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Scotland Ky. 3rd June 1887.

One day after date I promise to pay John Meares or
order four hundred dollars with interest for value
received

\$1400⁰⁰/₁₀₀

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J. M. Huff

1888 Sept 17th Payment One hundred
and eight $\frac{50}{100}$ (\$108.50) dollars

1891 Mar 3rd Payment Eight
hundred and four $\frac{61}{100}$ (\$804 $\frac{61}{100}$)
dollars—

Bal 3rd Mar 1891 \$800⁰⁰

Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

THIS CERTIFIES that Ellison Cooke Means

has been a student in the School of Industrial Science of the Massachusetts

Institute of Technology from September 30th 1884

to May 31st 1887

and that he has received an honorable dismissal. Mr. Means has been

a special student, devoting his time mainly to the metallurgy and chemistry of iron. His work has been, in all respects, entirely satisfactory.

James V. Munroe Secretary.

BOSTON, June 2nd 1887

Hoodhaven N.Y. June 6th 1887-

John Means Esq.

Dear Sir-

Will you
please deposit this check
no 7776 - for One Hundred
dollars, to my credit in
the Ashland Bank

and oblige

Your daughter
Lilian M. Waynard

Answer
6th July

Woodhaven N. Y.

June 6th 1887-

My dear Father -

I received your kind letter last week and hope you have had a pleasant trip to Low Moor. It will not be long until you have to go there for your midsummer visit of a week. I wish it were here instead. It grows prettier here every day and we are enjoying it so much now because the mosquitoes have not come in full force yet.

I think I will not ask you to invest my presents just yet in the ~~Atland~~ A. Co & I Pyloas Mr M, wants another share in the Land S. and I have coaxed him to give me one third or one half of the share - If Mr S will let him have it, it will be good paying stock as you know what dividend they declared last year.

Last week our little church held their annual strawberry fair and cleared about \$75⁰⁰/₁₀₀ perhaps a trifle more - after all expenses were paid -

Mr Luce comes over to dine with us this evening and

if he can get off will come early enough to lay off the tennis court, so we can have a little game before dark -

We gather our first straw berries today, we shall not have an abundance this year, but will have plenty for our own use while they last. we have a great convenience in the village now, a wagon which comes around to our doors three times a week with fresh fruit and vegetables, so we are not so dependent upon the city markets as we have been heretofore -

For Wednesday, I have

invited Mrs Nicholls, Mrs
 Minor, Mrs Schwenk and
 Mrs Fleury (of Jamaica) to
 lunch and spend the day
 and perhaps Alfred G. and
 Miss Ida. I hope it does
 not rain, it was very
 rainy last Wednesday -

Mr and Mrs Smith are
 enjoying their California trip
 and were feeling pretty well
 the last accounts heard from
 them -

What do you hear
 from Mr Mack? Is the
 Southern Room still rising?

Mr M. joins me in
 love to yourself and Mother
 and the brothers and sisters
 I have not heard from Cooke
 lately, suppose the next will be
 from home -

yours lovingly Lily Maynard



7th June

1887

My dearest Hattie

Mr Sinton and
myself leave for St Louis
in the morning. We go by
the Southern Pacific Ry
and expect to return by the
Northern P. R. Ry. —

Hope you may all keep
well

Yours
John Deang

Ashland June 8th 1887 -

My Dearest John

Today is election day, and I have been having an exciting day or rather afternoon. Hildreth & William went down this morning & voted peacefully for Meant & Newman & all seemed well - But at noon Harry came home & said, Father was getting beaten by Dominique White - that White was 16 ahead and the Catholics going for him, in a solid body - I was quite excited over this of course - & sent word to your friends to come to the rescue - Pat, Russell & Charlie Meant - & got George Trusanto & Harry Herbst, to go & spend the afternoon at the polls & see what they could do, to help you - George with the dairies & Harry

Arrest with the Germans - Charlie
Means went down & spent the afternoon
at the polls - Putnam & Ed Roberts &
Perrin sent all the men they could
to vote - & told them to vote for John
Means anyhow, even if for no one else - So
a good many voted for you & no
one else - I met Sam Dange, Patterson &
Chaffee & they said they were out working
for you too - by three o'clock the votes
began to turn in your favor and when
the polls closed at seven, you
stood at 200 - White 140 & Newman 100
As to my great joy, you came out
50 ahead - I should have hated
fearfully to have had you beaten
by Dominique White - Jack Spicer &
Harris are elected in the upper ward &
Mecham on the school board -

Bess came up & stayed Sunday & Bill
& the baby - stayed to dinner & tea & nearly
stayed all night to avoid the storm but
finally they hurried home -

Give my respects to Mr. Sinton & hope
you will have a safe & pleasant
trip - he picked one last straw berries
today - I enclose a note ^{in answer to yours} from Mrs.
Haskell - so you can see how
much she Haskells think of you -
Much love & kisses from Hattie -

him for Monroeville, We have not
set any time for leaving,
I can hardly hope to receive an
answer to this but if you do
write - send him to Palace Hotel
as it is probable, we shall
start from here, when we
leave for home.

Tell Bessie not to let Baby
forget me.

Hoping all are well

Your
John

Weds

Los Angeles Cal. 15th June 1887

This morning Mr Towell and dau. came
and took us driving - around outside of
the city and on the hills, We passed where
they were selling lots at auction. The
whole county has been laid off into
lots, and the people are crazy as to
the prospects of increase in population
and value. After dinner Mr. Wilkin
drove us out to Pasadena
about 8 miles, and nearly the
whole distance found the land staked
off and offered for sale by the front
foot. Pasadena is only one year old
and claims 4000 population, and has
lots enough laid off for 300 or 400,000 people.
We there saw young ladies, riding
astride their horses. It seems to be a
shame to spoil the nice vineyards and
orange groves, cutting up and laying streets
through them. We left Los Angeles

at 7³⁰ P.M. for San Francisco -
TH. 16th - Breakfast at Tulare, Dinner at Lathrop
reach S. F. at 4⁴⁰ P.M. and dinner
at the Palace Hotel - The ride last
night and to day has been
hot and dusty Iron so than
any day before on the trip,
Found it so cool at Los Angeles
that I put on my Winter suit
and was very comfortable
in it, but today a much
lighter suit would have
been enough - Here however
it feels quite cool and my
heavy suit is the right thing
to wear - Was interviewed
by a newspaper man before
had gotten thru with my
cigar after dining - And
found one acquaintance
a Mr Conrad whom I knew
in Virginia - Shall go to
bed early tonight and have

a good rest after our long
ride -

17th We called at the First Nat Bank
and saw Cashier Morgan formerly
of Louisville Ky. He told
me that you had been there
with letters from the First Circuit
when you was here - Sinton
and myself had been there
when we was here before,
Afternoon we went to ride on
and examine the Cable roads
It felt so cool that I shall
put on my Winter flannels
in the morning, Expect you
are suffering from heat
Have found no letter from
home as I hoped to do,
when I came here - It seems
like has been a long time
from home, and hope to
get letters before we leave

PALACE HOTEL.

