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

Lehigh, Lackawanna, Pittsburg, Bloomsburg and Illinois Coal. Smithing Coals a  
Specialty. All kinds of WOOD constantly on hand.

Waterloo, Iowa, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1877

My Hill Smelter Vacker

St. Paul, Minn

Gents in Reply to yours asking us to Remit  
for Car of egg Coal will just say that  
in Referring to our letter of Sep 28 asking  
you to Ship us Car egg in Place of  
Car of mt and if you could not afford to  
Ship in place of mt to in place of Range and you  
said you would Ship it in place of Range  
natural enough. This we have in answer  
to ours of Sep 28 yours ~~Oct 2~~ Sep 30 and in your  
Statement of Oct 31 you only ask us  
for Sixty Three Dollars for 1360 of this  
not Satisfactory just say so and we will fix  
it some how Yours Truly  
E. M. Smith & Co.

W. L. SCOTT & CO.,

WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

*Anthracite and Bituminous Coals.*

OFFICE, SCOTT'S BUILDING.

ERIE, PA. April 9 1872

E. A. Saunders Esq.  
Dundee

Yours of 1<sup>th</sup> rec'd  
being Can Schuyler for  
Messrs Aldrich & Co worth yesterday  
and we will send can  
"to start to put" as we  
have been short of coal for  
the last two weeks but are  
now being supplied

Yours Truly  
W. L. Scott & Co  
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A. D. MULFORD.

OFFICE OF

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**MULFORD & MERCHANT,**

No. 5 Nicollet House Block, Washington Ave.

DEALERS IN

All Kinds of Wood and Coal,  
Minneapolis, Minn., Nov 9 1877  
Messrs Hill, Saunders & Acker  
St Paul Minn  
Minnesota.

Will you  
Please hurry up our order for  
Stone Coal as we are entirely out.  
Hurry up all coal orders for us—

Yours Truly  
Mulford & Merchant

# DAVIES & THOMAS

DEALERS IN-

Hardware & Agricultural Implements.

LIME SPRING, Iowa, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1877

Wm. H. Hill Samson. Vashco,  
St. Paul, Minn.  
Gent<sup>l</sup>,

We have been recommended  
to you by Mr Peter Behr of this place. We  
would like to have you send us a  
bar of <sup>hard</sup> coal, we wish to bar of Chetmor  
or small coal, & to bar stone size coal  
if you can send it in that shape.

I oblige

Yours Truly,

R. Davis & Thomas  
B.

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John Browne, Agent.

Des Moines, Iowa  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1877

Gas J. Hill Esq  
St Paul, Minn

My Dear Friend;

I would prefer congratulating you on the successful termination of your St P & Pacific R.R. scheme in person rather than by letter but as that would cause me to wait too long I wish to write that I was very glad on receipt of a Pioneer-Press last Saturday to learn the good news, and though I may be behind most everyone else of your friends in saying so yet I am sure that no one more sincerely rejoices over it than me. I hope that it will entitlate in all the benefit to you that could be asked and I know you deserve it all.

I went to Ft D on the 29<sup>th</sup> ulto to meet Judd. On the 31<sup>st</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> inst I went over the Field (East west side) with Moore the correspondent of "Boat Trade Journal". On the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> a span of the new Iron Bridge fell killing a brother of Mr Judds this was telegraphed to Milwaukee and resulted in a postponement of his visit. Judd would have started Thursday Eve for Iowa but for the news of the accident. Willson & Frank wished me to

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make a proposition for their inspection but I told them that I preferred to defer it until J & B had heard the outlines and then if they assented to the scheme it would be time to make figures but I assured them that on that point we would agree. Since my return I have a letter from Willson dated the 6<sup>th</sup> saying that Judd may not come to Iowa until Dec or Jan at time of annual meeting - that it might do for me to go to Milwaukee - and that he thinks that all that is needed is for J & B to understand it.

As soon as I hear of your being home I shall go to Mil<sup>l</sup>. via St Paul.

Judd in a letter to W says that you had called on him - so I want to see you before I do J.

Pete Boyle wishes to get a lease on the 80 acres where the shaft is. I told him that I would write you. Willson wants Pete to go back as Supt but he will not I guess.

The mine is much improved with the iron track - new cars etc and is doing well now. Most of the 50 miners Platt brought from East quit him and went to Gehrig. Several of them told me that there was too much water at Coalville for them to work at

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the prices named or given. Two years will find  
behind the sole productive field on the east  
side of the Des M river in Webster Co.

Bob Merritt is  
talking of going to St Paul where I go - I hope  
that we can do something on our Iowa R. Road  
next season. Someone asked me last week  
whether you was coming to Iowa soon.

I shall  
drop Harry a Postal this M asking him to  
let me know when you are expected home.  
I want to get at J & B as soon as I can and try  
to get our matters shaped out.

Hoping to see or hear

from you soon I am

Yours  
Hamilton

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R. J. Since writing enclosed note I am in receipt of letter again from G. regarding the man Taitldorf. I don't make out from G's writing his name as satisfactorily as I would like - it may be Taitldorf who seems to be so much interested in Coal land at Ft. D.

I say that he (T) and his family are at Drutner's House - and that his friend at Ft. D. seems to be Hon. Saml. Reese - that he has been over the ground from Waterloo to Webster Co. and is now very industriously taking notes about the Coal field - that he talks as though he was there for the interest of some RR men and others looking to this Coal field for supply - that he says but little and asks much - He seems to be well posted on values - transportation &c. &c. Fixes Waterloo as the Eastern limit of our market as competing with Illinois Mines - and says that he is looking up the entire question - He spends most of his time at Jayson's - was there when I wrote - and talks as though he meant to remain on the ground some time -

Grayson & Reese  
seem to be impressed with the conviction



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C. C. Saunders

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112 EAST THIRD ST.

Dealers in  
Coal, Salt & Cement  
and  
Carbon Oil.

St Paul, Nov 9 1877

J C Bayden

Dr Sir

What is rate  
in coal can take St Paul  
to New Ulm Please answer  
by return

Truly Yours

A. S. A.

\$4.50 per ton

J C Bayden

Owner



W. R. Bennett,

Doors, Sash, Mouldings, FARM MACHINERY, Brick, Cement, Lime, &c.

Washington, D.C., Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1877

Mr

Hill Saunders & Co  
Cincinnati.

Dear Sir

Please send me car  
of Mountain Bank Coal with 100  
tons of bit coal in one car to  
T. H. Childs Adrian Minn.

Draw on him at sight by the American  
Express. Charge him at least 50¢  
per ton over prices at Levee.  
He keeps the Adrian Hotel and  
says he has the Ramay & Pay Dam as  
soon as the coal is received.

Sincerely

W. R. Bennett

Write me when you send it.

Send it to him as soon as possible

Gentlemen Schuaker "1/2 77

What can you all us 2 cars  
of Soc nut & stone coal for  
one of each

Yours Truly

J. P. Dicklyde



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Heile Saunders Flocke  
112 E. Third St -  
St. Paul  
Minnesota



Delans Nov, 9<sup>th</sup> 1877

Mrs Mrs Nell Loundin & Co

Enclosed I have find  
\$14.44 for the part of  
coat I received from you

Yours Truly

John Svedelback



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