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LUSES' POWER PRESS

By Telegraph from .....

Dated 1854

Received at Lafayette, ...

To Mr Comet .....

.....

On Sunday Eve. 8 o'clock we send
despatch to Aff. S. I. & L. for him at B,
Send a Panorama over next Morning,
The Mess was not delivered until
after train had left which was between
9 & 10 A.M. Hall had been engaged cleaning
a lot of some 10 or 12 days as I understand
I, Please speak to them

Your Friend
Hall

(P.S. Not called to see me)

Acad. Lafayette
Jan 19, 1854
Messages not delivered

			182.79
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May	133.37	278.99	~~93.84~~
June	96.40	239.85	
July	95.25	257.38	
Aug	119.16	312.64	450
Sept	93.82	179.32	125
Oct	134.61	348.61	325
	672.31	1610.79	225

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Chicago Sunday Jan 15, 1854

My Dear Mary Ann

Since I last wrote you I have been circulating about the Country north of this.

I left Chicago Wednesday morning by Chicago & Galena Union RR. and went to Belvidere then branching off we went to Beloit just over the line of the State, in Wisconsin, here we dinned and then took seats in a carriage rather snug with a buffalo robe each, for a ride in a Cold day to Janesville 14 miles, did not suffer with Cold.

Arrived at J. about 4 P.M. and remained at the American Hotel all night.

Thursday morning 8 A.M. (weather very Cold) took seats in Cars of Milwaukie & Mississippi RR for Milwaukie, 70 miles and arrived in time for dinner at the U.S. Hotel about 11 A.M. — Remained here till 8 A.M. Friday morning and returned to Janesville took dinner there stage to Beloit, and Cars to Belvidere, Weather still growing Colder —

Remained at Belvidere over night and till cars went west about 11.40. Then went to Rockford 14 miles west and remained till Evening train left for Chicago 6.50. P.M. and arrived here 12 midnight last night.

At Milwaukie I got a message saying Daniel had the small Pox and had come up from Indianapolis to Michigan City, and gone to Albion. This morning I enquired about him and the following dispatches is the result.

Ch to Chapman Mich City. Where is my brother? And how is he, EC

Mich City to E,C

I have not seen Mr Wood this morning He was quite comfortable yesterday and getting along finely — Mr Wood will be in soon & I will let you know. Chapman

Ch to Chapman City

Is Mr Wood there taking Care of him. EC

T.C. to E.C He is doing the outside work — We have one of the best of nurses with him in the Car

Chapman

Ech to Chapman Ty –
Has the nurse ever had the small pox – E.C –
Ty to E C. Ch, Yes, and has attended every case in this place for past 5 years – Chapman –
Ch. To Chapman Ty
What Physician attends my Brother, E C
Ty. to E.C Ch
Dr Palmer the Mayor, But the nurse dont let him take much Medicine, He says he dont need it, He will receive every attention – Chapman
Ty to E.C Ch
Do you Come over this evening, Mrs Wood went to Albion yesterday morning – Chapman
The above correspondence was had this morning, This P.M, I rec'd the following –
T.Y to E.C, Ch Wood says Doctor thinks your brother has not the small pox, nothing but a touch of Tarroloid, and will be about again in a Week or Ten days –
Chapman

I know nothing more about his case and dont know when he has been exposed to catch it—

I shall go over there this morning and see that arrangements are as perfect as they can be to have him taken care of and made as comfortable as the nature of the case will admit,

I see by the dispatch that he is in a car, so I infer that he is in the car that he came up from Lafayette in and the car has probably been shoved off on the side track out of way. so as to lessen danger of exposure—

They would not take him to Albion on central RR, this I am not surprised at, I am more surprised that he should have got brought up to Mich city, Charley Speed came up with him—

I presume M.B. Wood will remain at Mich City to see to him, as he can be best spared from business, and I shall start for Indianapolis after being at Mich City one day. if nothing new turns up to prevent,

Yours Affectionately

E. Correll

Mary. Ann

Albion Jan 13th 1874

Dear Brother

By telegraph I learned that you had given up the idea of coming to Albion for a while and wished me to report to you at Indianapolis which report you will find on the other part of this sheat I would like to have what little there is due me before a great while or learn when to expect it as I have been making calculations to use it

