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Mr. Click Relander  
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Dear Click:

Thanks for your good letter of Nov. 11th. In regard to the call for the December board meeting, we are waiting to hear from Mr. Odlin who is just now returning from ten days in Washington, D.C. We will send out the word early this week.

Your project on the KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE sounds good. I have talked with Miss West in the Library, Col. Field of the Fort Lewis Museum, and come up with the following dope on James Tilton.

The Library here has no primary material on Tilton - manuscript, etc. In the "Governor's Message", 1858 - there are two pages of index given to his letters and reports as Adjutant General of Washington Territory. This book is catalogued 979.7061 over W279. go. Then the Oregon Historical Quarterly Index lists Tilton in No. 16, PP. 10-11 and in No. 30, P. 186. The book FOURTH CORNER has some material on Tilton. That is about all we find in our library.

However, and probably of much greater value to you, Col Field tells me that the Adj. Gen. archives at Fort Lewis contain all the official Tilton papers. These may be worth your checking into when in Tacoma - they are fairly near, you know. The Col. is Col. Virgil F. Field, AUS, Retired, Chief Clerk and Historian, Washington National Guard, Camp Murray, Fort Lewis - in case you care to write before coming over, though it isn't necessary.

This may give you a start and meanwhile I will tuck this into my mental checklist in event other materials turn up. We also have the Civil War records here, many volumes, two of which are given over to Pacific Coast activities. Do you know the story of the attempted seizure of the cannon in Volcano, Calif. by secessionist elements who were after control of the Mother Lode? I did some checking on that last Spring and will be glad to pass the dope along verbally when I see you.

Best wishes.

Cordially,

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