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SPEED'S
ERIE AND MICHIGAN TELEGRAPH LINE.

CONNEAUT, O.

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Write plainly—give full address—use no figures.

Conneaut, Dec. 27, 1849, 12 o'clock, M.

By Telegraph from Conneaut

To C.C. Speed, or A.B. Cornell,

Cleveland.

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Rochester,
Canandaigua,
Geneva, Auburn,
Syracuse, Utica,
Rome,
Schenectady,
Albany, Troy,
Hudson,
New-York,
New Haven,
Norwich,
Springfield,
Boston, Bangor,
Calais, St. Johns,
Toronto, Montreal,
Quebec,
Philadelphia,
Baltimore,
Washington,
Pittsburg,
Cincinnati,
Columbus,
Springfield,
Fredonia, Erie,
Painesville,
Cleveland, Milan,
Sandusky,
Lower Sandusky,
Maumee, Toledo,
Monroe, Detroit,
Ypsilanti,
Ann Arbor,
Jackson, Albion,
Marshall,
Battle Creek,
Kalamazoo, Niles,
South Bend,
Michigan City,
Chicago,
Waukegan,
Southport, Racine,
Milwaukee,
Rockford, Morris,
Ottawa, Peru,
Galena, Dubuque,
Springfield,
Jacksonville,
Quincy, Hannibal,
Bloomington,
Bloomingdale,
Alton, St. Louis,
Janesville,
Waukesha,
White Water,
Madison,
Sinclairville,
Warren, Pike,
Nunda, Dansville,
Jefferson, Ithaca,
Owego,
Binghampton,
Montrose,
Honesdale,
Middletown,
Newburg.

Communications for the Canadas, and to other stations, East, South and West, will receive prompt attention.

My rela will not work. I have exhausted all my ingenuity to discover the difficulty, but can get no clue to it. I think I shall be obliged to suspend operations until you can send me a new rela; but will keep trying until you can do so. I found the rela which was rewound before you left broken about one third of the way in. I have remedied that & can see no reason why they should not work. I fear I have interrupted business on the line in trying to discover

tried to ave

as much as possible. If I do not succeed in making the instrument work before you receive this, let me hear from you by mail.

Respt

Geo E Shaw

Dec. 17 1827

New-York, 28 Dec^r 1849.

By Telegraph from .....

To .....

I cannot accept your offer of five dollars - and cannot stay longer in the office for less than six dollars a week, ~~or otherwise~~ - are you willing to give it me or not.

F Barber

New-York, 28 Dec. 1849.

By Telegraph from Pikesville

To [illegible]

P&W has paid me one thousand dollars - shall I send the bills by express, or send a draft by mail

J. J. Speed Jr

Whereas, the undersigned Gouv. Kimball, subscribed for ten shares of the Capital Stock of the NewYork Erie Telegraph Association amounting to fifty dollars each share, and Elisha Nelson Jnr subscribed for three shares of said Stock, and R. P. Parrott subscribed for five shares of said stock and George F. Sherman subscribed for one share of said Stock, all conditioned to be made payable to E. Cornell of Ithaca, at such time, as the said NewYork & Erie Telegraph Association shall be organized under a Charter from the State of NewYork limiting the personal liability of shareholders in said association, And Whereas such organization not having taken place at the date hereof, We hereby agree to advance the amount of said subscriptions to said Cornell, and take his note for the amounts, payable in one year from date, with a certificate of Stock for Eight hundred dollars in the Troy & Canada Junction Telegraph Company Numbered 180, to be deposited in the hands of Gouv Kimbal Esq. as collateral Security for the payment of said notes in the event that said NY & Erie Telegraph Association is not organized as contemplated in said subscription, within one year from this date, But if said organization takes place within said time We severally, and each for himself agree to surrender the said note and certificate to said Cornell, on presentation by him or his legal Representative, a certificate for an

Over

Equal amount of the Stock of said Newbark & Erie Telegraph Association, as originally contemplated by the conditions of said Subscription.