We are all well at present except Brother John who I can't see much improvement in he & his wife have moved in with George for the winter They got a letter from Orris last week which was rather pleasering M. B. & Phebe started for Michigan city this morn to see Daniel who is sick with the small pox I would like to see you or hear from you before a great while which shall it be We have very cold weather & my fingers being rather stiff I will close for this time

With much respect &c

H. D. Robertson

F. E. Connell

Ithaca 17 Jan 54

Dear Brother

In answer to your letter I would say that from the description I have had of 10A I had almost made up my mind to go out there in the Spring at a venture, Since then the baptist Church has been burned in this place and now there is 2 or three Churches and a Courthouse to be built here nex season and I had concluded to remain here one season more, but Still if I was sure that the Money you speak of could be realised & I had the means to go on with it and the location were a healthy one & I would not hesitate although I can do very well here this season, the courthouse job is to be declaired of on the first of February If I should not get it and you should become at that time I will talk with you about the west. In the meantime let me hear from you again

I fear a person going from here and to locate on any of those rivers without being acclimated would be subject to the fever, they would necessarily have to be Exposed to the fogs and wet &c

Now I would ask a few general questions you say the banks of the river are lime Stone is the dam as well as the lock to be built with Stone if so

E. B. Cornell Ithaca
Jan 17, 1854

Do it to be built of cement, and what is the facilities for getting cement and where is it to be had and what the chance for labourers & Mechanicks &c. and what the wages. that however makes but little diffrance if you can get Enough for doing the work, I have formed a very favourable opinion of Dowen and have made up my mind to go there as soon as I could make arangments to leave

I have been paying up my old debts this winter so that I have no money to help myself with or I should have gon out to Dowen last fall with O.E. Allen he went to Du Bogue and says it is the finest country he Ever Saw I am satisfied that there is no use in staying here with the intention of doing any thing more than to get a living and a prety poor one at that there for as soon as I can see an opening and can get away I am off. I think the Chance you speak of is a good one if it can be realised Yours most Respectfully

E Blornell

To E Cornell Esq

Binghamton Jan 17th 1854

E Cornell

Dr Sir

Your kind favor of the 10th inst was duly received, but I have hesitated some on account of pecuniary affairs. However, in view of getting my pay in full from the 1st of May to the first of Feby. I have concluded to send you a draft at Indianapolis – I will send it there, and if too late, you can return it to me – But I have Telegraphed you and if I get the answer, before the draft goes, I will send it as you direct –

I can only raise $200, at present – which will buy but one 80 – Do not buy unless it is as near the RR as 5 miles, and not unless it is all good arrable, or tillable land – I want no swamps, for I have had enough

of them. I would not trust one man out of a hundred to buy western land for me. Knowing so well what it is + that river or lot is wet or surrounded with swamps. either of which would not only render it unsalable but uninhabitable, I trust to your having been on the land & knowing the exact location of the lot before purchasing it. If I had the funds now I should take 160 acres, but I can't do it at present. If you can secure another 80 of good rolling prairie I will take it as soon as I get the money from the bx.

I have heard nothing from Butterfield yet in respect to this line or whether he wants me to remain. Look for draft soon

Yours Truly
P. A. Hopkins

Indianapolis Jany 18. 1854

E Cornell

Lessee

Please pay to L. A Kersted Manager of the Dayton Telegraph Office, the amount of claims hereunto annexed as allowed at the meeting of the Board of Directors the same amounting to the sum of four hundred ninety six dollars & seven cents, and Charge the same to the Ohio Indiana & Illinois Co

Lucian Barbour
Pres't O I & I Tel Co

List of claims refd to

Balances due Dayton Office 1st May 1853	428.37	
A J Cox. Bill for paper	10 70	
A Newell bill - for acids	47 29	
Rollasbergen bill	1.00	
[redacted] & Co bill	8.71	paid
	496.07	

Bills not yet allowed by Board

G W Coffin & Co Zinc bill	28.91	- pd by McComb
Carroll bill	6 57	
O Kellogg bill	4.00	
Honglelin bill	9 20	
	$48.68	

200.98
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The written order is accepted
payable in Monthly instalments
of One hundred dollars
per month until paid

Ind. Jany 18. 1854 E Connell

Copy

Rec'd Dayton Mar 9th 1854 from E Cowell two hundred dollars for the two first instalments of one hundred dollars each first due 18 Feb and second due 18th March 1854 on Lucian Barbour order for $49607 —