C. H. LIVINGSTON,
Manager.

San Francisco, 19th June 1887

My Dearest Lily

Mr Dintons and myself reached here Thursday evening 16th. Having come by way of the Southern Pacific Ry. The 11th we stopped at El Paso Texas and visited Paso del Norte Mexico, The Mexicans are black and lazy looking, and seem to be much advanced above Indians. Their houses are built with adobe or sundried brick, the walls about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet in thickness made them cool generally had only one door and one window opposite the door - Dirty children are abundant. We stopped two days in Los Angeles, saw Capt Meredith and family

the Bosh and a Mr Truell
 and family, formerly from
 Portsmouth. The country around
 Los A. is having a great
 "boom" nearly all the old
 vineyards and Orange grove
 for miles are laid out
 into town lots and being
 sold and resold at fabu-
 lous prices, About L.A. there
 is land enough laid off
 for more than N.Y., Brooklyn
 and Jersey City together.
 We enjoyed our visit at Los A.
 The Oranges, Lemons, Fig tree and
 numerous other tropical
 fruits and plants were pretty
 and strange to us. We could
 have spent much more
 time agreeably there. Our friends
 were very kind and polite
 to us, enabling us to see
 what we should not

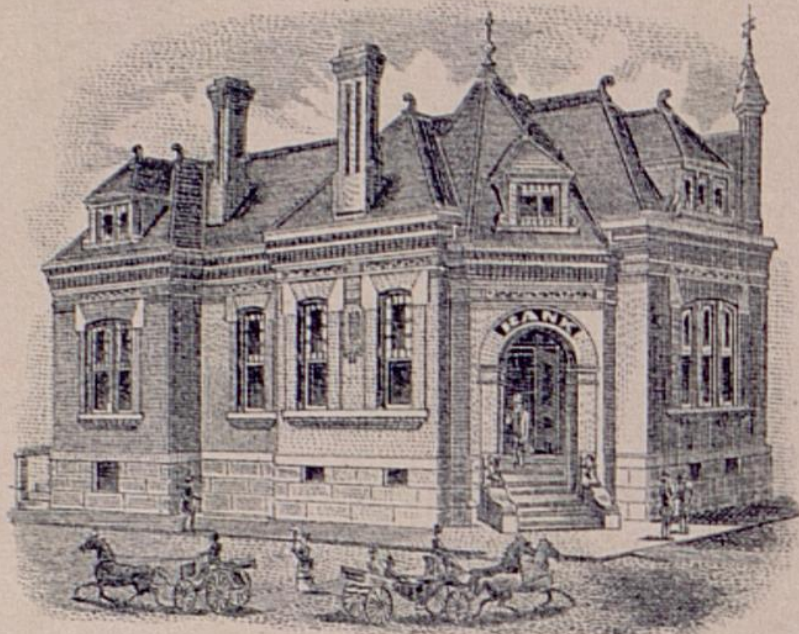
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PALACE HOTEL.

C. H. LIVINGSTON,
Manager.

San Francisco, 188

have found out ourselves
San Francisco has grown much
since I was here before
and reminds me of N.Y. City
more than any other place
I have seen. We expect to
leave here this week some
time for Sacramento and
other points in the interior
of the State, Don't know now
how soon we shall start
for home. We came thro'
some very poor desert
land on our journey out.
Find it cool enough and
wear my Winter Clothing
flannels and all, and see
by the newspaper that
the weather is hot

on the Ohio River the Mes
saging up in the nineties,
Hope you are both well
Affectionately yours
John Meany



CATLETTSBURG NATIONAL BANK,

:—: CATLETTSBURG, KY. :—:

::— --: JUNE 30, 1887. :—::

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts,	\$242,236 85
U. S. Four per cent. Bonds,	25,000 00
Premium Account,	6,000 00
Banking House and Real Estate,	9,500 00
Safe and Furniture,	2,000 00
Due from Banks,	21,561 24
Cash on hand,	28,693 52
Due from U. S. Treasurer,	1,125 00
Total Resources,	\$336,116 61

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in,	\$100,000 00
Circulation Outstanding,	22,500 00
Deposits,	191,766 72
Unpaid Dividends,	900 00
Surplus Fund,	13,500 00
Profit and Loss,	2,449 89
Dividend No. 10, (declared this day)	5,000 00
Total Liabilities,	\$336,116 61

July 1, '87.

A. C. CAMPBELL, Cashier.



STOCKHOLDERS.

JOHN RUSSELL, President,	} Directors. \$20,000 00
R. H. PRICHARD, V. P.,	 23,000 00
A. C. CAMPBELL, Cashier,	 25,000 00
CULUMBUS PRICHARD,	 6,000 00
W. J. WILLIAMSON,	 2,500 00
L. T. MOORE,.....		1,000 00
T. R. BROWN,.....		500 00
Judge G. N. BROWN,.....		500 00
C. P. MEAD,.....		5,000 00
Mrs. R. H. PRICHARD,.....		2,000 00
C. H. HAMPTON,.....		2,500 00
Mrs. HUGH MEANS,.....		4,000 00
C. W. MEANS,.....		2,000 00
Miss E. B. MEANS,.....		2,000 00
JOHN RUSSELL, guardian,.....		2,000 00
JAMES TRIMBLE,.....		1,000 00
W. C. RICHARDSON,.....		1,000 00
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		\$100,000 00

July 1, 1887.



CONDITION

—OF THE—

Ashland National Bank,

At the close of Business, June 30, 1887.

RESOURCES.

