E. Cornell, Ithaca, N.Y.
Journal, Indianapolis
April 12, 1853.

Men at on I&B. RR Tel
at Fort Ville
Jas Smith forma
Geo - Wright 10/-
Elmore Whetsell 10/
Jacob Smith 10/
Wm Shull 10/-
Washington fort 10/- pd
Bay - Fort - 9/-

~~Nolan~~
Noel & Co - Walpole. Ia
Hancock Co

Indianapolis Wednesday Apl 13. 53

Arrived this morning from Dayton, found that Judge J. W Wright had arrived at same time from Logansport under the impression that the Directors meeting was on the 13th.

I had an interview with the judge on subject of line, and he seems to favour the policy of the Company leasing the line to me, and will decide in my favour if my bid is as favourable as any others.

I also saw Mr Barbour, who is all O.K.

Thursday. Apl 14 1853 -

Saw Judge Wright & Barbour but had little conversation with them on subject of the line, got reports that Mr

Barbour had Recd from the offices, and folded them up & found that they shown a pand some increase in the receipts of the month over those of March last year.

I remained quite clast to the house so as not to be observed by the friends of the Oposition line.

Wilson & Bryant arrived at 11. A.M. Directors had a meeting, Wilson not knowing that I was here voted for a resolution to lease the line for 5 years, from May 1, 53 - Keenested was at Meeting, and put, in his proposition, the only one in, Wilson insisted that it be decided to lease the line to K, Mr Barbour informed him then that I was in the City and he expected that I would put in a proposition, and that according to the advertisement, I could have all day to put in my proposition this annoyed Wilson, and he got wrathy, and said he must go back that afternoon, it was then resolved that, Bryant & McGuire togeather with the President be a committee to examine & Report on the propositions - to see which was the best,

Wright & Wilson, Met home with the 1 P.M trains.

I saw Bryant in Evening and proposed to unite with him in making a proposition and for him to remain in charge of line He declined saying he had told the Directors that he would not bid for the line & that it would not pay any thing - I put in proposition at $2500 & 1000 down

Indianapolis Friday Apl 15-53

Committee met, and examined bids found Kierstead had bid $2,000, and Cornell $2,500 - the Com, deliberated sometime to know which was best, and finally called K & Myself into the room, and asked various explinations, as we were about to retire K, wispered to Bryant & McGuire increasing his bid to $25,000 When this was announced to the Com they informed me I bid $3,000 - K got excited and he offered the same, I told Com that I would give $1000 more than K would, but that I understood their duty to be confined to deciding on which of the bids put in yesterday in writing was the best, and their the authority of the Committee ended. The Prest said that such was the fact,

The Com then retired again and after some deliberation decided that I was entitled to the lease on my bid of $2,500 and $1000, in advance, that being the highest bid -

The Com, then adjourned, I afterwards saw McBarbour and told him that I was willing to have the Contract made out at $3.000. per an which would quiet all Clamour that might be raised at my having the line awarded to me at a lower price than was afterwards offered by K,

K did not leave the city for home, I talked with him on subject of lease, told

him if the parties he represented, were disposed to play fair and honourable that they would always find me ready to meet them on fair grounds.

Indianapolis Saturday Apl 16. 1853.

Mr Barbour informed me this morning that Kiernsted, urged him to disregard my bid and the decision in my favour and give the contract to him for account of the Pitts, Cin & Louisville Co and they would pay, $4,000, per an rent, that they could afford to do it. and that if the lease was made to me, it would be the end of the line to the Company and that by the next election I would have the majority of stock, and would turn him Mr Barbour out & C, &c

Mr B. replied that the matter had gone too far to make any change in the matter. Mr B. drew up a draft of Contract, which I copied and altered & submitted to him he suggested some alterations, and being engaged professionally, the final consideration of the question was defered till Monday.

Sunday Apl 17. 1853.

Remained at house most of day, only taking a walk, south to Canal.

Monday. Apl 18. 53.

Discussed the Contract with Mr Barbour, & agreed upon the preliminary and recopied & signed it, all OK

Telegraphed to Operators, inviting suggestions respecting the working of line & C, & C.