J. H. Kinsted.

New York Sept 18 54

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

I received your letter and sent it to the Lawyers but I have your demand in the hands of. I fear they will have a Bill against me for expence ~~of suit~~ for trying to collect it. But if they have acted in good faith the expence wont be much as soon as I hear from them You shall hear from me. I asked you to make me a claim for the 2800 Dollars I loaned you — you told me to wait till the Falls Creek property was sold. I did wait and after it was sold you came to my office and wrote a letter for William and left it in the office But you did not come and see me and let me know about the sale of the Falls Creek I dont want the money and am willing to wait on being paid the interest punctually if you ~~will~~

will make my claim perfectly secure. I think the principle becomes due in June next. I want you to reply to this. I Remain

Yours Truly
Stephen B. Munn

S. B. Munn N.Y.
Jan 19th 1854

Milwaukee January 20 1854

S. Cornell Esq

Sir,

Yours of the 13th inst to Judge Hubbell has been handed me with a request that I would give you the desired legal opinion.

The statute respecting taxing Telegraph lines is very simple, and it is probable that any such mode, is legal and valid. But the question respecting which there may be some difference of opinion, is whether the officers of the Company could for their own individual benefit bid off the line at such tax sale. It would be the duty of the officers of the Company if they had funds in their hands to pay the taxes; and if they had such funds I think they would be considered as bidding all their own names, for the benefit of the Company. If however the officers had none of the funds of the Company and could procure none on the credit of the Company, then they would stand as such purchasers in a more favorable light. Still being agents I am inclined to think that they must be considered as acting for their principals and would as against the Company only have a lien to the extent of the amount paid.

Respy Yours

Jason Downer

Yours of the 13th inst to Judge Hubbell has been handed me with a request that I would give you the desired legal opinion.

Mr Cornell Esq
Janesville Wis.

Indianapolis Jan 20. 1874

Dear Mauzy

Your favour of 12th inst couple days ago. The "school question" is likely to be settled as I supposed it would be, I am too well acquainted with inhuman nature, to be frightened out of just rights by a little bluster —

With this I hand you an order on Mr Collier for a deed, which you can hand over to the Trustees on the payment of the $100, and interest from 15th Jan 1874 inst. so if they delay the payment of the hundred dollars they must pay interest.

RR folks not at home so I dont get any money yet,

Dec is the hardest month we have had and is probably as hard as any we shall have, and it gives us over $600. over Expenses, which will do fully well —

I heard from Daniel to day, he is so that he wants to be off from Mich City, but the Board of Health will not let him go yet. He will probably go to Albion next week.

Yours Respectfully

A.B.C

E Correll

P. S. Why don't Soon & Row write me and let me know what decision is in the Holmes suit — &c —

E Connell
Indianapolis
Jan 9 20 1905

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Binghamton Jan 20th 1854

E Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

I have just received my money as I had to send to Dryden for it. You are aware that all the money I am master of, was earned by the sweat of the brow, & confidently trust you will expend this for me to the best advantage. - If the Land you went to look at, is all it purports to be in your letter, please select as near timber & water as practicable & yet be good plough land - Of course I should not object to some timber, but do not expect it on a prairie. I will hand you what ever extra expense it costs you in getting the deed -

I hear not a word from Butterfield yet respecting the Land - Please write me as soon as you secure the prize -

Yours Respectfully
P A Hopkins

Indianapolis Jan 22. 1854

My Dear Mary Ann

I have been to work hard all day trying to catch up with my writing but have not, And I was about going to bed forgetting that I had not written to you, When my mind was impressed with the fact of the neglect, And as I have been reading Judge Edmonds on the Spirits whom I have been visiting in the Cars along lately, I have become a believer to an extent to suppose that some Spirit or that of some friend sought just impressed my mind on the subject of writing,

If so. I shall shuffle the Spirit off tonight with a brief and dry letter,

I heard from Daniel yesterday, and he is reported to be improving finely, and he appears to be very fortunate in this matter, for those of the nurses who took the small

for the same time, or rather who took it on the car and gave it to him — have died with it, I have had of but one more case + that is in this city, and is reported as getting along — I shall send S.B.C. some money in a few days — My health continues first rate, and I wish you were out here with me, Good night Yours affectionately E Carroll

Mary Ann

Milwaukee Jany 22d 54

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Agreeably to your request I will write out for you the circumstances pertaining to the report of which we talked when you were here, as faithfully as my memory; with the assistance of such data as appears upon my books will permit.