U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation.....	\$100,000 00	
U. S. Bonds on hand.....	100,000 00	
Notes and Bills Discounted.....	429,207 46	
County and Corporation Bonds.....	51,611 35	\$680,818 81
Due from Banks and Bankers.....	\$ 81,518 78	
Legal Tender Notes with U. S. Treasurer.....	4,500 00	
Currency and Coin on hand.....	27,903 62	\$113,922 40
Banking House and Furniture.....	12,800 00	
Premium on U. States Bonds.....	35,000 00	\$47,800 00
Total Resources.....		\$842,541 21

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$350,000 00	
Circulation Outstanding.....	90,000 00	\$440,000 00
Due Depositors.....	325,520 13	
Due Banks and Bankers.....	6,791 13	\$332,311 26
Surplus Fund.....		58,600 00
Profit and Loss.....		1,129 95
Dividend No. 29 of 3 per cent.....		10,500 00
		\$842,541 21

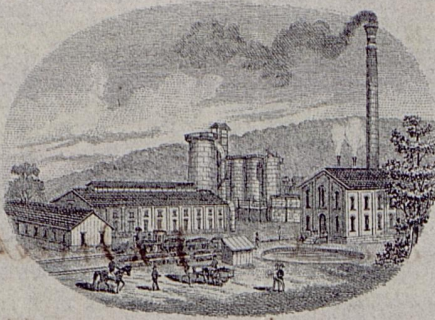
W. C. RICHARDSON, Cashier.

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Low Moor Iron Company
OF
VIRGINIA.
GENERAL OFFICE, FURNACE & MINES,
ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va. July 23rd 1887

Dear Father:

Arrived here safely

this morning—

Mr. Col. Goodwin is a man expected to survive his present illness. He was first thought to be a victim of the recent hot weather. When it was found that he had an intermittent fever, it was hoped that when the fever left with the debility would also go, but although his is now without fever he is still without improvement. A doctor from Covington has come to consult with Dr. Rogers. Dr. Rogers said today that blood poison had set in and that it is only a matter of time before it will kill him.

question of a few days before the
Col. may die -

Mrs. Green is here and Mr. Welch
has been sent for and is expected
tonight - Miss Goodwin came
a few days ago -

Miss C. Welch told me this P. M.
that the family were looking for
the worst at any time - They
all seem to think that the illness
will prove fatal -

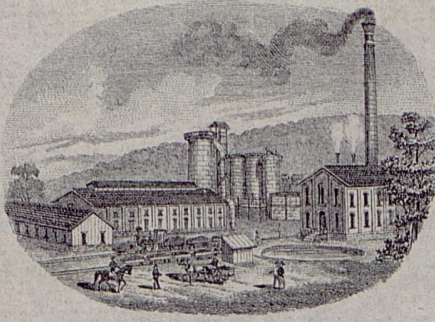
Mr. Doyle went home this A. M.
on a visit against the wishes
of Mrs. Goodwin (& I guess everybody) -
He did not seem to be impressed
with the seriousness of the case -

Mr. Skelding told me that Dr. Rogers
said the Col. would not live -

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I do not think that I have made
the subject more serious than it is -
So far as I know no word has
been sent to New York about it -

Doyle being away I have advised
Cargill to write to N. Y.

Shelding but his trip is in today -
They are putting in the wood this
afternoon & evening -

will not fire before Tuesday night
and blow at A.M. Thursday -

Lack of pipes (small) may cause a
longer delay - work seems to be
getting along alright - Cinder tracks
are in - will put up iron trough
at furnace tomorrow -

Was only able to make measurements
of the hearth. He says that
he is able to give of both height & diam.
It was hot work inside of feet

All the iron on the yard is sold,
only about 200 tons remains to be shipped.

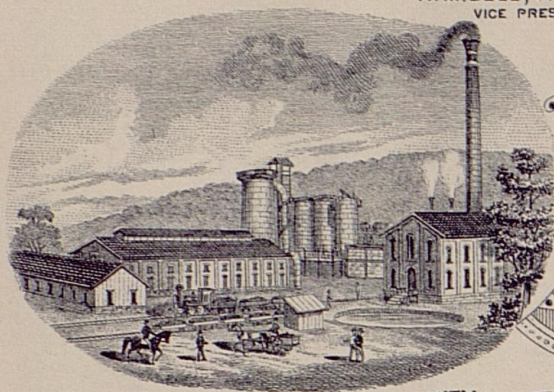
With love to all and
yours affly
E. C. Means.

P. S. 6 P. M. Dr. Rogers says that the Col.
is somewhat better.

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ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

THE
Low Moor Iron Company
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GENERAL OFFICE, FURNACE & MINES,

Low Moor, Va. July 24th 1887

Dear Father:

5 P. M. Sunday -
Col. Goodwin is better today
although not out of danger.
Dr. Cullen from Richmond,
came down from the White
Sulphur yesterday to consult
with Dr. Rogers - He says
the case is not hopeless
and recommended a change
in treatment -

Mr. G. rested better last night
than for some time past and
has been clear minded today -

Mr. Geo Welsh & wife came
last night - The Dr. allowed

them to see him this afternoon.

The family sit up with him by turns, two always being near him - I told Mr. G. to call on me for assistance when she wanted me. Also offered to do Henry's work when they wanted him at the house.

Skelting is making his water connections today & will put in some coke tonight if he can arrange his bell - Bell & hoppers have caused some delay -

With love to all

Your affdow

E. C. Means.

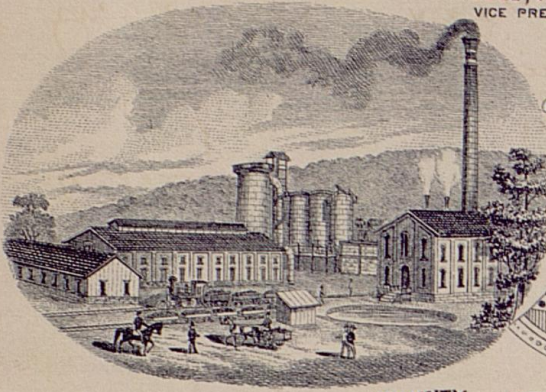
P.S. I left the tray to your trunk in the pass room on bed box, Mother to care for.

Tell Harry sure & send coffee.

