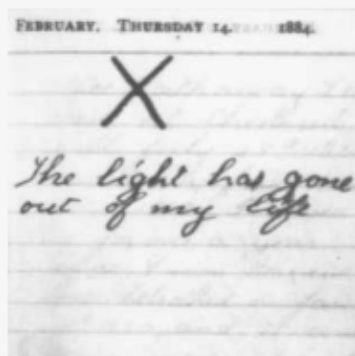
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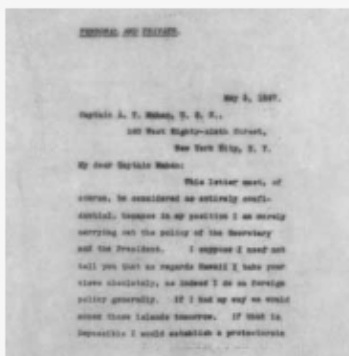
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Theodore Roosevelt, illustration published in the October 1900 ...



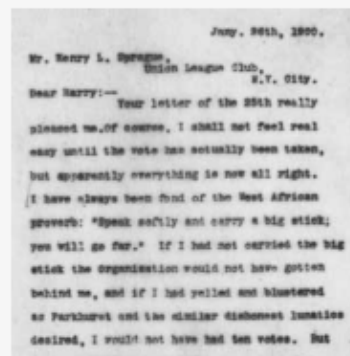
Theodore Roosevelt, diary entry, February 14, 1884, recording ...



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The papers of Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), public official, author, decorated veteran of the Spanish-American War, governor of New York, and president of the United States (1901-1909), consist of approximately 276,000 documents (roughly 461,000 images), most of which were digitized from 485 reels of previously reproduced microfilm. Held in the Library of Congress Manuscript Division, these papers constitute the largest collection of original Roosevelt documents in the world. The collection contains personal, family, and official correspondence, diaries, book drafts, articles, speeches, and scrapbooks, dating from 1759 to 1993 with the bulk of material from the period between 1878 and 1919.





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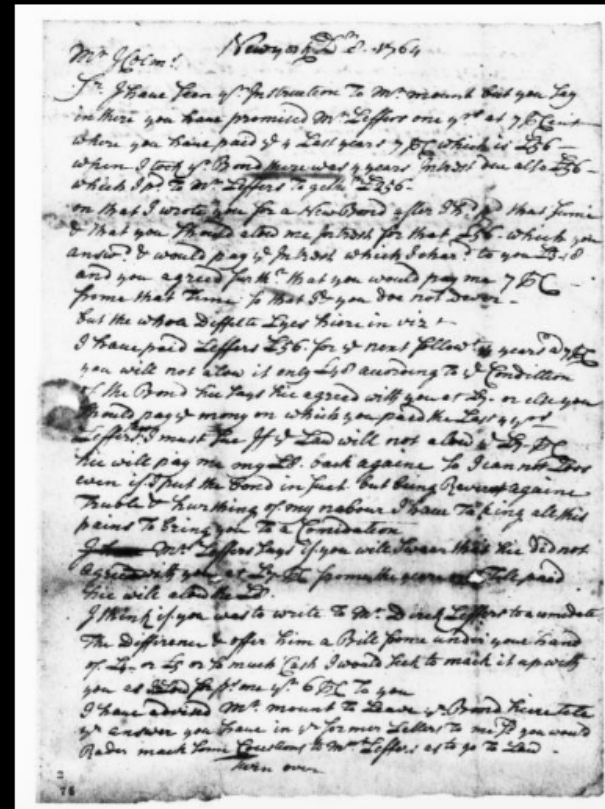
Mr. Holm:

Sir I have seen yr. instruction to Mr. Mount but you say in there you have promised Mr. Leffers one yrs at 7 pcent when you have paid & 4 Last years 7 pc which is £56 - When I took yr. Bond there was 4 years interest due also £56 - which I pd. To Mr. Leffers to gethe £256 - on that I wrote you for a New Bond after I h'd pd that time & that you should allow me in troth for that £56. Which you answd. & would pay me in truth which I char.d to you £3-1d and you agreed fur th.r that you would pay me 7 pc - frome that time so that I & you dos not dever. but the whole difficulte Lyes hie in viz -

I have paid Leffers £56. for & next follow 4 years @ 7 pc you will not allow it only £8 according to it Condition of the Bond hie says hie agreed with you at £7 - or else you should pay ye mony on which you paid the Last 4 yrs - Leffers says I must sue If ye Law will not allow £7 pc hie will pay me my £8 back againe so I can not loos even if I put the bond in just. but being Reveret againe truble & hurthing of my nabour I have taking all this pains to bring you to a considation [I have] Mr. Leffers says if you will swear that hie did not agree with you at £7 pc frome the years to be paid hie will allow the £8.

I think if you was to write to Mr. Direk Leffers to acomedate The Diffirence & offer him a Bill frome under your hand of £4 - or £5 or so much cash I would seek to mack it up with you as I Low for pd. one yr. 6 pc to you.

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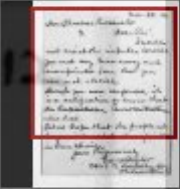
Hon Theodore Roosevelt

D. Dear Sir:

I could not resist the impulse to write you and say how sorry and dissapointed I am that you were not elected.

Though you were defeated it is a satisfaction to know that the Republican, Penrose Machine also lost.