In the latter part of last winter or very early part of the Spring I was requested by Mr. Cobb to ascertain what papers here would take Mil. 2 PM & 6 PM Reports, as they were to be sent from Mil to Buffalo at those hours and would be forwarded to us if it would pay. At this time the Sentinel was taking all that came, the Wisconsin all that came before they went to press - about 2 o'clock P M - & the Free Democrat all such as came before noon, which was very seldom. The Sentinel got nearly all, or rather the others got but few. The Morning News had previously declined because they could not pay for them. I consulted with them. The Free Democrat declined altogether as neither report suited their time of publishing. The Wisconsin would take all that came by 1½ PM by which time the 2 o'clock report from Mil frequently commenced coming at that time of the year, with but little other business on the lines - But as they

E Ladd Esq
Jan 22 1854

declined taking all the 2 o'clock reports that should come in reasonable time as it would be always confused & uncertain. I declined with Mr Cobb's assent giving them any of them, also in consideration that Tillman wished to make different arrangements in the one case from what he would in the other. No time for the continuance of the arraignment was stated, neither was any thing said about exclusive reports to the Sentinel. They were exclusive in this case by the act of the other papers not by mine, that is, as to the 2 o 6 o'clock reports. Should other reports be sent or these lay over pay to the next morning I did not understand that the Sentinel had any exclusive right to them.

I have gone thus far into preleminaries for the purpose of a clear understanding of the facts upon which, or in reference to which, the further action which you wished more particularly to have me detail, was had.

Not long after this time, I cannot say how long or had a report in the forenoon which I gave to both the P. & M. papers as well as the Sentinel. To this Tillman took exceptions, claiming an exclusive right to all reports, which I denied. Subsequently a purely similar circumstance occured which occasioned another outbreak from Tillman accompanied with threatenings of imputation on the line, He said he had an exclusive contract with Haviland. I asked him if he had it over Havilands signature. He paid he had. Not wishing to create any unnecessary trouble, and especially

not to call his veracity in question I did not call on him for the document, but immediately stated the facts to Mr. Haviland & inquired if it was so. To this I got no reply. This I think was in the early part of the Summer, possibly in May. It is my impression that I wrote or telegraphed him twice on the subject, as the Wisconsin now wanted reports up to a later hour, say four or five o'clock I am not certain as to the time — After waiting impatiently for some time for information or instructions from Mr Haviland, in vain, Mr Lathrop of the Wisconsin suggested the writing himself to Mr. Haviland which I advised him to do, as I had found it impossible to get anything from him myself. Mr Lathrop informs me that he wrote him three times on the subject, directing two letters to Cleveland & one to Detroit, hearing at a certain time that he was there, & neither of which ~~dispatches~~ letters did he receive any answer. On the 24th of Sept I received a telegraph dispatch from Mr Haviland asking on what grounds Fillmore claimed Exclusive reports. I immediately replied in full by telegraph, repeating what I had previously informed him, & also wrote him more fully by the first Mail, I heard nothing further from him until the last day of Oct or 1st of Nov. I think, when he informed me by telegraph that no paper had Exclusive right to reports but that all could have them that would pay for them, an answer which he could have given any day during the preceding five or six months. & for

which he was so frequently importuned, I did not feel at liberty to assume responsibilities & take extreme steps which might involve the violation of a Contract made by my predecessor when information from him could have been so readily obtained & still Mr K. has the assurance to write under date of 29th Dec. that "I have thought there was a want of decision in your intercourse with him (Fillmore) a yielding that proved prejudicial to our interests." That our interests suffered is evident from the following facts. In consideration of having the public reports exclusively the Sentinel stopped their Abbot & Winans dispatches from Wash. & mostly their Henderson dispatches from Buffalo & with this effect. Their aggregate amount for March was 109.50. for Apl under the new arrangement $28.75 - for Sept $24.39 - Oct $49.93 - for Nov under the change back it was $106.09 & for Dec including $50. for Protective Mission it amounted to $177.57 - The loss for the season may be estimated. Add also for Nov & Dec the receipts from all the other papers for reports, I dont remember the aggregate but a large amount - It appears in my reports. -

Fillmore talked much of this Expedition to Japan. I have forgotten the reason. This I have from good authority.

Permit me to take this occasion to say that Mr Haviland never corresponded with me by mail from the day I entered the office a year ago last August until he notified me of my dismissal & never entered any complaint, gave any advice, nor issued any instructions of a personal or local character, and declines giving reasons for "specifying complaints both in & off the line") for my discharge.