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ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Low Moor, Va. July 26th 1887

Dear Father:

The furnace was lighted today (Tuesday) at 5 P.M. by Miss Polly S. holding - a fairly large crowd was present, it being desired not to have too large a crowd owing to the illness of Mr. Goodwin. The blast will be put on about Thursday morning at 1 A.M. when there will be but few around -

Cargill wrote to Mr. Low today telling him of the condition of affairs here and about Mr. G. Dr. Rogers has ^{none or but} little hopes of his recovery - Dr. Orville R. is more hopeful

Cargill says that Dr. Rogers told him today that he would not live -

Since I have been here but little if any improvement has been noticed -

Today he has been very low -

Mr. G. being utterly unable to transact or even think of business has thrown the work

upon Doyle & Cargill so far as the office is concerned - Doyle in spite of this fact has gone home for a week - Henry G. is at the

house of course - Thus all the office work falls on Cargill, who while he can probably do it correctly, does not feel like taking all the responsibility, and wishes that

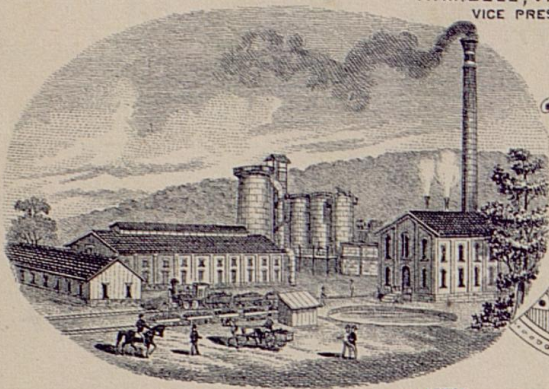
you or Mr. Low were here - Of course Mr. Selding & Mr. Hungerford & Mr. Williams can transact their business

but other bills come in, or may come in, about which he does not feel.

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able to take the responsibility & act also business with the R. R. comes before him in a way that again worries him.

This week something about the frogs on the crossing— while so far nothing of much importance has arisen it may come very unexpectedly— You can imagine his position without much trouble— Cargill, every one thinks, knows much more about the general business than Doyle but you are aware he would be rash to act in many cases— without more experience than he has—

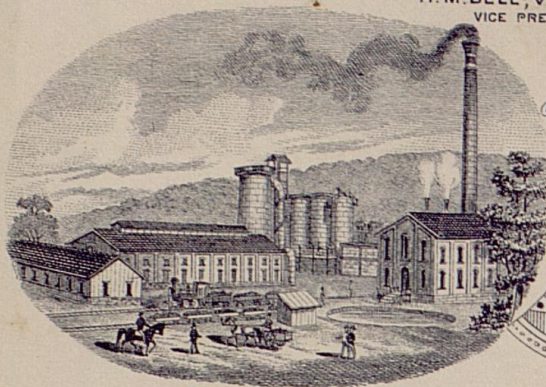
Probably, and indeed I might say certainly, Mr. G. will never be able to do the work he has done. You had better come over at once and see Dr. Rogers and hear his opinion. And also be prepared to provide for the temporary management and distribution of authority.

I shall talk to you about Mr. Doyle and his work which to hear the opinions of those expressed should be distinctly lined out. He does not seem to be preparing for any advancement and is throwing as much of his work on Cargill & Sam Gilliland as he possibly can. His leaving here against the wishes of Mr. Skelding & Mrs. G., at a time when Mr. G. was delirious & had the Drs sitting up each night, does not speak well for him.

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I write in this vein to show
you the case as it appears at
the most serious time —

Mr. Welsh returned this morning
very much worried about the Cal-
Col. has not been able to see me —

Mr. Skelding is anxious to have
you see his new furnace which
at present looks very trim —

With love to all and hoping
to see you soon —

Your aff son

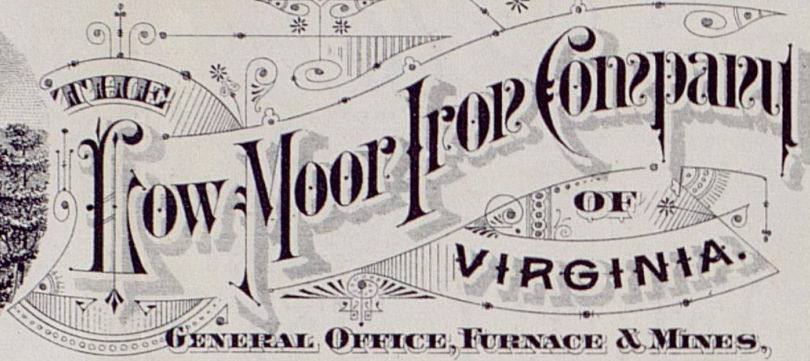
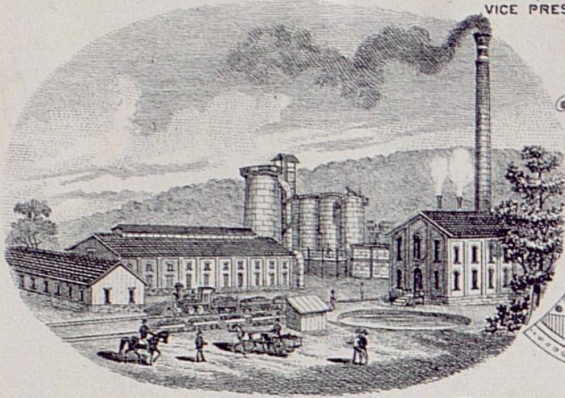
E. C. Means —

P.S. Mr. Goodwin is no better tonight,
with unfavorable symptoms —

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ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va. July 27 1887

Dear Father:

Mr. Skelding put
the blast on at 7.30 A.M. today -
At about 11 A.M. there was a
strong explosion which tore up
about 20 feet of the flues next to
the down corner and shoved up
the happer, breaking the rod
to the bell & causing it to
fall into the furnace - The
bell will be fished out & replaced
and the flue top restored -
No one was hurt and they
expect to have repairs finished by
tomorrow night when the blast will

be put on again - Mr. S. holding
expects to get iron out by Saturday
night at furthest -

He also reported two lesser
explosions -

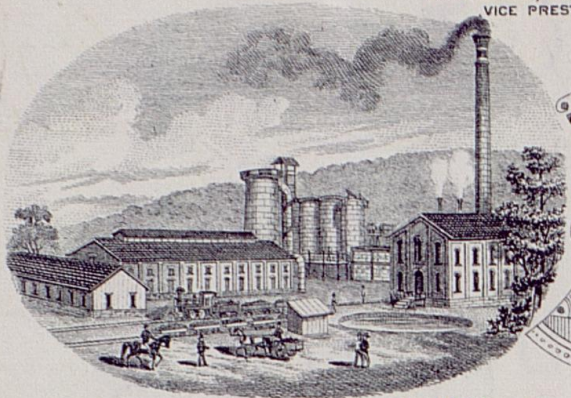
Col. Goodwin's condition is not
improved - This morning the
old Dr. & the young Dr. both
told me that he would never
get into the office again - Both seem
to consider the case hopeless -

He is losing his appetite and
strength - He is troubled
with boils which show no
disposition to heal which is con-
sidered a bad sign - He has
one boil(?) as large as a man's
hand & with a white center as
large as a dollar - Dr. fears an
abscess resulting from blood poison -

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The old Dr. told Miss C. Welsh today that he feared the worst as there appeared to be a general breaking away of vitality - general & continual drowsiness, which are not desirable, have taken such a hold that he has to be aroused constantly -

Dr. R. advised Cargill to write for Doyle today -

Henry said tonight that he (Henry) wished you were here -

No change for the better since Monday -

With love to all,

Your aff. son

C. C. Meard

P.S. I use company paper
because they all seem to want
you to keep posted as to affairs
here Ed because it is convenient.