Tuesday. Apl 19th. Left at 1. P.M. & went to Muncie to see Dr Anthony Prest of I & Belfountain RR Co. on the subject of Telegraph on their RR

Dr. Anthony was not at home, He Returned with the morning train the 20th his son introduced me to him & he introduced me to Mr Yanders the Supt, and said

they wire to have a general RR meeting at Indianapolis on friday & would see me there, so I returned with the train, Mr Yanders said the Co wanted a telegraph, and would do any thing about it that was right & proper

Indianapolis, Thursday, Apl 21, 53 - Wrote a strong letter to Dr Anthony & sent a copy to Mr Yanders, giving an account of the interest, Speed, Wade & Myself held in the telegraph and made what preparation I could for meeting them on the following day, friday —

Friday Apl 22nd 1853 -

Mr. Paine Prest & Stone Supt of C.C.&C. RR. Co & Mr Godman Prest of Belfountain & Ind RR. Co. with other RR. people came in on the Belfount. R.R. I gave free Cards for Telegraphing to the above, and got introductions to them, had long with Mr Godman on subject of the Telegraph on their road. He said Kendall & Smith had written him on the subject, and offered them the patent for $250 - per mile - that they had rather pay that than have any litigation on the subject - I informed him that we would secure them against effects of adverse claims - He said they should Organize a Co. soon to build a line, and would do what seemed best. I saw & talked with Dr Anthony he said after they got through with meeting he would see me again -

Saturday, Apl 23 - 53 - Saw, Godman & Party this morning - They left for Madison & Louisville - Anthony did not see me after meeting with their eastern friends - Andrew Wade arrived, agreed with him for union of offices - A. H. Wade telegraphed that Pitts was O.K. -

Rec'd Chesters opinion —

Ind. Sunday Apl 24. 1853 —

Remained at house most of day, A-
wade, remained over Sunday —
Monday, Apl 25. Saw Delaunay letter
to Dr Coe, published in Ind. Journal
last saturday — answered it, showed
the Ans to W. W. Wright who approved
of it, Saw Mr. Robson & Ray of
Lawrenceburgh Road, & requested them
to have Committee appointed
to negociate for Tel,
Started at 1 P. M for LaFayett —
arrived at 5. P. M. Dr Ellis, the
Prest of Peru RR was on board
talked with him on subject of
RR. line of Tel. —

LaFayett, Tuesday Apl 26. 53 —
Remained all day at this place
Exd books at ofs Requested the
Operators to remain for the present
as heretofore — line has been
down between Lozan & Toledo
for week, just up,

got news of terrible accident on the
RR near Chicago — Entered my name
& pd for seat $2.75 — to terminus of RR
left LaFayett, 3 A.M, Crossed the
Wabash about daylight, crossed
the Tippecanoe battle ground, and
arrived at the RR in Center of
7 mile Prairie — 3 hours to late
for Cars — remained all night,
and till 1. P. M ~~Friday~~ Thursday, when
we started, for Chicago — arrived at
Mich City 4.30, took Central Cars
at 5. & Arrived in Ch, about 8. P. M.
I was informed that sec, 7 & 8, on
Range 4. West, town 29. north, belonged
to State as canal land they are good
sections of Dry Prairie —

Chicago, ~~Saturday~~ Friday 29th 1853 —
Looked, about offices introduced to
Operators, in O. I & I Tel ofs & Ill & Miss —
found line has been down week,
principle operator left, Speed
got here this evening from his
job. —

Judge Caton also arrived — Had a meeting with Speed & Caton, and agreed, to unite offices — and charge 1/4 ex of. Of^s Rec^o Clerk & book keeper to Caton, and 1/4 of bat if there could be used in Common.

Liked the appearance of Caton much. M. B. Wood & Wife & Wade arrived this morning — Speed & Wade, signed the bond as security on my Contract, & endorsed 4 notes of $250 — each as the advance of $1000 — as per Contract, Wrote to Barbour & Co ~~Mr Heaton~~ & enclosed, Contract & notes to them.

Mr Heaton of South Bend was at Ch to see what could be done on S. M. & N. I. R.R. arranged for him to buy the wire if he could on old executions against Snow. Mr Geo Allen agt of Bank at Providence who is fitting up the line Snowline, was also hi

found what he was Driving at, H. O'Reilly arrived in evening says Litchfield is to be here next tuesday —

Sunday May 1st In Chicago —

Chicago Monday May 2nd O'Reilly, Wade & Self took seats in Ch & Rock Island Cars for Ottawa Ill. to attend sale of forfeited stock in Ill & Miss Tel Co, Arrived about noon at Ottawa, after dinner saw Judge Caton, and learned what we could about the situation of the Co, and concluded that it would be safe to purchase a majority of the stock. The sale commenced about 3. P.M. by Mr Howell the Treasurer of Co, and proceeded, the stock being mostly bid in by the Co, at $2,50 and an other person at $2,51 — I did not buy much untill the Patented stock was offered

which I bid off at $2,57 per share, for 2308 shares — Mr Howell being unwell, closed the sale and adjourned till 9 A.M. Tuesday morning