Cold Spring Decr 27th 1849

Gouv Kemble
Elisha Nilsen
Robert McCarroll

Gouv Kimble
Letters 1850
June 11 1850

Rec'd New York 28 Dec 1849 of E Cornell his note payable in one year from date for three hundred dollars, for advance of payment on subscription for six shares of the capital stock of the New York & Erie Telegraph Association when incorporated under the General Law, with the following understanding and agreement to wit That if the said, N.Y. & E. Telegraph Association organizes within one year from this date, under a charter from the State of New York which fixes a limit to the personal liability of Share holders to the same extent as the present General Telegraph law and no further then said Cornell or his legal representatives, shall have the right to pay said note by giving Six shares of said New York & Erie Telegraph Stock to the said Phillipse for it, which the said Phillipse hereby agrees to accept in lieu of said note but if said Association is not so organized within said year, and said certificates of stock exchanged for said note in the city of New York within that time, then said note shall be payable in money, according to the tenor thereof—

F. W. Phillipse

Auburn Dec 28th 1849

Mr D. T. Tillotson.

Dear Sir:

At the time of our last settlement, Sept 1st, I had remaining in my hands of the receipts for stock, to the amount of $15.00
On the 8th Sept I recd receipts to the amt of ~~$240.00~~
Making a total of — — — — — — 255,00
Of this I collected — — — — — — 127,50
Balance of rects in my possession — — — — 127,50
Paid Dodge — — — — — — 30.00
" D T Tillotson 75,00
" Dodge 17,60
" H C Hutchinson ,84
" Auburn office 4,06
255,00

I have transfered the $127,50 in rects to M Hutchinson who now has possession of them I suppose.

The following is a ~~list of~~ statement of stock collected by me at S A

E Partridge	$60	C H Seely	$15
J Shoemaker	$60	H Race & Co	$15
Fitch & Leach	$30	S S Gould	$30
Letitia Schuyler	$30	C L Hoskins	$30
Silsby & Keeler	$30	J P Chamberlain	$15
Hall Hawes & Co	$15		$230

Since I commenced here, Oct 25th, I have rec'd from the compy $18.12. leaving a balance of $21.88 due me up to Dec 25th, at the rate of $20 per month. I hope the subscribers at S[illegible] will yet pay up. If they do soon I hope you will be able to pay me before spring

It seems to me that this line might be ~~made~~ extended to Palmyra with perfect safety & advantage I have no idea that O'Reilly or House line would have offices at the places contemplated to join with this if we should get there first. I think I shall leave here for N.Y early next week or as soon after as you can make provision for this office.

I herewith send you Dodge's ~~contracts~~ & acts. also a act for $2.50 which I paid Pardee for repairing the line – it was down bed – 2 poles in one place & 2 in another being broken

Yours very Respectfully

H. C. Hutchinson

Pittsfield Dec. 28th 1849.

Dear Sir,

Yours was recd this morning. The salary you offer is the same that Mr Eddy offered me to remain with him. As expences were in Maine I could not remain at that sum. In a place like Bridgeport it would not pay me. I know that board is much less through Pa & the western part of New York; if located in that portion of Country I would engage for six months at the sum offered. I would go to the City of N.Y. a month if wished. I could hardly stay longer at N.Y. for that pay. Will you allow my fare on to the Station?

Yours Respectfully
Chas H. K. Ingersoll

E. Conrad Esqr
Ithaca
N.Y.

Cleveland 28 Jan 1849

Dear Sir

I returned here tonight - I met Pew at Cast at Conneaut, and got of him $1000 - which I have handed to your son here to send you by Express, or purchase a draft as you may direct in reply to my dispatch from Painsville - I will get from instruments from Detroit next week, and complete the contract on Painsville line - Hunt will then no doubt pay me the balance of $2000 due from him - I will send you the and due from me on that line as soon as I get it of Hunt & Co - Pew has woke ah at last to a realizing sense of his faithless promises, & will I think send you the balance due from him in three or four weeks - He pledged me his word that at least $500 should be sent to you Every 20 days, until the whole is paid, and as much faster as it is possible for him to collect it - I have been worried & perplexed more about Pew's not paying than I can tell her again for him - I have spent a weeks time, & some money, chasing him, & had I known that he would give me so much trouble I would have been any clear of the whole job, by keeping the avails till he had paid for it - I will get out of this scrape, & when he gets me in an other, I will agree to suffer for it -