I told you I only read discourses to a small number on the Sabbath. I don't know that I gave you to understand that I never wrote a sermon or lecture myself. Such is the fact however. Yours &c — E. D. Ladd

I should like to hear from you when convenient —

Richmond January 23rd 1854

Mr E. Cornell

Dr Sir:

Yours of 19th came to hand this morning. The first item $2.50 is for repairs in Nov. Mr Mesick the man that done the repairing living in the Country, & I could not get his bill that month, & so mentioned it. Sept, Dr Oct 20th $5 for repairs West. One dollar Waggon hire. & $1.25 I paid the man, Dec. 22nd Was for repairs West also. One dollar Waggon hire. One dollar paid man. & thirty cents for wire, Dec. 30th Was for repairs East. One dollar Waggon hire. two dollars paid man. & twenty five cents for some Insulator blocks I had made. Balance $5.44. was amt. deficient in Nov. Light & fuel. Two dollars for Wood & one dollar for Gas. Those I presume are the only items mentioned in rept. but what are sufficiently plain.

The manner in which that rept. was made out is the same all my rept. have been for last five years & not having heard any objection from you since you have had charge of Line, I supposed it was sufficiently definite.

Yours Truly

T. C. Leeds

Washington, Jan. 23. '54.

E. Cornell, Esq

Dear Sir In reply to your inquiry about "a copy of the papers in the settlement with Mr. Kendall," (of which, it is said, a copy was taken by you, handed by Col. Speed to me for printing,) I have to repeat that I waited for some time expecting to receive such papers from Col. Speed, who I understood was to send them to me after he opened his trunk or valise on going west — he being then packed up ready to start. I wondered at the long delay — not hearing from the Colonel for some time after. I thought perhaps some change of views had occurred. When the subject was mentioned in a comparatively recent date, I mentioned the substance of this letter to you or Col. Speed, I forget which.

I know nothing about the papers, though it is possible they were left about the office. If I find them, when I can get a chance of examining again the masses of documents & papers of all kinds now

packed up for security. While I am absent in Iowa, & elsewhere, I will send them — though, as I told you before, I expected Col. Speed to send them, but never (as I can recollect) received them.

I am glad there are other copies, so you cannot suffer if this is lost.

Your respectfully

Henry O'Neill

W. O'Reilly
Aug 2 E. 1852

Gen Comm'l Agt.
Mil. Telegraph
Washington
D.C.

Bath Jan 24th 1854

E. Cornell Esq

Sir

I hear nothing from Mr Hopkins relative to any change in this line, and from the fact that repairs are on the line at several points between Ithaca and Dunkirk, I presume that no change is contemplated by the Delpees—

Under these circumstances I cannot of course make any propositions to connect with the Genesee Valley line.

The Capital Stock of the Company is $5500. Genesee and Rochester holding probably two thirds of this amount, mostly held in small portions—probably no person owning over $500. and few as much as that.

During 1852 the line paid the Stockholders 8 per cent, & since then— owning undoubtedly

to bad management it has been losing and has not probably paid expenses.

It seems to be a favorable time for the purchase of Stock, and if you can authorise me to make any purchases I will endeavor to spare time enough to look it up next month.

I shall send you such further information relative to the past affairs of the line as I am able to obtain.

Yours

T. L. Underhill

Newfield Jan 24th 1852

Dear Brother

I have jest received thy letter and have to say as regards the land. I have some time past thought of getting into some business of some kind farming of or some other thing. When I saw you at home I had bought one third of a saw Mill but intended to pay for it as the Mill earnt it but Mr Everhart the man I purchashed of had some money to make out and let him have my money one hundred dollars with the understanding that when I wanted to sell out he would buy me out and pay me all I had payed him with use so you see I have left it go. I shall try the saw Mill bussiness thoroughly and if I do not do well I shall sell out and take some land. Daniel is owing me forty dollars if she is in your employ I wish you would speak to him for me and tell him I am in want of it very much I would not hurry you for the remainder of that you owe me. I will leave it with you untill I let you have done to purchase for me. I could get it

any time I ask it of him. So you see he is perfectly good I will write again to let you know how I get along if you want to have fencing Stouff next Spring to use at Fall Creek please give us a job to have Chesnut-posts and lumber for fencing, write me again when convenient. Affectionately your Brother Edward S Cornell