Tuesday May 3. Sale opened at 9. A.M. and Judge Caton bid off small certificates till he purchased three or four hundred shares — I purchased 3087, shares. The whole No of shares is 9474. The Co bid off 3398 — leaving New Co with. 6076 of which Cornell has 3087 leaving for all others 2989 shares — I proposed to give Mr Howell, drafts for the amt of purchase at $2,57 per share at 30. 60 & 90 days = he preferred to wait till he went home when he said he would make out the ap and send me a bill of sale for the amt of stock bid off by me. After dinner took cars for Chicago, arrived aft 7 P.M. Speed had not left yet, Saw Speed & explained what we had done, with which he was much pleased,

Speed. O'Reilly & Wade left at 8. P.M for Detroit,

Wednesday & thursday moved office, & arranged matters with Hotchkiss to see his Co. and close his lines up

Friday May 6th Judge Caton came up to day, rained all the week & lines work hard Saw Litchfield & proposed to move O. I. & I line on his road. he talked pleasant about it but came to no decision point, asked what we would take for our entire interest — & said he wanted to see Speed

Sped remained in detroit & saw Litchfield

Chicago Saturday May 7. Sped returned this evening. Says that Litchfield wished us to set a price that we would sell out our entire intenst for.

Sunday May 8. Cobb discussed the subject of his salary, wanted 700. dollars, but agreed to stay at $600. I made proposition for Litchfield. See my letter book.

Monday May 9th

Sped remained in town till 4 P.M when he left via the R.I RR for his RR job with funds to pay off his men.

Sped introduced me to Mr Reid the supt of the Ill Central RR. to whom we had made a proposition to build a line for them before leaving, Sped urged me to go to Providence and see if I could not make some arrangements with the Bank who is driving the Snow line to join us in Telegraphing and thus prevent competition I agreed to go.

We went to see the President of Chicago & Galena R.R but did not find him,

The President of the Mississ Rock River Junction I promised to make him a proposition

Tuesday May 10. Remained at Chicago till evening - Prepared tariff table for A I & I line for publication also prepared Handbill offering $25. reward for conviction of depredators

and left them with Chas. H. Speed to get them printed. Wrote a letter of introduction for C.H.S. to the operators, on O I & I line. Agreed with Holckkess that O I & I line should loan $25. & E & M $25. for him to use in getting Galena line to work, left Chicago at 9. P.M by Central Mich R.R — Speed. got me a free pass to Detroit.

Wednesday. May. 11th. Saw Sister Phoebe & Arlena at Albion as I passed. Arrived at Detroit about 8.30 — Stopped at Mich Exchange — The portion of line I saw this morning somewhat out of repair, caps off &c Found. M.B Wood & Haviland at De, Spent the day at office examining a/c &c, worked till 10. P.M. found a/c cts me.

satisfactory. Old Mr Speed said he knew they were not right and he could not keep them right. Mr Speed said Haviland & John James wanted to get rid of Wood, but he had rather have Wood for supt than Haviland.

Thursday May 12th — left this A.M at 8 on the Steamer Arrow for for Toledo, Arrived about 2 P.M. Haviland introduced me to Chadwick — line has been down all week, men had been out & Mended 3 times & line not at work, I got Dft on Ch Ofs for $25. discounted by Fargo & gave the money to Chad & he promised to go out & get the line up I left by cars at 10 P.M for Cleveland Arrived at 6 A.M friday morning, got breakfast & went on got to Bu at 4 P.M,

remained till 5. Went to Ofs
found Repairs there said he
was doing nothing for want
of funds - said line was in bad
order, Haviland had been over
it, & knew how it was -
He said there was 23 miles not
rebuilt between Buffalo & Erie
and only 300 new poles put
up between Erie & Cleveland,
and 18 miles of new poles
put up between the two
Sanduskys -
I Faxtons Men said his
line was getting worse
every day & they now talked
of cutting it in two between
Buf & Ny, say at Utica -
Arrived at Rochester at
7.30 - Saw Alvah Strong
& talked with him about
uniting Offices at Toledo
he professed to favour
the plan, Said their line
had recently made a dividend
of 4 per ct. - said he got
$700.00 for his share -
Stopped at Waverly House,
Rochester Saturday 14th 1853
Saw Mr Ely & Strong this mng
Ely proposed to sell out, pro-
fessed to favour union
desired to save expense &c
agreed to meet me on
my return & confer on
the subject, I declared
in favour to pressing the
suit to termination but at
same time was willing to
unite lines to save expense,
Went to Wm Macy's a few
moments before Cars left
Saw Nancy, all well -
Left Rh at 10.30, for Ithaca
via Cayuga bridge - home
by 6. P.M, Saw J. S. Tichenor
in eve.