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ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va. July 31 1887

And my

Dear Father;

The enclosed letter came for you this A. M. I opened it and read it but have not answered because I don't think it necessary— will see them tomorrow and do what I can to entertain them

Mr. Skelding waited until after 9 P. M. for you and Mr. Moor— Told him of your visit and wait— He was sorry to miss you but was sleepy & went home— He goes to Goschen today to report

This morning Mr. G. is no better and is now delirious than for some time past. The family seem to be very much worried - Dr. does not expect any sudden change - Hope that you had a pleasant trip -

Your aff. son;

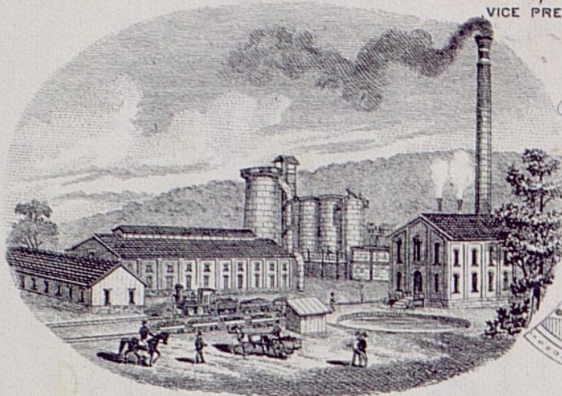
E. C. Means -

5 P. M. Mr. G. shows no improvement -

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ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va. Aug 1 1887

Ans. my

Dear Father!

The enclosed letter came today - I thought it best to open it because if I forwarded it, you might be delayed in getting it if important. The contents I have kept secret not even showing it to Mr. A. S. Winslow who is here for a few days. ~~The~~

The Coluel was better this morning but is no better tonight -

With love to all

Your affson! E. C. Means

P.S. Mr. Winslow may have to go home tomorrow

if not he will stay to see you

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Low Moor, Va. Aug. 2nd 1887

Dear Father;

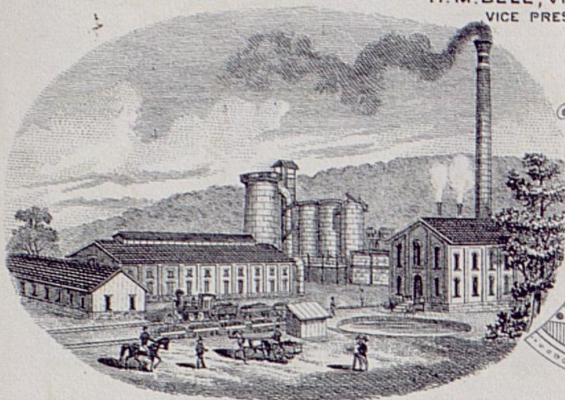
Mr. Winslow has promised to put this in the mail for Ashland on No 1, which carries no mail from here west - I write principally to tell you that the Drs have told the family as a whole that there is no hope and that the disease may prove fatal in 24 or 48 hours or not for a week but that the end is near - This sad news being known and almost accepted by the family cannot but cause them to desire privacy to a greater

extent than before - Tonight
I spoke to Miss Melsh about my
leaving the house because I feel
as if it I am intruding - She
spoke to Mrs. G. about my going
who replied that she preferred
to have me remain for a while at
least - That my presence was
not disagreeable during the day
and that at night it might be
better to have me then in case
of trouble - Cargill has offered
me the use of part of his bed -
Miss Melsh & I talked very plainly
together so that they will have
no doubt about my feelings, which
are to be understood so that they
may have no hesitation in asking
me to go or to remain - To
simply sleep there or to also eat
my meals there, any way as they wish -

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You had better form your own opinion as to your course of action, but I should advise not coming to the house if you can be accommodated elsewhere.

They will insist on your coming to the house but things have such a sad turn there that it seems impossible to be else than a burden to them—

I shall stay tonight at the house and tomorrow shall again be open to staying or joining Cargill. The Col. is much worse it is needless to say—

yours
E. C. M.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 7th Aug, 1887

My dear brother

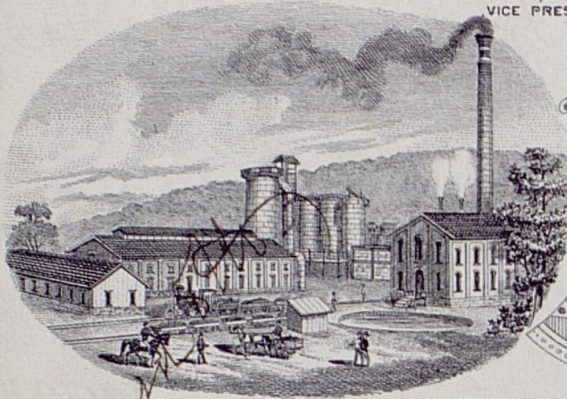
We reached Ashland @ 2 P.M. -
21st ult, having been delayed by a broken
wheel. Had telegram yesterday from Mr
Low, that he could not meet me Thursday
at S.L. but had written. Suppose shall
have the letter today, and any ^{time} evening
be changed according to the contents.
Rose came @ 2:20' this morn, and
Mutter expects to leave with Harry Weds
night, passing S.L. in N^o 4 Thursday night.
I leave keep me advised as to Coli
condition, using wire if decided
change for the worse, or any other
necessity for any personal affairs.

With kind regards to the family
am
affectionately yours
John Means

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GENERAL OFFICE, FURNACE & MINES,

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va. Aug 3rd 1887

Dear Father:

Your letter was received tonight at 10¹⁵ PM —

was sorry to learn that you would not come tomorrow.

