

PHILADELPHIA
57TH ST. AND OVERBROOK AVE.

January 19, 1916.

Dear General Pratt:-

I was very glad to receive your letter, which was forwarded to me here and arrived yesterday. On November 1st we took a furnished house at above address and will continue to reside in it until May 1st, on which date the lease will expire. Mrs. Biddle and I have spoken of Mrs. Pratt and you a number of times recently, and we wondered where you now are and what your plans have been for the near future, so yesterday the mystery was solved by the letter from you and one from Mrs. Pratt, which came in the same mail.

The open letter to Commissioner Sells is in my judgment a strong document, one of the best you have ever written, and I have read it with a great deal of interest and am now forwarding it to Dr. Prince for perusal. What a sad and lamentable bungle has been made by our Government in its usual policy toward the Indians, the opportunity for personal aggrandizement on the part of certain members of the "System" being the controlling influence.

What you say in regard to the mild climate of California almost makes me envious, for we have experienced some exceedingly cold weather in this section, and yesterday the lowest temperature for two years was registered. Personally I dislike the extreme cold, not only because it brings discomfort, but because we know it necessarily entails much privation and suffering on the poor, who notwithstanding the prosperity boom still seem to be in the large majority.

A late Carlisle Sentinel announces the approaching marriage of Frank Bosler to a young woman who has lived for some years near his ranch. The happy couple will be married in the West, and after a honeymoon in South America will take up their residence in Carlisle. With affectionate regards to Mrs. Pratt and to yourself,

Believe me, as ever,

Yours faithfully,

E. W. Biddle