Sunday. Ithaca May 15th
home part of day, & went to Fall
creek part of day-
Saw Norman who came down
with Cordelia & Jane, said his
father was threatened with Typhoid
fever, but thought he would
get along Monday 16. at 10 all day Started this Evening
with Ury wife & Daughter for Providence
via Owego. and night Express for
Ow.
New York May 17. Arrived abt
10. A.M. stopped at Merchants Hotel
after Dennis went with Mary
Ann & Mary to find Dr Shephard
He had moved & did not find him
we went to Broadway & found his
son in law.
In Evening Started for Prov
via Steamer C. Vanderbilt, had
a pleasant trip and arrived at
Brother Thos. Chaces about day
light May 18th

After brakefast went to Bank and
had an interview with Cash
& Directors - Who expressed a wish
to sell them stock in Mich line
of Tel - Learned that the Bank had
agreed to loan the Co $5,000 & used it
to repair the line & take a mortgage
on line for security - Money to
be repaid in 4 annual payments
with interest. dont see any
prospect of doing anything
with them appoint to meet
Directors tomorrow
Providence Thursday May 19, 1853 -
Had an interview to day with
Directors which resulted in
my agreeing to go to Albany
to See Mr Green who is the
Agt of Bk and had the Tel business
in charge -
Friday May 20. Went from Providence
via Worcester to Albany. arrived
behind time to late to See Green

Albany Saturday May 21. 1853

Found Green and had an interview with him - He reiterated the Providence story about the desire of the Bank to sell their Tel Stock, but did not fix any price -

Left in Evening via Steamer Isaac Newton for N.Y - and arrived abt. 7. A.M Sunday morning and found my Wife and Daughter at the Merchants Hotel

We started after Brakefast and went on a fishing excursion on board Steamer Hero - Went to a point below Sandy Hook off long Branch on Jersey Shore - Returned to N.Y about 5. P.M. -

New York Monday May 23 - 1853

Settled with N.Y & E.R.R Co for wire from N.Y to Dearmans - and rec^d balance due me $152.20

Went to Jersey City & ordered insulators for O. I & I - Tel. Co - & paid bal due by N.Y & W.U. Tel Co

May 24. 1853 - Say Mr Munn and paid him $98. interest on my Bond & Mortgage -

Saw Dr Shepard.

took Night Express for home Reached home Wednesday May 25. and remained in Ithaca that day -

Ithaca Thursday May 26. 1853 - Started for Rochester via Cayuga Lake, Reached there about 5 P.M. Say Ely & Strong - agreed to have Meeting with them in Elys Ofs at 9. A.M friday morning -

Rochester Friday 27 - Saw Ely. Strong & Seldon. Say they want to sell will write when H B Ely returns -

took Cars to Buffalo - tea at Bu - Saw House Operator about tariff & & connection at Dayton - Passage on Steamer S. Mich for Toledo - Stoped at Cleveland about 10 A.M. Saturday May 29 went to Ofs & got left - Got another Boat in Sunday and arrived at Toledo - Same eve - Toledo, Monday May 30. Engaged 1000 Brackets to be made. Started for Ch on 10 A.M. train - Arrd at Ch about 10. P.M. Chicago, May 31 - Speed not yet rel from his RR gobs, I remained at Ch untill June 5th on June 4th Got money on 2 dfts of $1000 each on UTM friends & am on Wade for $5.00 and pd L Howell for Tel Stock in Ill & Mis Tel Co

Ch June 5. Settled bill at Tremont & took evening train for LaPort - arrived about 11. P.M. - took stage next morning for Logansport stoped at Plymouth saw Robt Eason and arrived at Logansport about Midnight -

Logansport June 7 - remained here untill after dinner - Exd line east for two Miles - Exd Ofs and the manner of doing business - gave Operator various advice & instructions and left via Horse & boggey for Lafayette to Meet Speed at Delphy at which place we hage agd to exchange teams he returns mine & I his Exd line to Delphy & Met Speed Exd Ofs talked with Mr Davis Opr & took tea - drove on to Americus & stoped for night -

June 8 started about sunrise for LaFayett and reached there about 9. A.M. - Saw Mr Hass of L. Ofs & Settled with him for Mays business -

Lafayett June 9th took Morning train for Indianapolis - arrd 11 A.M. and went to work settling reports of line for Mays business - remained till Saturday morning June 11 -

Saturday June 11 - Started by Bellefontaine RR for Cin - took tea at Dayton went to Ofs - Did not see Kiersted he being out of Ofs - Reached Cin aft 12 Oclock Midnight. At Dayton got Message from I. H Wade saying he had just closed contract with Mr Godman Prest of Bellefontaine RR for Tel in Ohio from Galleon to Ind St line - Stopped at Wirney House in Cin - untill Monday morning - Saw Devenport & Hunter, on Sunday

Cin - Monday June 13 - 1852

Started by Express train for NY in Company with Tal P. Shaffner for NY to Meet & settel with Mr Amos Kendall questions respec- time the Morse Patent.