Cal. is no better and is the Dr. think liable to have

a change for the worse at any time —

Dr. Eugene thought last night that it was only a

question of a few hours but he rallied again before morning.

He improves at times during a single day but from one day to another he is gradually growing weaker.

Sent you letter by Mr. Winslow ~~this~~
last night — Also mailed
you one from Mr. Lyman the
night before — Monday —

Must close & go to house (11 PM)
Love to Rose & Hildreth —

Your affson,

E. C. Means.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 3rd August, 1887

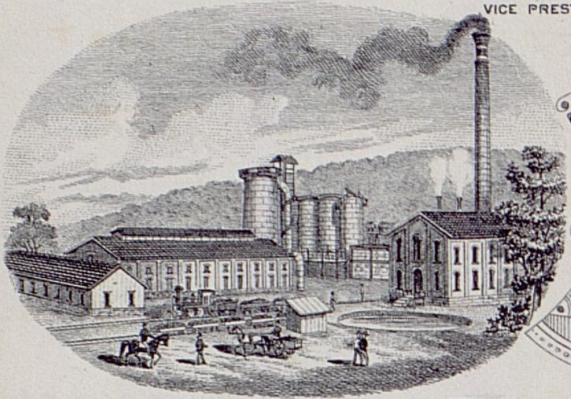
My Dear Cook

Yours of Sunday and of Monday
came duly to hand with letters of Winslow
and Syman inclosed. Hope you will
write me everyday until I see
you or then to ascertain change
in local or condition. Have
been expecting letter from Mr
Low and awaiting it before going
to Va. Desir to be here as much
as I can - and not trawling thru
hot weather. Mother and Harry
leave tonight for Old Point Comfort
and will pass you in No 4
Thursday. More & S - are
mutually afraid each other -
Have wired Syman to communi-
cate with his man. If Winslow
be at S. M. You may tell him this
but mention to no other
yours
John Means

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ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

Low Moor, Va. Aug 4th 1887
8 P.M.

Dear Father;

There came for you today, a letter from Mr. P. N. Moon which I forward to you — I waited until I saw Mother & Harry so as to find out when you were coming. The letter I did not read —

No change today in Col's condition. Mr. Green thinks he is gradually growing weaker and that tonight he is very restless —

Mr. Doyle is rather anxious to hear from you regarding authority to sign drafts etc — P. P. business especially

He says last months coal bill
should be attended to at once -
It being one week past due -

Mr. Skelding is making No 1
for several days past - Furnace
doing very well -

Love to all:

Your aff. son

E. C. Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 4th August, 1889.

My dear Levee

Your of 2nd inst came yesterday and am much obliged for your writing so often. The news as to Levee's was not unexpected. You did well in speaking to Miss Welch about staying, and I have no doubt Mr L appreciated your notice. She probably does feel that she would prefer to have you stay with them and it will be better to say no more, that she may not feel as if you desired to leave them in their great trouble.

Unless some necessity arise I shall not come until on my way to N.Y. City, about 14th or 15th instant.

In the event of Levee's death, advise me when and where the funeral.

I suppose at Lebanon, and will try to meet them there —

Bennie and Baby came up today

and will stay until Sunday
or Monday when she has
promise of a cook - Has
been without help, save
Lizzie Mayer for some ten
days, and she and Lizzie
pretty well tired out -

Supper you saw Mother
and Harry today as they
left last evening -

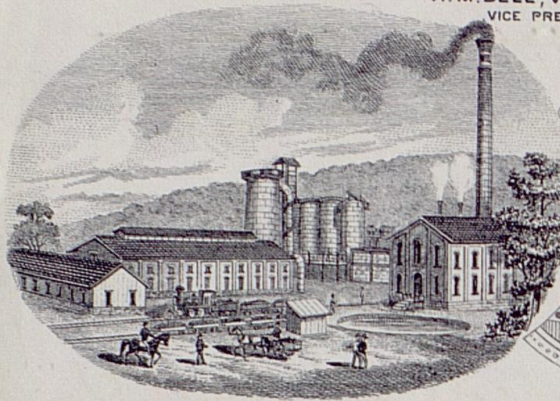
Affectionately your
John Means

Please send inclosure to
Mr Boyle - think I have
his initials right, but am
not sure -

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Low Moor, Va. Aug 5th 1887
8 P. M.

Dear Father:

The letters written to you yesterday together with the one from Mr. Moor have been delayed one day owing to the accident — I have been worrying some about Mother & Harry but now suppose that they must have reached Old Point alright —

Col's condition changes but little and no immediate danger is expected but it would not surprise any one if he should suddenly grow worse — He is growing weaker —

I do not know when to expect you and in forwarding letters am afraid that if I do not read them some annoying delay may result — Please advise me whether to read or not before forwarding — If you are coming soon please send word early enough for me to hold any letters which may come —

If the train which passes through here at 8-40 P.M. carried mail everything would be convenient —

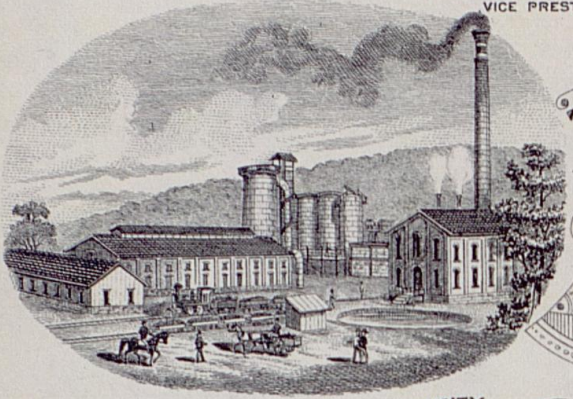
Mr. Moon's letter I put in the P.O. yesterday ^(Thursday) noon and it will be Saturday night before you get it — or Monday ^{morning} noon — I considered it very important but did not read it because Mother said you were not coming for a week —

Hoping all are well. Your aff. son
Cooke —

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Low Moor, Va. Aug. 6th 1887
8 P. M.