Zanesville line works as fine as it is possible for any line to work to Zanesville & Wheeling - Pittsburg line works and when not down - but Wades line does not work well - I fixed his instrument at Mansfield and Moorhead & the line worked two or three days beautifully; but something is wrong again in some of his offices - I was in hopes of being able to reach Wade and find out whether he has sent you any money; but he is somewhere between Columbus & Erie & I cannot get at him tonight - It will be all I can do to pay you the bal on Zanesville wire & pay the freight on all on Lake wire & the wire to this place - I will do my hard ch to pay you, and buy Smith's all that is due on Patent. Kendall is writing to Wade & Kendrick for copies of contract & is evidently suspicious of me - Blows me up for invading his territory &c - Case claims all the business from Erie to Cleveland & all east of Cleveland, even his line to Sandusky - says it is reason that I may to Erie & the bus belongs to him & I guess he must get it quite all - See is fighting the Pirates - says he has a hard stent on hand, I will go there as soon as I can: but I must go to Chicago, & Langdon to go to Milwaukee & see what I can become of Hotchkiss & your money due last Spring - I am now about down in Ohio - your brother Mike go on with 20 wire on Lake line - & get it ch in time for the Spring business -

Yours truly -

S. B. Speed Jr

Mich & Commercial

S. B. Speed to Morse 18 July

Saturday 29 June 1849

Your letter of the 15th came just as I was ready to start for Milan. I have written so often to Judy about Sandy that it is folly for me to say more on that subject. I will act strictly on your proposal to engage in no new line, or sell any line until the lines already sold are paid for in full in this State. Case is thinking of his Sandusky line, and would be glad to force us to sell all our lines that run and fears the competition of Mad River line. I have been unable to see to our affairs as I ought. I cannot be in two places at the same time & have attended some

in two months - I will now go home & see to our books & Rents - I think You and Letta make My & Co are worth all little our present Just and reputation we can buy the $15.000 In Patent outing our dividends I will go home - get 4 Just. come back. & I now think I will go to N.y. & must you & Smith & settle all those Matters - I am going to have my attachment Patented any how -

E. Cornell

Bought of Granger James & Co

12 Groß Telegraph Caps $4. $48

Mt Pleasant Dec 29. 1849

Dr

Above please find invoice of 2 Telegraph Caps forwarded as per directions which you may send us a Certificate deposite or draft for the above Bill

Yours &c

Granger James & Co

Agents of the Telegraph Co

not Knowing where Mr Cornell wished to have his bill directed we send it to you That you may forward it to him

Yours &c

Granger James & Co

George Simmons
29 Derby
Hull

Coed Spurry 29th Dec 1849

Dear Sir,

I now enclose the memorandum in relation to the Loan to you on the Telegraph stock signed by Mr Pandy, Mr Wilson & myself, I have not thought it worth while to obtain it for the remanency signature as the amt is only £50.

Yours truly
Geo Kemble

E Connell Esq

1847?

Rainer Sept 30. 1847

Sir Sir

In my settlement with Mess Davis & Moore I fell in their debt $61— as mutch again as I Expected & I draw on you at 10 days for Sixty two dollars & forty seven Cents ballance after paying them What money I had — I wish you would write me at Chicago when I have some money if it is not convenient for you to pay it & I will forward the same to you

I wish you would give me the cost of the waggy I have Rode & you I called at the office after I got thro's with Davis & Moore to Git the cost & inform you respecting the deeds — I understood by a man that is Selling wood that the Iron that was Broken some time ago between Ker & Hollingsworths mill has been mended & sent down — I that I would inform you as I understood you you mite have mutch the win return that I Returned — The Roads are Roughey just now I think we will have a Lovely time ere long

Yours Truly
Lowen Jackson

D. J. Lattolsan Esq

We will take pleasure in your letter Boy should you think proper to send him with us

S. Gladwin
Dec 30. 44

N. T. Lillottson Esq
at N. State
Milwaukee

Mr L.