Ezra

E. S. Cornell
Ithaca N.Y. 1857

E Connell Esq

When your RailRoad instrument, &
the Set for College Hill, came here,
they were considerably out of order & broken,
& in such a way, that a man of even
ingenuity could not possibly mend them
without a lathe & tools, all I sent them to
Ware's & had them repaired.
My bill is all right

Yours Very Respectfully

Hilliard Cin
$2.75 - Jan 25, 57

2.75

C & Indiana Tel Line

To Henry Ware Dr

Oct 4 to	To Rep in 2 Magnets & Key	$2.75
	ordered by Chas Swanpoel at	
	the rear of Del Office	

Rec'd Payment

Henry Ware

Corning 25th Jan 1854

E Cornell. Esq

Dear Sir

Your letter came to hand this morning - I have got all the work I had been got out of mine and stopped. I have sent of those notices to subscribers - have collected some money and between this and the first of February shall I think get upon at addition I have not got any ~~passports~~ passes yet and I also label that the R R Co Do not intend to issue any but dont know how true it is.

Yours very respectfully
G W Skinner

Buckingham Jany 25 1854

Dear Sir

Yours of the 20th with $30. enclosed is rec'd. I have sent to Mr Chesbro the names of the witnesses you mentioned together with the necessary forms for taking testimony according to our laws & have rec'd no reply. You may rest assured I shall spare no pains to beat the "Pirates" in the suit you gave. Perhaps you had better write Mr Chesbro so as to forward his movements. Court sets on the 1st Tuesday May next and the depositions must be here at least 30 days previous to that time

Very Truly Yours
D. B. Eastaby

E. Conner Esq

Pittsburgh January 25 1854

Wm E Connell

Indianapolis

Bot of S McKee & Co

200 Slaught Insulators 2½ 5.00

Pittsburgh January 26/54

Wm E Connell

Sir

Yours of the 20th inst is to hand. Containing Eleven 25/100 Dollars. Which is in full for the above. Also for your last Bill of Six 25/100 dollars — We Send the above by Adams & Co Express We also Send you Sample of the large Insulator. Enclosed in the Box — Which We Can furnish at 3½ Cents Each — Being as low as We can possibly furnish them

Yours Respectfully

S McKee & Co

Jas Ballard

Uttica 25th January 1854.

Mr E. Cornell

Sir Yours of the 20th was rcvd this day
inclosing a draft for $280- to apply for interest for Money loaned
the payments after the 21st January 1853 to you were made in the
following manner - March 9th draft for $140.
April 9 - do do 1000.
June 1 - do do 1000.
July 1 do do 1000.
August 1 - do do 1000
September 1 - do do 1000.

$5140.
January 21 1853 - 3000
$8140-

Respectfully Yours
L. A. P. Gardner

P. I. Interest on all sums to 21 Jany $417.74
Draft - 280.
leaving due 21 - $137.74

Laporte, January 25th. 1854.

Dear Sir—

I received yours of the 17th today— You say there is an error in adding up amt paid other lines— my cash book says the amt paid other lines is $9.14— if my report says $9.74 it is an error. The balance due md for Dec. is, as reported, $12.98, according to my cash book & I find no error in it.

The balance due md on October report is $28.79
— — — — — December — — 12.98
$41.77

The amt due you on November Report is 2.46
Error in report for Nov. of 33¢ $39.31
Balance due md

You say nothing about my November report, which was not satisfactory to you when you wrote me some time since. Were my explanations satisfactory? Business is dull this winter— produce was all sold & shipped last fall— but we hope "the good time is coming." Do you propose to build a new line on the S. Mich R.R. or buy the S.M.L. which may possibly be sold on Mortgage due in May next? Active operations will be commenced soon on the Penn & Chicago R.R. which intersects the Northern Indiana Road at this place— if our line to Logansport is kept in repair it will be a help to this office— The poles are so rotten that it will be almost impossible to keep the line up if it is not thoroughly repaired early in the spring—

Yours Respectfully
J. McKinn

Mr. E. Cornell
Indianapolis

New York January 25th 1854

Mr Cornell

Sir I was at your former Office last week and was told that you had removed out of the City and as I am in great want of Money I thought I would address you in this way Please address to Martha Crawford 117 Washington St In Care of Robert Gibson Lumber Merchant

