

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway.

GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT'S OFFICE,

WM. L. SWAN,  
Gen'l Freight Agent.

MILWAUKEE,

July 24 1877

Dear Mr. C. S. S. & Co.  
St. Paul

Sir -

Answering Yours of the  
instant will say that  
five dollars per ton is lowest  
rate on Coal Milwaukee  
to Atchison or Kansas City  
via Western Union RR

Yours  
W. L. Swan



OFFICE OF  
THE WINONA GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

Winona, Minn. July 28<sup>th</sup> 1877

E. W. Saunders Esq.  
St Paul Minn

Dear Sir

We have just about Coal enough  
to last us until next week Thursday do you  
suppose that Coal will be here. If not can  
you send us a Car to last until that comes  
Please answer by return mail

Yr oblige

Yours &c  
J. H. Jones Secy



Hastings July 28/77

Messrs Hill Sammers and Acker.

Dear Sir

I recieved your letter the 24  
I not you state in your letter  
that you sell coal 450 Per ton  
about how much you charge  
Per ton free delivered at Vermillion  
Station Dakota County Minn.  
Let me here from you as soon  
as possible

Yours Respectfully

Jacob Kummer



Des Moines. Iowa  
July 29<sup>th</sup> 77

Jas J. Bill Esq  
 St Paul. Minn

My Dear Sir,

Your telegram of 27<sup>th</sup> came to hand.

We seem to be in very bad luck some way about our engagements but I hope no harm will result from these delays. It may all be for the best after all.

I am so anxious to get this first turn made in order to relieve us and put every thing in good shape for immediate and energetic work on my new enterprise. I have my men all arranged with. Being five in number - viz. Yourself - C. B. Gatch - J. E. Brown - Father & myself.

Gatch is the leading attorney of our State. Partner of Senator Wright. Has been Father's principal Atty for years. and is a good clear headed man and valuable to us as an adviser.

J. E. Brown - is the wealthiest citizen of our County - a retired Lawyer. Was the originator of the American Emigrant Co. and will be of benefit when the time comes, some three years hence, for placing our stock



in the market. Father had some difficulty in inducing him to join us owing to his extensive business affairs and his not wishing to get any more on hands - however he thought so well of it that he consented and now his only anxiety is to get the thing started and to have but five interested.

We all think better and better of the scheme. Our Incorporation Articles and By Laws are in type and the proof waiting your examination for approval. It is questioned whether to buy any Machinery before next spring or not - We are divided on that and have left that and some other matters open until you can come and talk it over. If the purchase of Machine is left until '78 then I am to occupy myself from now to then in securing Contracts & Leases. To pile up as much and many of them as possible before work commences. In this event but a nominal investment will be needed for travelling & expense money for myself and Assistant until spring. Father and I are in favor of getting a Machine now and having the work of prospecting began at once so as to avoid any risk of being forestalled at any of the several points where it would hurt to have any one get in ahead of ~~the~~ us.

We think we can get



Contract from Ditchfield and other Eastern  
Owners that will of themselves be very valuable  
If matters do not go  
promptly and satisfactorily I am in favor of  
Organizing a Company for our property and we  
can no doubt place the stock at St P & Milwaukee.  
I don't know what your plans with W are but  
it seems to me that it would suit him.

I shall expect a  
telegram from you announcing your starting.  
Yours &c  
Harr

We have some \$1400<sup>00</sup> due 1<sup>st</sup> Aug and some  
\$300<sup>00</sup> of Interest past due = also taxes 76.  
The Deeds for fee 29 are getting heavy.



trouble is to pay cash.

NARROW GAUGE EXTENSION.—The Ames *Intelligencer* has seen our Narrow Gauge engineer corps and says: "Tuesday morning from this city a corps of engineers began the survey for the extension north of the Narrow Gauge Road. This is a step which has long and anxiously been looked for by people in the counties north, as also some in this county. There are those here who were not anxious for the building on of this road, though we can see no good reasons why it will not very materially benefit the town. Certainly it cannot and will not injure the growth and prosperity of Ames. We have too good a start, our advantages are too numerous, and these advantages we are all desirous of using in a manner that will benefit us most. It is hoped to extend the road into the wheat producing districts of Minnesota by another harvest, and as far up as Story City by September next."

[7-29-77]

NEW SUPERVISOR.—It is reported that

to quit for the want of support.

Our citizens are getting considerably waked up on the railroad question. The question is will we have a road or not. Some are looking to the Crooked Creek Co. to extend their road here. We voted on the question of aiding this road last fall but owing to the grasshopper coming it was voted down; but a great many think the proposition would carry now and some talk of trying it again. We need an outlet some way. Why not, as the citizens of Ft. Dodge are in the railroad business, extend your road down the river and cross at Hart's ford, by Otho, Hesperian and this place, and on to Boone or some place south of here? It certainly would run through as good country for a road as can be found anywhere and would run through the best coal fields of Iowa. [7-29-77] DAYTON.

The *Eclectic* comes to our table full of



B/S  
Culington  
Rec'd

Missed Sunday July 29-77-  
Messrs Will Saunders & Acker-  
Gentlemen-

Mr. Gawn arrived here  
yesterday & is unable to get to Swan's yard drawing, 13-3  
but calculate to get 2 tons to try her in am. she is load to  
so Swan's Coal has to come out first, don't think she  
will get to our Dock before Wednesday - can at work  
on Rutter today hope to get her out by tomorrow night  
or Friday when am working 3 Hatches -

J. A. Brann Whitewater is here yesterday to see  
about Coal; will want <sup>some</sup> 5000 Stove 3000 Fms Nut & 30 or 40  
of Gate, wanted prices & I gave him same as Mr Hill  
gave Mr June 19<sup>th</sup> 2 Stove 5<sup>th</sup> Nut 5<sup>th</sup> Gate 4<sup>th</sup> then he  
said he could beat where he had always been dealing  
viz Elmer & Co & Swan, the latter for last 2 yrs, gave  
him your address he said would write you & also asked  
me to write you, said any prices you choose to give  
him would be confidential - will fill salt order for  
Fairbault tomorrow & also Bliss for Lake City -

Truly Yours

Wm H. Simpson



Book No. 1.

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Dated

erie Pa Fe 29 1877

Received at

445 pm

To

J. J. Hill

HP

Buffalo

Capt Richards is  
here.

W. L. Scott & Co

4 paid me

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