At Columbus Wade & Wife got on board the Cars for same destination -

Reached Erie Pa for tea, and Dunkirk in time to take Early 4 A.M Express train for NY - June 14th reached Owego in time for evening Cars to Ithaca and got home about 6 P.M - stayed at Ithaca untill about 7 P.M Wednesday then took night Express train for NY - arrived in NY 1 P.M thursday - wated till friday for Speed to arrive

Remained in NY untill the evening of 21st of June and settled all questions in dispute with Mr Kendall amicably and to apparent satisfaction of all parties.

Negociation closed with a champaign supper from Mr Kendall at the Aston House,

June 21. I pd L L Lockwood $51. for thousand insulators to be shipped to Toledo, O - & took night Express for Ithaca -

[illegible] Sept [illegible] 22 [illegible]
[illegible] Morning of 23
when I took the Cars for Geneva to
see L. S. See about settling accts of
St Louis line of Telegraph. Remained
over night & saw See morning of 24
June got through with him in time
to take Cars for Owego when
I found Speed who had returned from
Mpl. I remained at Owego over night
& stayed at Geo. Pumpelly's — sold him
right of Patent for Central Ill RR
for $1000 which enabled Speed to pay
bal due on patent.
June 25 Left Speed at Pumpelly's
to stay over Sunday & I went
home to Ithaca to remain with
my family till Monday
Ithaca Monday 27 June started
for west. Speed joined me at Owego
he was accompanied by Mrs C. F. Johnson
and reached D.K. in time to Connect
for Cleveland and reached there

about [illegible] At Dunkirk [illegible]
Geo F. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Cleveland Tuesday 28 June remained
in all day. Met J. H. Wade and
answered proposition from the
House folks.
Cleveland Wednesday June 29 1852
Left this morning for Norwalk
with Speed to see Supt of RR
subject of putting telegraph on
the road for W. to Toledo — Hurst
at. After dinner took carriage and
went to Sandusky City via Milan
At Huron harbour Speed found that
Wade had built a telegraph in conflict
with rights of E & M line is wrathy about
it — Got to Ft S.C. & took Steamer
for Detroit at which place we
arrived before morning of June
30th I remained till evening and then
took cars for Albion at which
place I arrived at 10 P.M. where I
remained till Cars Came from

Detroit Friday Morning July 1st in which Col Speed came and accompanied me to Chicago reaching Ch. about 8. P.M

Chicago Saturday July 2nd We remained at Ch during the day attending to business generally and returned by night express - I stoped at Albion about 4 A.M sunday morning remained at Albion all day found MBW at home & went with him to Robinsons found both families well.

Albion Monday July 4. 1853 - Started with 5 A.M train for Detroit, Exd books & a/c with Speed went over to Canada in Evening with Speed - July 5. Attended Stockholders meeting of E&M Tel Co -

Detroit July 6 - Remained in De all day engaged with E&M business took Evening cars for Ch with J.J. Speed Jr arrived at

Chicago ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday July 7 - 1853 Met Mr Chester & his party at Tremont house Speed staid in Ch all day and left in Evening for his R.R. Job in Ill - I also remained in Ch all day & night

Chicago ~~Thursday~~ Friday July 8 - Started this morning via Galena & Ch Union RR for Aurora & other places in Ill to attend sale of Hotchkiss Telegraph - Reached Naperville in time for dinner - In P.M walked to Aurora and remained over night -

Aurora Ill ~~Friday~~ Saturday July 9 - 53 Started this morning by RR to Batavia and walked from there to Geneva and thence to St Charles & back to Geneva where I met Mr Burt of Chicago - bid off the Telegraph in Kane Co saw operator settled matters with him & Sheriff and walked again to St Charles & put up for the night -

Oregon Friday July 15th went with Tallman this foornoon to took at some land, returned at his house for dinner After dinner started for Rockford with Tallman, stoped at Mt Pleasant and fixed the instrument for operator and then started on. Stayed all night at a log tavern 12 miles south of Rockford and reached Rockford Saturday July 16th 53 made bargain to employ Tallman to repair line. After brakefast Talman & I went and repaired line at RR Crossing, and then he started for Freeport with the Horse & Buggy. and I took evening train for Chicago - arrived at Ch, abt 7. P.M. Saturday eve -

Sunday July 17th 1853 Remained in Ch all day - Wrote several letters -

Chicago Monday July 18th 1853 -

I remained at Ch. Saw Burt & Hotchkiss H settled acct of Cost with Burt for suit & sale of line -

I took evening Cars for Mich City arrived 11. P.M.

