

has paid well.

Platt Co. have averaged lower this than any previous season - Platt tells me that they are clearing about \$4500⁰⁰ a month this season.

Redhead Co. - Sypher & the Eureka Co of this town are making money - Sypher was offered a good bonus for a $\frac{1}{3}$ in his Mine last week but refused to divide. Any good mine in Iowa can make money and if a summer trade could be secured any of them would pay big. I hope we can secure R.R. Road contracts that will give us a fair summer trade.

I understand the reason you had for advising a sale of U.E. but that, my share, would not relieve me. And again if we can arrange with a Pool that would give us early and more complete relief. A sale to K & Co. would only give me a breath. no more.

I am sorry that my unfortunate condition forces itself upon every interest I have. I have no doubt but that until I get out of debt my embarrassments will blight every prospect I have. and may be tire out every friend I have. I would rather have less of a profit now and get out of these troubles than to

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go along "under the harrow" a day longer
than necessary simply to make in the end
an additional profit. To make this sale now
may be doing you an injustice but I will
try to make it up in future operations,

I want to pay
you - settle \$8,000⁰⁰ of indebtedness with \$1,000⁰⁰
and relieve my Father. I have dragged him
down for two years and over. He has nothing
but a salary. I drained him of about \$8,000⁰⁰
and during the past several months have had
to squeeze by hook or crook expense money out
of him as well as occasional contributions to
the coal scheme. He cannot stand this. So
you see it is my situation that compels me to
urge a sale at a sacrifice and the quicker the
better. After this is over we can go along in this
and similar purchases and I can carry my end
of the rope and no longer burden you with my
personal matters, which I know has been the
case too much already.

Platt was here yesterday
enroute to Van Meter. I suggested it to him. He
stopped here to see me. He seemed curious to

know whether I was going to open extensively at
 Tysons. Said they felt Willsons sales already.
 I said but little but I can assure you that he
 is worried about it. If a Bridge is built over
 the River so he can reach reasonably cheap
 lands he will go there for purchases. He wanted
 to know if I had closed my arrangements. I
 told him that I had. Of course we can do no
 good with him.

I will enclose this already too
 long letter and write you again this P.M.
 about Fox. I gobbled him

Yours
Hansen

St. Cloud, Minn., July 26 1877

Will & Robbins

St Paul Minn:

Gentlemen: Yours of 24th inst is received. I have considered what you say of your matters with Jackman, and, together with my personal knowledge conclude the facts to be, viz: Jackman represented he controlled A & P's claims, and if you would advance as desired, he would see them through, & you should receive undivided $\frac{1}{3}$ when title completed. - Also, subsequently, and after his claim was forfeited, he agreed with you that if you would furnish funds so as to enable him to obtain a rehearing, - his claim then being lost, - he would give $\frac{1}{2}$ of all three of them, or $\frac{1}{2}$ of whatever was ultimately secured. - If I am right in my understanding of the matter as above indicated, then all expense incurred by you under such agreement, is a proper charge against Jackman. Whatever you supplied Hackett under a special agreement

Attorney & Counsellor at Law,

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with Hackett, of course would not be chargeable to Jackson.

I know of no defense which Mr Jackson can make, that should defeat your claim. I would try to enforce its collection at once. -

I will go to Rismarch to-morrow, - will do all in my power in the matters entrusted, & will return as soon as possible. -

I have drawn for \$150. - which I think will probably pay expenses.

Thanking you for your kindly expressions,

I remain Yrs Truly
Oscar Taylor

Benj. Jones.

Office of

E. F. Parkhurst.

Jones & Parkhurst,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Grain, Coal, Wood, Lime, Brick &

Farm Machinery.

Sheldon, Iowa, July 26 1877.

Mess Hill & Acker
St Paul Minn

Genl to

Send 4 tons

Bloss coal & the Bal car Mo. B&E

Yours &c
Jones & Parkhurst

Mr E. N. Saunders
St Paul
Minn -

LAMBIE & BATES,
COAL,

Coal and Iron Exchange, 130 Water Street,

CLEVELAND, O., July 26 1873

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 17th at hand and its contents noted.

The tone of your letter was entirely uncalled for, as I had no intention whatever of thrusting upon you a sale of coal which I did not honestly believe you had made.

The part of my letter of the 13th in quotation marks was an exact copy of a memorandum made in St Paul, and contained, as I supposed the terms of an agreement by which you were to take a certain amount of coal, reserving to yourself certain options in regard to delivery, freight &c. The sale on my part was made in good faith, and had there been an advance in prices, would have considered myself in duty bound to fulfill its conditions. This is my view of the transaction, and it was sometime after the shipment of the Peterson's cargo that I discovered I was "lucky" in having it accepted.

However, the matter in dispute is not of sufficient importance to quarrel about, but there is one point in your last letter against which I must enter a most emphatic protest. There has been upon

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my part no intention whatever of offering you any insult, or of attempting any "new dodges for making sales". It did seem strange that others should be shipping you coal when so large a part of our contract was unfulfilled, and I could not but think that lower prices than we had offered you had won the sale away from us. Throughout this whole matter I have intended to act in good faith, and if I have been in error, it is in supposing I had made you a genuine sale. Had you called to see us when here the last two or three times, a few words of explanation would have set matters right, and there would have been no misunderstanding between us.

I have dissolved my connection with Mr Lambie and propose to continue on my own hook. I should be sorry if any disagreement we have had over this contract should interfere with future business. I am ready to give you as low prices as anyone on Straitville or Massillon and hope for a share of your trade. Yours Truly
J. A. Bates

Wright County Treasurer's Office,

JOHN YOUNG, Treasurer.

Buffalo, Minn. th July 26 1877

Hill & Acken

St Paul Minn

Sirs,

Yours of the 21 Inst duly
Reviewed Taxes due as follows on
S 1/2 & N E 1/4 of S E 1/4 & Lots 3 & 4 Sec 33 119.26
up to aug 1st 1875 57.47
" 76 23.77
Total \$ 81.24

I have forwarded your letter to
Mr Kelly and he can use his own
Judgment in the matter

Truly Yours

John Young



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