Dear Father:

Your letter containing
note for Mr. Doyle was received
last night — Was very glad to
hear from you and I hope that
you will write often —

Mr. Green says that Col. is
still growing weaker but that
tonight he is resting easier
having slept this afternoon —
He is not so restless and does
not try to get his head lower
than his body as he did yesterday.
Last night for a time he was
very feverish and caused the family

to feel very anxious - Towards
midnight he commenced to feel
better -

Furnace is still doing well
making No 1 - 18 beds at 11 A.M. today

A negro section-hand was
run over today by a freight train
and died from the effects -

Shelding said that Mr. A. S. W.
gave him to understand that he
need not worry about his position
as the company recognized his
ability and would put no
one here to interfere -

Locomotive No 1 is out again
after being repainted and overhauled
No 2. will be treated in the same
manner next week -

Orders for Nos 1 & 2 come in
faster than the iron is made -

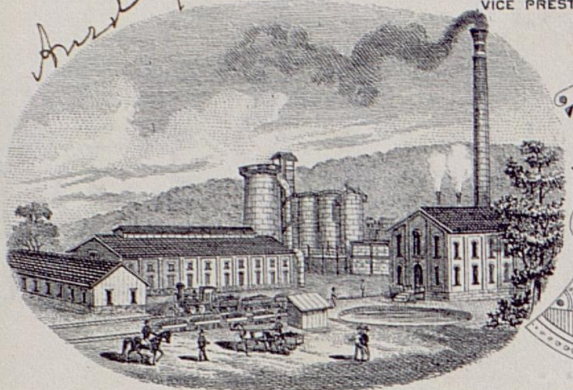
Love to all - Your aff. servt.
E. C. Means

Ans'd 9th

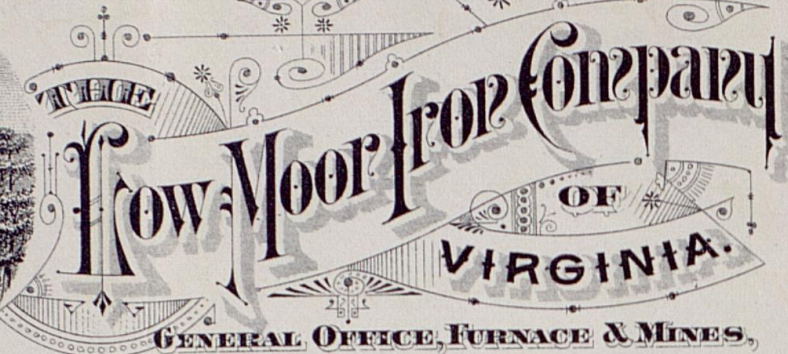
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Low Moor, Va. Aug 7th 1887

Dear Father:

The Col. is better today, his mind seems to be clearer than for several weeks past - The family seem to be very much encouraged and more cheerfull -

Mr. Doyle says that every thing seems to be moving along O. K. -

The furnace is still making a fine grade of No 1 Fe - I heard Mr. Skelding remark that the burden was the same as that on the old Fe but that the fuel was less -

Word has been received that Princess Fe has gone out of blast -

I heard went away last week
having been discharged on the 31st.
Will Crow writes that he
will meet me about the 20th.

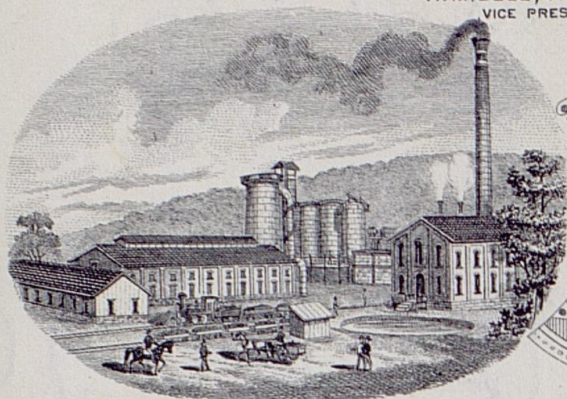
Love to all.

Your aff. son,
E. C. Means.

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Low Moor, Va. Aug. 8 1887
8 P.M.

Dear Father:

The condition of Col. shows a slight change for the worst today - He has more fever than for several days past - No immediate danger is anticipated and it is hoped that he may grow much better - The Dis seem too talk with more encouragement -

Mr. S holding went over to the farm today and reports everything in first class order. He thinks Hughes is doing very well -

The furnace is doing very well.
Last week's work will show an
out put of nearly 700 tons -
120 tons last Friday -

When will you come here?

Love to all -

Your aff. son:

E.C. Means,

P.S. What did Mother write
about the accident?

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Noy., 8th August, 1882

My dear Leek

Yours of 3rd instant came duly to hand and I have been daily expecting to hear the coast from Col Grosvenor. F. L. has written Mr Henry and advises me that we may see him in N. Y. City, 19th. - Now expect to see her 13th spend Sunday at Lake, leave 15th reach N. Y. 16th - stay there two or more days. Rose may come with me if she can secure a housekeeper, or meet me in No 4 15th. Her trip now depends on a housekeeper or matters return home. Better not mention Henry at Lake - If Sk - says anything about a new man, you may say, that you know any effort will be to get ~~one~~ experienced in mining rather than as an iron or furnaceman. Mention this or not new to you nor as prompted by me now, but as my desire known to you - We drove out to Bellefleur

yesterday, Tom Rose & self - and dined
with Benie - who has two girls
now - the @ 90° this morning
quite pleasant change

Yours affectionately
John Meane

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Ashland, Ky., ~~9th~~ August, 1887.

My Dear Leuk

Yours of 4th, 5th, and 6th, ^{and P.M. Monie} came yesterday
noon and of 7th last night, also one
from mother giving an account of her
experience in the wreck of train on the
4th near Greenwood. She and Harry
were unharmed, only had heavy jolting.
Hope you will write every day to reach
here by or before Saturday 13th. You
may read any letters forwarded of
which you have doubt of reaching me
here before 13th P.M. when I expect to
leave for L.M. — Glad to hear Tom
is doing so well, and hope we may
get home on foot this block. Am going
to Ironton this morning. Rose and
Tom Wall — Tom Adams left Sat. for
Montana expecting to be gone about
one month —

Affectionately yours

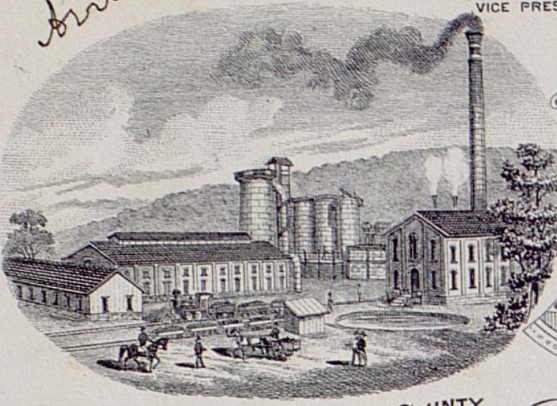
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Low Moor, Va. Aug 9 1887
8 P. M.