Mich City Tuesday July 19th 1853

Started this morning at 6 A.M for for Lafayett, via New Albany & Salem Rail Road - reached Lafayett about 7. A.M Expected to find Mr White her but he was not at Home - Saw Ch. H Speed & got reports which he has brought over for Indianapoles also $309.30 of the money it contained -

LaFayett, Wednesday July 20, 1853 -

Started for Ind with 1 P.M train reached there about 5. P.M Remained at ~~Capital House~~ Palmer House untill 29th July settling up the bills & reports of the line for the month of June - this morning took early train for Lafayett to See Mr Jas Brooks about Line Tel on N.A. & Salem road -

Lafayett July 30. Mr Brooks came in last eve. I got introduction to him and made prop to build Tel made no arrangement -

With him - although I layed the foundation for an arrangement - Returned to Indianapolis and stopped at Capitol House

Ind July 31 - Remained at Ind all day - Settling up & C & C -

Aug 1 - Went to Marion Ohio to Contract with Mr Godman to build Telegraph on Ind & Pdl RR, got to M about 2 P.M Saw Mr G. he was busy, and would draw Contract in Eve -

Marion, Aug. 2, 1853 -

Concluded Contract with Mr G - and Started for Dayton with 12 M train, Reached D. about 7. P.M & found wade there -

Remained - at D Ex this book & acct of D. Off till fourth -

Wade Submitted proposition to P. C & L Tel Co to divide D. Bus -

Dayton Aug 4 - Started at 4 P.M for Hamilton where we stayed all night Settled Wade - Ex a/c of Off in Eve -

Hamilton Aug 5 - took cars at 8. A.M for Cin - I stopped 5 min out & walked in on line - reached Off's abt 11. AM - remained in Cin Ex a/c of Off till Eve of Aug 8 - & left for Dayton -

Dayton Aug 9 - Started at 4 PM for Indianapolis - reached Ind 10 30 P.M - and remained till 12th Examining reports for July from such Off's as had been rec'd

Indianapolis Aug 12th 1853 Started at 5 A.M for Ithaca, reached there, 13th 5. th P.M

Ithaca Sunday Aug 14, 1853 Remained at home this day. Monday Aug 15. Saw Mr Love and Mr Collier, found that I was not wanted, and started with 10. A.M train for N.Y - Saw Hopkins at Bin stopped over night at Patterson and Arrived in N.Y Tuesday Aug 16 - 53 -

New York Tuesday Aug 16, 1853 —
Found Mr E. W. Chester was out of the City, Saw O'Reilly who seemed out of sorts because consolidation was not afficted — Mann was at R. H. — Exd Wire market — Saw Mc Kinn & Craig — Exd tariffs at House ofs National ofs — Scolded at Flaxton ofs —
New York Aug 17 Met Skinner this morning. Went with him & Purchased wire for Bellefontaine line, also 1 ton for Elmira & Corn and ton for Danvill Ill —
Saw Minot — who said he should have 8 or 10 rts ins to spare — would sell me cheap. Got pass of Secd — for family to DK & back —
Started in Ai ex for Ithaca —
Reached Ithaca Aug 18. and stayed till monday — Father was taken sick sunday eve with cholera Morbus — feeble monday —

Ithaca Monday 22. Went to Corning to see Skinner about subscriptions for new wire — He reports $700. at P. post. 600 Addison — $400 Rathbun $1000 at Hornells ville payable when line is up — I arranged to Borrow $300, to aid him in putting it up, Made note for $300 J. S. T. endorsed it & left it with A B C to get endorsed after first Sept. & to pay for ton wire & give Skinner balance — I lent S $20 —
Tuesday 23 — Skinner went to Bn with me & I wrote a proposition to do the telegraphing for Bn & Sy RR for $100 per mile — Dur at Sewis House & Home with Ex train — found father improving slowly —
Ithaca Wednesday Aug 24, 1853
Went to Fall Creek, found father so far improved that I concluded to start for West, and

got under way with ~~[illegible]~~ ten A.M. train - accompanied by Mary Ann, & children - Her Mother - Mrs Dunham, Sister Jane & Mrs Bristols daughter - Reached DK midnight, 2 hours behind time, last the Connection & Stoped at the American -

Thursday 25, started with 9 A.M. train & reached Cleveland 4. P.M.

Cleveland Aug 26th 1853 -

Remained at T. all day, found CH Speed here on his way home sick - Started 7½ P.M. on Steamer May Queen for Detroit - Reached Detroit. Saturday Aug 27 - found Haviland - with a Girl woman & Child, on pleasure excursion to Ch - We went to Albion with 7 3/4 A.M. train reached Al about 11. A.M. B.W. West - Came home on night train Haviland & party with

Sunday Aug 28. Visited at Hiram & John Robertsons - I engaged Hiram to take charge on gang men on line for Mich City to Lafayette at $1.50 & ex paid -

