

Winona Minn

Oct 31 1877

Wm H. Hill Saunders & Co  
St Paul

Gentlemen

Your Telegram  
recd - having offers from  
Chicago much better than 5<sup>00</sup>  
I have just ordered from  
them

Yours  
J J Randall

Waterloo Iowa Oct 31/77  
Mepus Hill Samuel D. Archer  
St. Paul Minn  
Gents  
Please

Ship ~~me~~<sup>us</sup> our car of best  
Clean Range Hard  
Coal as soon as  
you can Do not fail  
to ship at once if you  
can I will remit for  
last cars when they

We find the shortage reported  
in last car as a matter  
you by postal card to be  
1500# Strong Please give  
us for Sam D. Archer

013  
216

Respectfully  
Clinger & Peabody

OFFICE OF  
E. M. SMITH & CO.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

COAL AND WOOD.

Opposite B., C. R. &amp; N. Depot, West Side.

Lehigh, Lackawanna, Pittsburg, Blossburg and Illinois Coal. Smithing Coals a  
Specialty. All kinds of WOOD Constantly on Hand.

Waterloo, Iowa, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1877

Mr. Keill Saunders & Co.

St Paul Minn

Gentlemen

What has become of Car 6292 <sup>come looking</sup> shipped by you to  
us Oct 25 - but Cool. Car No 5900 with  
but Cool shipped to J A Bop Shell Rock  
Oct 22 is overcharged 10<sup>cts</sup> per ton

Car 6264 Blossburg shipped Oct 26 is overcharged  
25<sup>cts</sup> per ton has not arrived yet

What is the trouble with C M & St of folks it  
takes forever for them to get cars to Nora Junction

Please furnish them up a little when we  
Order Cool we want it within two weeks

1/ your coal is awful wet looks like it had  
2/ been left in the Snds overnight

3/ Please ship us immediately Two (2)

4/ Cars of Range Coal of 12 ton each

and we want it just as soon as you

conveniently get it out

make it clean & dry

Very Respectfully  
E M Smith & Co

cars to be taken away for cars  
to come through  
a little bit of delay  
it will be  
furnish up the coal

(10)

UNITED STATES EXPRESS COMPANY.

Carpenter *Dec 31st 1871*

Hill Saunders & Co }  
Hill }  
Hill }

Please give me your cash  
figures on 1 Car Ant. Coal  
on track at Milwaukee \$ *paid*  
Doll on track here \$ "  
" " " Hill \$ "

- being Agent M & S P Ry  
at this Station can get 1/2  
rate Milwaukee to Carpenter  
and think it will be advisable  
to order from that point

560

*Resp*  
*Chas. H. Hill*

*B.*  
There is no Coal Dealer here &  
will consult with you about  
hauling from your next season  
*Chas*

OFFICE OF  
**RHODES AND COMPANY**  
COAL, IRON ORE & PIG IRON.

M. A. HANNA.  
R. R. RHODES.  
J. F. RHODES.

Cleveland, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1877

Wm Hill Samderson & Co  
St Paul Minn  
Gentlemen -

Yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst  
came duly to hand and we  
have been figuring to see what we  
could do to get your coke off -  
Walker was here yesterday and  
refused to name rate, saying  
they could not possibly spare the  
room at any rate of freight that  
you would pay - The chances are  
very slim for getting any thing  
done to take it. Should an opportunity  
offer will advise you. Trucks are  
asking 1<sup>00</sup> for coal, from here to  
Chicago today. Some charter business  
has been made at 75<sup>00</sup>

Very truly, Rhodes & Co

Duluth Oct 31, '77

Mr. C. W. Saunders

Saint Paul Dear Sir

Have  
drawn on the firm through Savings Bank  
for \$358<sup>45</sup> in payment of salt freights over  
the L. S. M. road and labor in loading same.  
as per statement rendered. I also send you  
a statement of salt on hand. I have closed  
the salt out for G. J. dock by charging them  
in the statement with what should be there,  
890 barrels. I counted the barrels with him  
the other day and there was 127 left which  
would make by his account 16 barrels un-  
accounted for. I do not know how to account  
for the shortage so I close the whole thing out  
as mentioned. He takes the 127 barrels and I  
know of no better way of doing than the state-  
ment shown. Order came today to load no  
more coal for Minneapolis at present. Another  
thing I cannot account for. I tried to find  
~~out~~ out whether it was the Gas or hard coal.  
Tracked what few cars we got numbers for this point.

Very Respectfully  
C. W. Saunders

Milwaukee Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 77

Myrtille & Saunders & Acker

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find cash statements for  
Oct. - The First & Second bill. I will collect  
in days or 10 or 15 days in Oct. - Hope to get  
monthly off on next mail so you can have  
it tomorrow pm. Benjamin & I suppose Fair  
Co. should pay but as there was not enough  
of their funds here I let you know, knowing you  
can fire off at S. Paul.

On hand now 85 Tols 60 pounds Dairy Tols  
& 55 Tols 100 pounds at Union Steamboat Co.  
Dock - Fine salt I think was 7 Tols over  
the I made off of 700 lbs. No Tols -

Yours Truly  
H. M. Simpson

Delivered to Krigger Johnson Co  
during month of October, '77

81 1/2 lbs. N. M. in Oct  
1 " " " not reported in Sept  
& " Pass. " in Oct.

J. A. Armstrong

Private & Personal

Thudron Bay House  
Montreal 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1877

Dear Mr. Hutton,

Early this afternoon  
I received your letter of the  
26<sup>th</sup> inst. and in reply have  
embraced you in cipher  
to the effect that as nothing has  
been settled in the affair of the  
Railways, the article which ap-  
pears in the Montreal Press of the  
26<sup>th</sup> may probably be false to  
the purpose and that the whole  
of success may now be in your  
hands. I am immediately after  
inducing as far as may be  
possible the effect of the com-  
mencement

communication in question  
by a formal denial of the  
statement in the paper, in  
which it should be particularly  
avoided to mention in any way  
either Mr Stephen, name or the  
Bank of Montreal in connection  
with the affair. The whole

thing is most unfortunate, and  
as I was about saying the only  
chance now appears to be in  
your coming out and endeavoring  
personally to secure the stock  
from Litchfield and his friends  
unless indeed you have other  
and more recent advice from  
Mr Stephen than any that has  
reached me.

Mr Stephen I understand  
was to leave London for  
Amsterdam

Amsterdam this evening, but  
how his movements and where  
may be affected by the untoward  
events referred to in your letter  
and of which he is doubtless  
well already made aware, it  
is difficult to say.

In the communication to the  
Pioneer there is much which  
ought in no case have been  
made public even had the  
negotiations been closed and the  
an actual bargain arrived  
at and I am of course perfectly  
aware how anxious you have  
all along been that the strictest  
confidence should be main-  
tained in respect of the whole  
affair - However I must  
100

too late we can only now endeavor  
to make the best of the matter  
as we find it, and let our  
object that above all things  
is it desirable that neither  
Mr Stephens name nor the Bank  
of Montreal should be mentioned  
in connection with it and by  
course mention of my own name  
is also to be avoided for the  
present at least.

Mr Bennett has bid a rupture  
parted or letter from me to St Paul  
by your care on the 10th of the month  
and it is odd you had not seen  
it before I left & I am on the  
25th will you kindly communicate  
it and have no objection to me as  
soon as possible post it from Quebec  
and some importance to me  
wherever I may be  
Yours very truly  
Wm R. Brown



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