Please hand this to Mr L. as I wish to take it with

Owego Dec 31st 1849

My Dear Alonzo

Enclosed I send you 3 blank notes signed by me on Evansville Bank, they are to renew a note that Wade got that Bank to discount, which they were to take pay in Telegraphing, Original amt $500, at each renewall the amt of Business done by the Bank in telegraphing is to be deducted and a new note to be given for the ballance, and so on until the whole amt is paid, Sharp is to sign the notes as well as myself, I wish you to keep those blank notes and let Speed have one at a time as he wants to renew the one falling due, The next one is due in April or May next - dont know exactly the time,

My Health is good, I shall go home to-morrow to Spend Christmas -

I have just opened an office at Narrowsburgh on N.Y. & E. R.R. -

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

A.B.S.C

P. S. How does Speed Connecticut work,

Seneca Falls Dec 31. 1849

D. Fis.

Enclosed I send you an account of the receipts and expenses of the Telegraph Office here up to this evening, showing the receipts for each day since the 1st of Sept. at which time you owe last here. You will see from this that due is due me "21.69"

Up to the month of December - had the receipts all been retained here they would just about have paid expenses of the Office. During the month of December little or nothing has been done - and probably will not again be until the commencement of business again in the Spring -

Under these circumstances I wish you to inform me whether you wish the arrangement you made with me last summer to take charge of the Office at the rate of $150 per year, to continue. I do not believe, that, during the winter, at least, that the Office will pay anything like that amt. During the last three months I have employed a Clerk in the Post Office in order to enable

me to take charge of the office. I have paid him about $45 for his services. So you see it is, at best but a losing business for me, and equally so for the Co.

You will see that I have paid over to the Auburn office $18 since 1st of Oct. If I had retained this — it would have about paid for my services at the salary agreed upon —

For my own part, I should be very glad if you can make an arangement by which I shall be entirely relieved from all connection with the business —

If you wish to continue the office here my clerk Mr. James Lane — who has got so that he can write the dots pretty well, would like very well to take charge of it. He is perfectly trustworthy and I think would make a good operator —

What is the most you will guaranty to pay him for the next 9 months? The office, if you can make a bargain with him, (for the present) may remain where it is, — he would give his entire attention to it — and would be willing to do the duty for what you have agreed to pay me, and perhaps for less.

Let me hear from you in due course of mail.

Very Respectfully

D. E. Bloomer

P. S.

In settling with Mr Hutchinson, you must give him credit for $21. his wages for ~~Sept~~ & charge them with $19.16 - the amt he received from the office. The $5. which I was to pay, you will see I have given Mrs Co R. for on the acct

B.

Dr C, Bloomer
31. Decr 49—
Syracuse Dally

D. V. Tillotson Esq
Ithaca

TELEGRAPH PRICES AND REGULATIONS.

The address and signature are not counted.
Figures are, as if written into words.
Each three letters, or figures, of messages written in cipher are counted as one word, in consequence of the two fold writing they require.
The original of messages must be written plainly, to guard against mistakes.
Each message will be transmitted in the exact order of its reception, first come being first sent—excepting only stipulations in favor of the public press, and the public police.
The Proprietors assume no responsibility in business transactions over their lines, beyond the exercise of good faith, and due diligence, and the amount paid for a transmission.
All TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES ARE TREATED as strictly confidential.

MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

From NEW-YORK to BOSTON, for first 10 words or less, of each message, 50 cents.—for each added word 3 cents.
From NEW-YORK to any intermediate Station short of Boston, or between two intermediate Stations, for first 10 words 25 cents—for each added word 2 cents.
From BOSTON to PORTLAND, for first 10 words or less, 25 cents; for each added word 2 cents.
From BOSTON to any intermediate Station short of Portland, or between two intermediate Stations, 15 cents—for each added word 2 cents.
From BOSTON to LOWELL, 15 cents—for each added word 2 cents.

No. 5 Hanover-st. Cor. of Beaver.

New-York, 1849.