Albion Mich Monday Aug 29. 1853

Remained here visiting untill 4. P.M. when I started with morning cars for Ch for Detroit and arrived about 8. P.M. Met Haviland at Ann Arbor. he said he was going with next train to Ch. I saw Director Follett at Ypsalanti - Met Old Mr Speed at Depot who introduced me to a man named Timothy Hicks who had worked on tel several years & now wanted employ - price 8/- per day & ex - Started for Cleveland on board Steamer Cleveland Pleasant evening and pleasant trip

Cleveland Tuesday Aug 30. 1853 -

Arrived about 4 A.M. - Brakefast

at Franklin - and started at 8 A.M. for Indiana - Met Wade at Galeon who went to Marion - Wade said he had dispatch from O'Reilly saying he expected Wade at N.Y. 12 Sept - said he had written At Marion I got letter of introduction to men in Sidney - Godman said he would attend to sending funds to N.Y. as I directed - I reached Sidney 4 P.M. stoped at "Sidney Hotel" - Several of the men my letter was to were from home to Troy on RR bsns - I saw Marther & McGreen and J. F. Frazer who talked right about extending Tel to Sidney from Piqua -

Sidney O Wednesday Aug 31. 1853 -

The landlord did not call me as he promised, and cars was at station before I awoke, I got up and partly dressed, catched my Valice and part of my cloths in my hand & by making a good run. I reached the hind car just as it passed and got on without accident - but much exhausted - Brakefast at Union - I met Foster Conductor who offered me $5. for a counterfeit five I took of him while he was Clerk at Palmer house - He said Tuttle refused to take it back, so I declined taking more than $3. preferring to loos $2. than have him loos the whole of it - I intended to stop one train at Winchester, to contract for poles for Tel - Saw Judge Smith at Depot and at his suggestion that I could buy better in next Co West, where oak timber was plenty, I went on to Sellme and remained till 4 P.M. Saw John Phillips who offered to get 100 poles for $33. - Also saw John Dolson who offered to get 100 with bark on for $30. - Square Graham 2½ west of Sellme has plenty timber is getting ties - Went to Muncy at 5 P.M. found Davis Hotel so full that I concluded to go to Indianapolis to stay all night -

Muncey Ind Thursday Sept 1 853

The cars being several hours behind time. I concluded not to go to Inds and went to the Eastern Hotel and got tea & a bed - This Morning I saw McDonald, and several others about poles, as far East as Mr Grahams but could find no one ready to contract - Man living in Brick house East Muncey offered me poles standing for 10¢ Supt of Bridges informed me that he saw Mr 2 miles East of Selma who would get me 500 poles at 30¢ - In eve I went to Indianapolis Contracted to set 20 miles poles at 30¢ -

Friday Sept 2nd stayed at Ind till 12.45, Saw Mr Barbour who informed me that Kiested said P.C & L Co was going to commence suit against A I & I Co for not sending more Ch business via Mr B said I might withhold all further payments on a/c of the Milwaukie line, or pay all claims on line and deduct it from the amt to be pd

I saw Mr Nattingham, and he said Co would send money to Ny to pay wire as I requested - I got pass for Sill chapin & man who contracted to set poles through Randolph Co, Took Cars at 1/4 to 1 - for Smithfield, walked out to Mr and made contract for 500 poles at 30 cts returned and lodged at Smithfield -

Saturday Sept 3 - Took seat in Cars at 8 for Sidney, arrived at 11 - Saw Mr Carey & others about Extending telegraph from Pigua to Sidney, drew up agreement on subject & left it with Mr Frazier & Co - and in Cars at 4 P.M for Indianapolis where I arrived at 11 P.M & stoped at Capital H

Indianapolis Sunday - Sept 4 - 53
Found several letters & reports -
worked till 2 P.M then started
with Horse & Buggy for Centerville
to see J. S. Newman Prest of
Central RR on subject of moving
Tel on that road, reached
Chartollvill and put up for night
30 miles from Ind -
Sept 5. Monday - I reached Cambridge
City about 11 A.M and stoped for
dinner, after din - I took Carpenter
the Operator with me to Centerville
& reached there about 5. P.M, and
C. returned with Horse & Buggy with
promis to take it to Ind - I found
Board of Directors in session, saw
Mr. Newman. Made written proposi-
tion to the Board respect the Tel,
Stayed all night at C -
Tuesday Sept 6. I went to Richmond
with morning train saw Operator
telegraphed with Palmer at Cin

regulating his movements and
providing funds for him. Then
I walked back to Centerville -
5½ miles by dinner time.
After dinner I saw Newman
who said his Directors thought best
to consider the subject and he
would write me on the
subject at Ind -
Centerville Wednesday Sept 7. 1853
Took Rat in cars this morning for
Mich - arrived at Dayton about 10
A.M & took Madriver road for
Sandusky City - Met Mr E. Cook
in Cars of Sandusky City who had
been to Muncy to attend RR meet-
ing - He informed me of the Orga-
nization of a line of road from
a point on San City & Dayton RR short
distance North of Bellefontane to New
Albany in Ind. passing through Piqua
Eaton & C. Arrd at Sandusky about 6.
P.M. got tea & at 9. started by Steamer
Bay City for Detroit -

Thursday Detroit, Sept 8, 1853.
Arrived at Dt. Early this mng and remained till evening - Wood and Haveland was at De - C H Speed had gone to Chicago - he telegraphed me he should go to where his father was at work. I got Wood to get me a season pass - took Evening train for Albian - arrived at 11 P.M & found Wife and children well.