Let us hope that the people at large will not be dissapointed



Nothing to transcribe ?

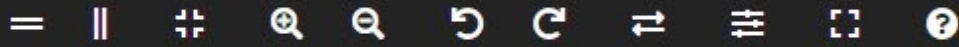
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Washington  
Feb'y 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

My precious Maggie  
your last letter  
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I fear too, that you often take  
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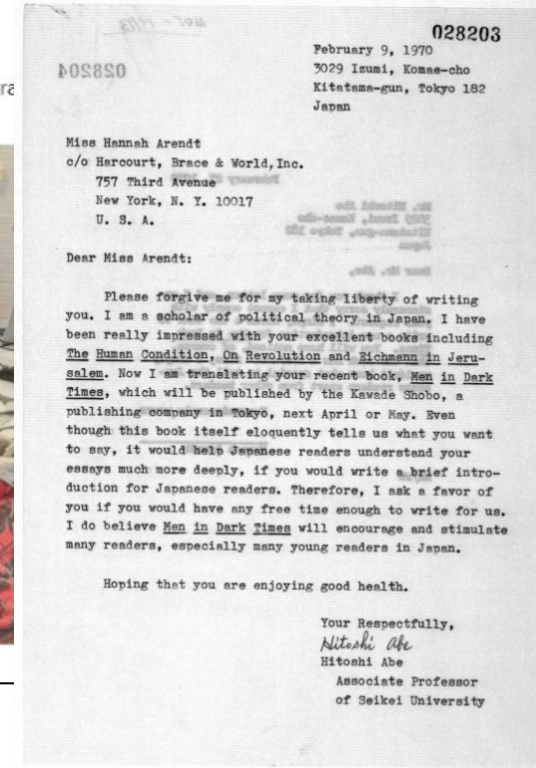
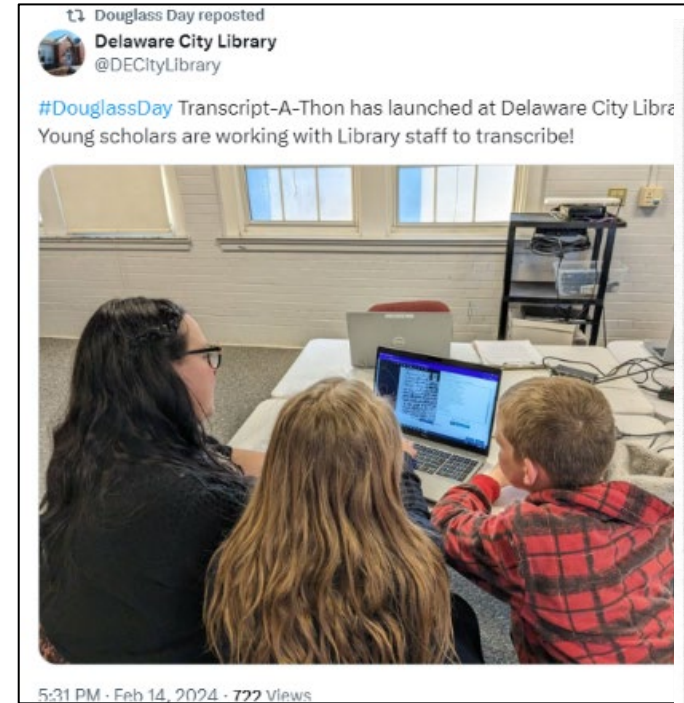
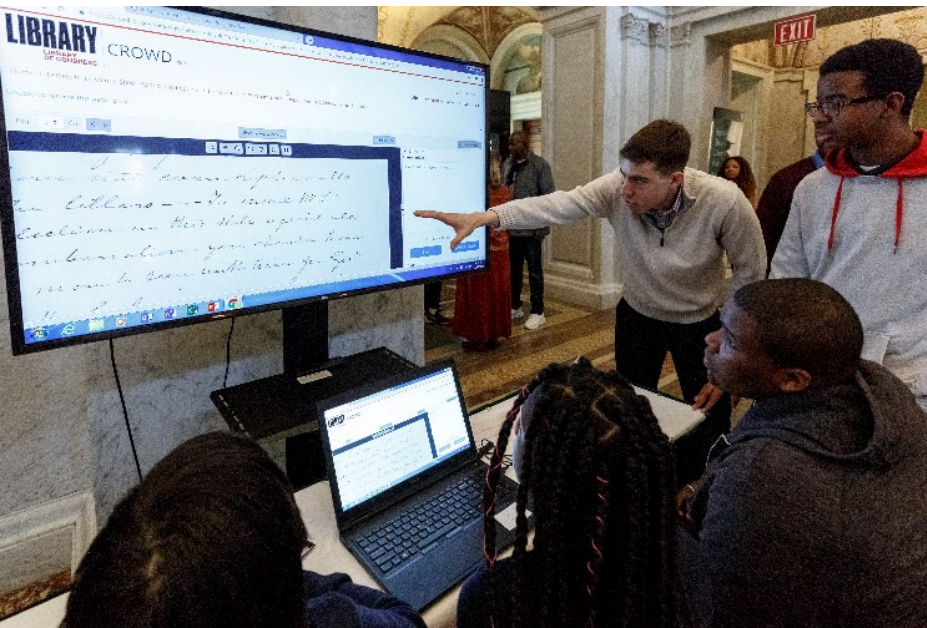


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