The following Communication has been received at this Office by Telegraph, from Dear Sir

E Connelly

I see as you say about the Operator at Troy. but he works very cheap. only $300 & he will receive orders to day from head quarters to send all his business this way. but there is much fault in Boston office in sending busines for Montreal Line via N.Y. and they do it because via N.Y. they get 50 cts & via Bft only 25 & N.Y. collects pay almost double what it would be this way

G. D Hammerton

New-York, ... 1849.

By Telegraph from .....

To ..... ?

No letter received from Speed for from Jan 1st.

N. L. Serley—

If Carbondale will now take the stock we asked them to — I will put up a second wire from Carbondale to Narrowsburgh and open offices at both Narrowsburgh and Carbondale with a view expressly for the local business of Narrowsburgh Honesdale and Carbondale — and have it at work in ten days after the funds are provided

E Corbell

New-York, ... 1849.

By Telegraph from .....

To O'Connell

M,4

Whew!!! Insurrection
dummies as you
have named
Know by experience
produces hardness
of heart—particularly
by when company
so rabid a way

W P Rew.

E. Cornell.

I remitted from Galena draft on N Y for four hundred and shall remit 1000 more on my arrival at Milwaukee on monday or Tuesday next. If you have forwarded the wire and Caps ordered 10 tons wire and ten gross caps please advise If draft is received or if you have forwarded.

S. W Hotchkiss

E. Cornell. I want you to send me four of Nos Places best Instruments quick as possible. We want to use them Immediately send such as you sent to the E & F No line when first opened.

Power Jackson.

The only Subscription that is available is at Roundout which is $2,000 - Ten per cent is paid to O. E Allen — $200-

Forty per cent was called for payable July 25- and is all paid but Wurts- is in the hands of Thos Cornell - 600.

Aug 4th Trustees were elected as follows
O. E Allen appointed. T. Cornell -
Subscribers met and appointed
James Hasbrouck & E H Rose
Robt Gosman is editor Roundout paper
Griggs Waring - Platte Kill Contracted to deliver about 25 miles poles at 70 cts by the 12th day of July - 5 inch at top 25 feet long
G. T. Pierce - Esopus agrees to deliver 7½ miles by 15 July at 75 cts. 5 inch & 25 feet long.
Wm Van Wagoner Esopus - furnish 7 miles at 70 cts - 5 inch - 25 feet -
John N. Shultz - Roundout, 2 miles poles at 75 cts by 25 the July - 5 inch & 25 feet long.

Ithaca Jan 2th

My Dear Brother

E. B. wrote me that if I got out of money to call on you for some you will no doubt be supprised to think I have so soon used up the sum you got for me of Mr Heggie but as I had been out for some time I had a number of debts to pay besides I had so menny boots and cloths for the children to get besides all me have to live upon that it is all gone it takes so long a time to write and get an answer from Elijah that it will be some time before I could get enny of him if you could let me have a little it would oblige me

yours Respectfully

B A Cornell

June 3 1850

Pr Dr to E Cornell

There has been a mistake about drafts I spozed you had drawn a second draft for five hundred payable at Detroit as Haviland notified me that your draft for that amount due Sept 28th I made great efforts to get the money to save your Credit as I spozed I had telel Haviland to accept Places draft but by mistake Places had been paid. One thirty five 19 & four 23 95. besides 3 hund. which I sent him by D B Sexton You must get at least three hundred from Place which has been overpaid. I will write by mail today

L J & Jr

to E Cornell Esq

Have you made any arrangements with T. C. Thompson in Galva or our operator — or can you

B Bagley

Cayuga Lake
Jan 4. 1850

Dear Alonzo

I took a trip to Seneca Falls yesterday and am on my way back to day, and having about 3 miles in time before we get up will write you a short letter,