Friday Sept 9 - Went with Wife & Wood to Mich City, stayed all night, saw C Knowlton the Supt of N.A & S RR talked with him about tel on his road, he wanted one but did not know what Prest Brooks would do -

Sat Sept 10. Exd poles at Mich City & 4 miles West found the pine poles good returned by beach of Lake no good chance to get poles -

Left in Eve for Chicago

Chicago Sunday Sept 11 - 53 -
Found lot letters on arrival and spent day writing -
Remained in Ch till Thursday morning. H Robertson came from Albian & arrived Wednesday and left Thursday morning for Aurora to repair line -
Saw Mr Turner & talked with him about telegraph for his road. He said Directors would do nothing. He would let us ride free & pay for his telegraphing & hall poles free if we extended line -

Ch. Thursday Sept 15, Started for Ottawa this morning Wife with me arrd & noon. Saw Judge Caton, He will do without mon money till next month at 4 P.M took Horse & Buggy & went 6 miles on Prairie & found Edward Chase &

took tea at his house — returned in eve to Ottawa —
~~Saturday~~ Sept 16 — left Ottawa with cars at noon for Tiskilwa present terminus of R. I RR then took stage for Dows Tavern at Bill Bonny grove — found J. J. Speed, Jr 1½ mile west —
Saturday Sept. 17 — Went to Weathersfield with Speed. we rode along the line of his job on the Military tract RR which passes through a beautiful prairie country, We discussed the propriety of purchasing land at Weathersfield and building up a town, I also planned to get the Lawrenceburg & Upper Miss RR to cross the Ill at Lacon & go to Rock Island thus making the crossing at W. = There is coal also at W. = In evening we returned
Sunday Sept 18th Speed & I walked to the east end of his job then to Dows and discussed various Rail Road projects, among others I suggested the building a RR from Detroit to the Straights of Mackinaw thence to Lake Superior — and to get aid from the government in public land — This is a ~~very important road for Detroit~~ —
Monday Sept 19th left this morning for Chicago by R. I. RR — reached Chicago about 7. P.M.
Chicago. Tuesday Sept 20th Mary Ann left this morning for Albion — Hiram Robertson returned this morning from home where he went Saturday last. At 4 P.M. R. & I started on Galena cars for Aurora. and reached there at 7 P.M.
Aurora, Wednesday Sept. 21 — 53 =
R & I left at 8 A.M by R.R he to get off at Batavia to walk from there to to the north to find where Tallman was at work, and I by RR to Elgin to return over line from there in Buggy, I met R near St Charles while I had just found 2 brakes in line neither had found Tallman. I sat R. at work fixing line & I drove

on to find T — I drove to Aurora without finding him, then found he had been at A. and returned. I drove back and found Tallman at Geneva & we went to St Charles & stayed all night. Sept. 22nd We went to work on line and fixed line as far as Elgin by night —

~~Saturday~~ Friday Sept 23. worked on line towards Dundee, did not get the line finished, when R.R. tore it down. Stayed at Dundee, Saturday got R & T to work & then I left for Elgin to take cars for Chicago — At Elgin found line to work to Ch got to Ch at 1. P.M. Saw Burt and settled with him, paying him $66.46 and gave note for $50. at 30 days & $50 at 60 days — Went to Tremont for my valice which I left there on Tuesday but could not find it, took cars 1/4 to 9 P.M for Albian

Sunday 25. At Albian —

Monday 26th left at 11. for Ch

I found that the cost of making block at Albian at 1.c each —

Reached Ch at 7 — P.M.

Chicago Tuesday 27. Sept. I found my valice, line worked to Elgin heard Rockford once. Col Speed not returned yet from his work, Col Stone offers to sell his 200. Shares O. I & I stock at $5. per share — left on cars 1/4 to 9 — for Albian. reached A Wednesday Sept 28th 5. A.M. —

M.B.W & men making fence around the lot he bought on river at Al —

I agree to pay $18. for 1000
insulator blocks of Elm 3 by 4
Stuff 9 in long on back 6 on face
bored for same glasses used by
Wade, to be shipped 200 to Union
200 Winchester 200 to Muncie
200 to Anderson 200 to Ind-
by Act 10th 1883. by Jas. Brown
Marion —

Rockford Pilot

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