Martha Crawford
for Olive L. Crawford

Ky - Lexington January 25 - 1854

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of 23 came to hand & in Reply State that Cedar poles in Butts 20 - 25 & 30 ft long can be had & delivered at the Mouth of the Ky River at $1.50 each for the 20 & 25 ft long & the 30 ft long will require quite a large log at the Butt and will cost $2 - each - those intended for Madison Louisville Cairo can be run to those points at very little cost & those for Lawrenceburg & Cincinnati will have to be towed up by a small Steamer - if you conclude to have a lot delivered at the mouth of Ky River on the Ohio - I will go to the Mountains there you a lot sent there at the above prices Cash on delivery -

Yours Respectfully

B. Monsarrat

Albion Jan 26th 1884

Yours of the 21 came to hand to day
ing fifty dollars in part payment for
labor. Also stating that you wanted
definite report giving the mens
the time each one worked and the
ount payed per day
I am sorry to say that I can not comply with
your request in some of those particulars in
as much as there was some men worked
for me that ~~that~~ I never put there names
on my book sense ~~for~~ one sense two and
some three days which I payed and made a
change of it as soon as payed hands for
labor not knowing that you required
the names and time of each individual
I payed $1,25 per ~~th~~ day with the exception of a
few days cutting pealing and getting poles at
Muncie when I payed one dollar per day
I done the work as well as I could and forwarded it
to the best of my ability In the report I sent
you I gave the amount I payed out and
what I payed it for also the amount
I had received and who I received it of With this
I will close with much respect Yo. H. D. Robertson
To E. Bernell

Jamestown Ind

Jan 26th 74

Mr E Comell

Dear Sir

Yours of the 23d Inst
Enclosing Twenty dollors was Recived by
Yesterdays Mail. and You do not Say a
word about the remander due me, and I
dont Know whether You Concider that amount
all due me or not, Pehaps You may be
under Some mistake, as how much You
owe me, I have not Recived any thing
for the Months of October November or
December, I left the Report for the month
Deamber at the Telegraph office Indianapolis
the amount of Expenditures for the three
months. Togeather with Salary. amount to
fifty Three dollors and 75 ¢, which leave
a balence of Thirty Three dollors 75 ¢
I hope to hear from You Soon

Yours Truly

J. M Walker

Oct $10,
Nov 18,75
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Greenville Ohio
Jan 26. 1854

My Dear Mary Ann

I came over from Indianapolis Tuesday Morning, and spent a day at Dayton, last evening I came to this place and have just closed a contract with the Greenville & Miami RR Co to build a line of Telegraph, from Union to Dayton, 41 miles which with the one line on the Ind & Bell RR will give us another cut from Ind to Cin & East,

I get money enough of the Co to pay for building it, and have the line when built, in consideration of which we do the RR telegraphing —

This is the best way that I know of to secure the Morse Patent, with these RR Contracts on all the RRs I should like to see other parties make headway with the lightning. They would find that somebody had appropriated their thunder,

The House tribe are trying to get in upon some of these RRs but as yet they have made no headway.

I shall go back to Indianapolis, and hope to close another contract, in few days. with Ind & Cin R.R. Co

I wish you was out here with me for I am mally lonesome, notwithstanding the constant occupation of body & mind with business.

I have not heard yet the result of that insurance in Bolmer case, I have written to Love & Noe to know but get no reply, Can you or A.B.C inform me,

I have not heard from Daniel since Monday, he then reported that he was most well, I sent $50, to M.B.W at Mich City to use in paying his Expenses &c. &c.

Porter & Leonard have sold out at the Philipse House in Dayton, I saw Porter Yesterday at Dayton, & Leonard I saw at Chicago last time I was there, The House has improved by the change, Leonard will curse anything that he meddles with by his profane Character,

The Landlady here has company in the setting room when I am writing, and if I dont quit writing I fear

I shall wind up, with a short of their gossip. so I will hold up.

Please kiss Mary & Emma for me, and tell them I should like to have a skitter with them.

We have had ten days of real Canada winter, but it began to soften yesterday, and to-day the mud is over shoe deep.

Goodbey. Yours. Affectionately

E. Cornell

Mary Ann.

Delaware county Ia January 26 1854

Mr E Carroll the Number of telegraph poles that D Delwere an the Rade per you that I have nat got pay for us one hundred and seventy one one D Desthetes 50 an the Road for you for which I charge ten cents per pole

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Mr E Connell
at Telegraph Office
Indianapolis
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