I came home New Years morning and found all well, The last day of the old year I spent in correcting a difficulty that had plagued us for a month or more, It was a leak of joints made near Auburn in some iron cord we had up there which was coated with boiled oil which not being scraped off, insulated the joints so much as to nearly intercept the current altogether, I overhauled 8 of those joints which let us up and the line now works through in one circuit, pretty well, This is a circumstance which shows the importance of making good joints on a line especially where repairing, — I have been writing to Shedd to day suggesting to him that it will

be best to unite Jacksons win
from C to Newcastle with Pres
win from Newcastle to F. and use
it for a Second win from C to F
and not put a second win on the
Hill from C to F until the questions
of patent are settled, doing this would
give pretty full business for that win
whereas the local business of each
line will be limited, if this is done
the win from Newcastle to Pittsburgh
will do all the business that both
lines will have for that place.
What do you think of that project.
is it not the best way to dispose of
those matters for the present? —
How about Speeds connections
how you contrived to make it
work yet, and why dont you
send me a diagram, as you prom-
is — If it dont work answer and
say so at once.
Frances & Caroline Barnard has
been out making us a visit all
Well in Dr Keyton.
Boat nearly us and I will close
Yours Affectionately
E Correll

A. B. C.

Glen Cottage
Jan 25.

Since closing my letter on boat yesterday I have rec'd a letter from Spud of 30th Dec'r, saying among other things that Pew will pay the balance he owes me at the rate of $500. each 20 days. I think this is a characteristic wind up of an account that was to be paid in cash. Pew sent an order to N.York for his wine and promised to pay in 30 days. He could not buy without giving security which he had not the means of doing. It was getting late in the season and I offered to let him have what wine he wanted out of the lot I had shipped for cash, which would have been payable on arrival of wine and in about 30 days from the time his wine would have been shipped if he could have bought as he wished, so if he would have funds to meet one payment he would for the other. This offer he accepted and promised to pay one cash for the wine, | afterwards he got Spud to extend the time to 10 days, when he pledged his honour that it should be paid. This was more than 60 days ago, and some $950- only is paid and 30% promised in 20-days. Now it appears to me that Pew must have known that he could not pay for the wine as he agreed but made such promises as he thought would be necessary to get the wine in his possession. This is a glaring case of bad faith.

Speed mentions that the cin line was again in bad work, I hope he will ferret out the difficulty and get it smoov - as we hope to have no more trouble of moment on Mysts.

I asked Mary if she wished to send any word to "Lou" and she said "yes, send him kiss" and she saw she to me and kissed me for you, and then said send Mamas love to "Lou" -

Frank sets by the stove reading his Christmas gift "The twelve Stars of our Republic" - and Perry is doing the same with his - the title of which is "Always Happy" -

Plenty snow and fine sleighing - and steady cold winter Weather

We miss our Dear Elizabeth very much from our family circle our recollections of her innocent mirth, and cheerful good nature with hopes for her eternal happiness is our only consolation - and her sudden departure should admonish us all to be ready for a like event, and may we all in the end meet her in happiness -

Yours Affectionately

E Cornell

A B C

E Cornell
Jan 4 1873

Milwaukee Jan. 4. 1857.

My dear Sir,

I did not know that my friend Reade had the Note you speak of, or I should have paid it before. It was in the hands of old Mr. Nunn, who seemed to fear full pleasing it, that I concluded to let him rest on it for a while. I will send Mr. Reade the money about the 20th of this next: but it will not be at all convenient for me to do so sooner. He may rely on getting a Draft about the 1st of March. Give my regards to him, & tell him I regret that he should be in a condition to feel want in any way.

My time is very much occupied. I am just leaving for Madison, to hold our term of Supr Court. Does the world go well with you? I hope so.

Yours very truly
Leo Rubsell

E. Cornell Esq
New York

Hudson R. R. R. Office
54 Wall St N. York
Jany 7th 1850

E Connell Esq.

Your Telegraphic
note was received, and
in reply presume that R
R. Co will make a general
arrangement with the Tel-
-egraph Co of this route, to
place the poles & wires along
the track and instruments
in Offices for a free use
of Telegraphing on all proper
occasions - This must be done
by act of the Board Connell
of Directors -

Chas Wolcott
Jno C Young
C Engs



E. Cornell Esqr
Attorney

Ithaca Jany 10th /50

Dr Sir.

Yours of 6th was duly recd. I will accept your proposition with the proviso that you pay my extra Expenses when travelling & should I remain any length of time in New York you ought to pay all over $3. per week for Board. Should circumstances be such that I do not remain a year I will give you one months notice & you give me the same. I prefer being on your line to going elsewhere altho' I have had higher salary offered to go on other lines but my Parents are very much opposed to my going away. Please let me know when I shall commence & where I shall go. I am ready at any time & wherever I go I will try to give satisfaction

Yours respectfully
Luther G. Tillotson

E. Cornell Esq
N York

Tillotson Contract to run M.R. for—
only —

Tillotson Commenced at Elmira
June 2d—

Massillon, Jany 11th 1850

Mr. Cornell

Dear Sir

I was somewhat unfortunate in calling your attention to the route I proposed the other day. It awakened on the part of Mr. Gaebler a jealousy that I little thought of arousing. The fact is it will be a small matter at best—but a trifle might be made, perhaps, & if so I thought it was likely as I mopsed the affair that you would be likely to give me an opportunity of at least assisting you. & I was much surprised to find Mr. Gaebler telling Kent & Co that I was about to maestake the enterprise and that they ought immediately telegraph Col. Speed & obtain that matter & use his own words "Cornell is engaged with Paine" Now this is both untrue, (hence unjentlemanly) & unfair. If

not only displays an inordinate degree
of selfishness, but a disposition to beget
a wrong State of feeling if not between
actual partners, it is between those
engaged in the promotion of great
principles & objects. Now what I
desire to say to you is that, let
what may occur when I can
reach either you or the Col.
a favor without wronging my employ-
ers I will do but if Kent & Co.
undertake by some means to run
into that line without regard to my
feelings, they will have to obtain
subscribers for the Stock in other
places than those along the line
I was paid for defeating Mr. Jack-
son at Salem & I trust I have not
enough to defeat the route I propose
if it is to be undertaken & accom-
plished by such a disposition &
feeling as is evinced by said Co.
"Fair play" is my motto, & I detest
a niggardly underhanded & selfish spirit.
Although comparatively you are a
stranger to me this communication
was called out by the insinuation quoted
above, & I have spoken to you

freely & candidly as it is my usual way. I would like to hear from you, & if anything can be thought of to the mutual benefit of all I would be glad to stumble upon it. I have several points fixed in my own mind upon which I would like to consult with you & when you come here I will submit them to your consideration.

Excuse my haste & pen & believe me

Yours obediently

C. A. Paine

Cleveland O 12th Jan'y 1850.

My Dear Father

Your favor of the 4th & 5th inst came to hand yesterdays mail: and I assure you I was happy to hear my friends are all enjoying a reasonable degree of health.

I am glad you have at last struck the cause of difficulty on the Newpt line, as it has been a source of constant perplexity to me ever since I returned from the east having so many different offices boreing me with questions about Newpt & Erie line and enquiries for answers. but for the last week it has done very well indeed, and I hope it will soon restore or rather gain a reputation among lines that do work.

As to the second line from here to Fredonia I think your suggestion an excellent one. Speed it in Detroit now and a letter from you for him to my care sent through here yesterday. If we can get the Ny bsns from here off of the present Lake line we can do a great deal more local business and in fact we shall not be able to do all our business from here east on one line in the present season. If we can live with the Cincinnati Line

Speeds connector works perfectly. there can be no fail about it. One day last week we worked through from Buffalo to Milwaukie with a connector at Detroit as perfectly as I ever saw a line work in my life. We have not had a repeater here since I returned & the reason I have not made you a draft of it.

The transaction between Rew & yourself & Speed about the wire this fall. Speed had repeated to me before your letter. We got $1000. of Rew but $20 of it was counterfeit & $10 or $12 uncurrent. I purchased a draft of $980. & sent Wells & Co which they acknowledged the receipt of by telegraph. & have returned the rest to Rew.

Please kiss dear little Mary for me & tell her I often wish I could see her.

The death of poor Libbie was a dreadful shock for me. and it has learned me a lesson which I never before had realised, and though it was a severe bereavement for us all, I can but believe, it was better. for better for her that to have remained in this wicked world.

I wish I could be at home to enjoy some of your good sleighing as there has not been an inch of snow here this winter. The weather has been very cold until within three or four days & now it is as mild as in

April & the road as deep as need be.
I think, as I write mother, I shall go home
in four or five weeks & remain until boat
commence running in the Spring as I am
not or shall not be needed here, till April.
Uncle EB is here. arrived a week ago
tonight, is waiting for Reeds decission
about putting up second wire.
The Kent Line works most admirably: but
the Cin & Pitts are both poor things at
present. Whenever we do business between here
& Columbus via Zanesville with any good
success, I have no more time now.
Tell Martin I will write her soon
Ever Very affectionately.

C. P. Connell

C. Connell Esq
New York

Narrowsburgh Jan 13. 1880

Dear Brother

It is several weeks since I have heard from you, I wish you would write me a letter giving a general idea of the lines you have been writing and the towns and country they lay through in Ohio.

Let me know what the prospects is for their giving business to Keyser Linn, which I must confess has greatly disappointed me thus far in the amt of business it has had.

I have opened an office at this place directly in the Eating room at RR Depot, hoping to get business enough to pay expenses, and to use it to take business and forward by cars at such times as we are broken in county of Carbondale if that trouble should continue.

Your Man Sperkman at Cold Spring is a hard case, I dont know what to do with him but think I shall have to move that Office East of this way. What terms did you make with him.

Our business does not more than pay Expenses. I have had trying to get funds to save my credit, write me at Athens

Yours Respectfully

E Correll

E. B. C.

Detroit 14 Jan 52

D E Cornell

I go to Chicago to meet Hatchkiss tomorrow morning soon as I return I go to Cin to meet case & Wade - I want Wade now as well as you can He promised fair and I thought he would keep em. I will leave from Cin to Zanesville and am strongly inclined to go to Pg to see you & Smith, We must have up 2nd Mine line pin on Lake line or loose Lines business - The business can be done on one wire Nor can we do it by Way of Pres line

J J Speed Jr

Copy letter received from Douglas Boardman
dated Ithaca. Jan 14, 1871

Wm H Cooke

Dr Sir. Your letter of 12th ult was just
recd. When Mr Cornell was last here your a/c was
looked over by him and me. Your charges for the time you
had been with us were considered fair, reasonable & your
labor satisfactory. The trustees of this line have no means
coming into their hands to pay these ~~hands~~ matters. Mr
Cornell is President, Directors, Treasurer, Secretary & Bookkeeper
He only has the means of settling your demand whatever
it is. I supposed it had been paid. When he was last here I
looked over your a/c & it was understood that it should be
paid according to that examination & I think that corresponded
with your bill as given me. I regret that such
delays should occur in the settlement of just
demands against the Co. but can see no way in
which the trustees are responsible for the delays
or can avoid the occasion of them. With thanks
for the kindness & moderation manifested in
your letter I am

Yours very truly
Douglas Boardman

Bangor Jan'y 14. 1835

Dear Sir

In answer to yours of the 2d
I would say that I do not intend
to pay the Eight hundred dolls proposed
for the interest named in the Ithaca
& Bangor Telegraph

Yours Very Resp
Jas Eddy

D. T. Tillotson Esq
Ithaca
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Ithaca Jan 2 1857

Dr Sir

The accounts of the Ithaca & Athens Telegraph Co are now closed up, and the amount ascertained that the Stockholders of the Ithaca & Auburn Tel Co would have to pay towards the construction of the line from Ithaca to Auburn to entitle them to the rights of becoming a Stockholder in Ithaca & Palmyra Tel Co & which the stockholders in the Ald Co accord to as far as laid down.

The amt referred to is five dollars per share on the old Stock, you being the owner of 157 shares in Ithaca & Auburn Co would have to pay $785. which would entitle you to $2355. Stock in the Ith & Palmyra Co. The Stock of which is at $125 per mile,

P.S. The old Co's per-Mrs was disposed of by Cornell and proceeds applied to the payment of the debts of the Ith & Aub Co.

Please let me know as early as convenient if you avail yourself of the right to pay above amt and take said Stock if you do not wish to make the advance and take the stock. I doubt not we can find others who will gladly take it on these or more favourable terms.

My respectfully Yr ob Servt
D. T. Tillotson in behalf
of the Trustees of Ith & Pa Tel Co.

James Eddy Esq
Bangor
Maine