Dear Father:

The Col. is
worse today - He has taken
but little nourishment - He
does not arouse himself from
sleep but has to be awakened
when it comes time to feed
him - He is able to turn
himself over without assistance
but it requires a loud tone
of voice to call him so as to
make him understand - He
is much weaker and still has
some fever - Mr. Green thinks
that he is very low tonight -

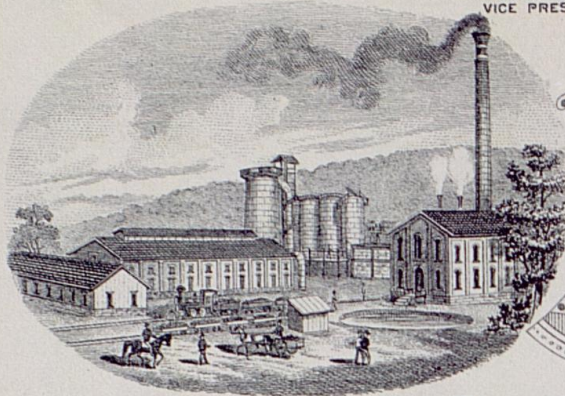
Mr. Hengerford has received a letter from Mr. John F. Winslow calling him to New York to be present at the Directors Meeting to report on the Robinson(?) and some other our property - He thought that I had better tell you about it so that you would understand that it is simply at the Request of Mr. J. F. W. and not through his desire - He is afraid that some might consider it underhand work of his & Mr. W.

Mr. W. wrote for him to be there to confer with him one day before the Directors meet - He does not wish it to be thought of him that he is forcing himself on the company in giving this report desired only by Mr. W. - But as Mr. W. wrote he thinks he ought to go - He expects to leave Saturday -

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Mr. Skelding gave me a long "hash" today about leaving L. M. and about receiving a call from Roanoke to take charge of a furnace there, or of going to Goschen to be President there —

He says one minute he is going away and the next that he wishes to stay if things are satisfactory. — Says he tendered his resignation to you and to Mr. A. S. W.

He does not know I am writing it to you but as he says he will go if any man comes to dictate to him — Well, you understand

It is the same old story and
why worry - All that is necessary
to keep him is to give him all
the authority he wants - He
cannot get along with Moor
and from what he says and
what I saw in the mines I
believe Hungerford does not like
Moor either - From the way
Moor talked to me while here
he would not try to ~~harass~~ Skelding
at all -

I do not think there is any
danger of S. leaving if he is
allowed his present influence and
work - But he must be talked
to before you go to New York -

Love to all -

Yours aff. son

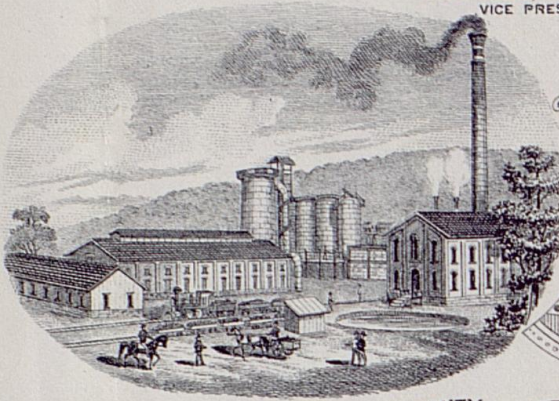
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P. S. Bring me money enough for
trip when you come - \$50 or \$60 -

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Low Moor, Va. Aug 10th 1887
8^o 15' P.M.

Dear Father:

Col. is worse today -
He is almost unconscious, failing
to recognize Dr. Rogers tonight - He
still manages to swallow mechani-
cally but that will not be for
a very long time - He cannot
hold his urine etc as he has
been able to do. His pulse
and temperature are very high,
his respiration is about 30 when
it should be 18 (normal) - The
old Dr. told us tonight that he
might live for three or four days longer.
Soon he will have to take nourishment

by injections - It seems
very sad to have him pass
away in such a condition, unable
to talk and eat - without being
able to say good bye to any of
his family -

The family seem to comprehend
the situation and are bearing
it in a brave and sensible
manner -

The furnace is doing well
making No 1 - She slipped
once last night, about 3 A.M. -

Skelding did not come down
this afternoon - I suppose he
was full and stayed at home -
He is letting 4 of his carpenters
go today -

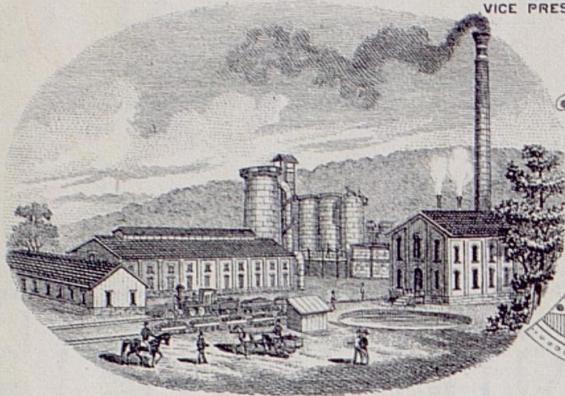
Love to all -

Your aff. son
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Low Moor, Va. Aug 11th 1887

Dear Father;

Your letter was received last night - was very glad to hear from you - This will probably be my last letter before you come from home -

Col. is no better today although not much if any worse than yesterday - Tonight he acted as if his stomach was out of order, trying to vomit -

Dr. says he is uncertain as to how long he may live, perhaps another week - Last night he was very low -

Mr. Willard of Hanging Rock has been here all day - Coming last night at 10.15 P.M. from New River - He got up at 5 A.M. intending to see the furnace and go away at 7.40 AM but missed the train - About 9 A.M. I accidentally found him at the depot looking for a train west - Took ^{him} to furnace, mines and quarry - He said he was glad he missed the train - and I believe he carries away a good opinion of Law Mook - He staid at the "Rowan House" and if I had not found him he would have gone away unknown to any of us -

Mr. Skelding gave him a few points and told his little story like a man - They got along very well together -

Love to all; Yours truly & aff -
E.C.M. -

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, N.Y., 11th August, 1887.

My dear Clerk

Yours of 8th and of 9th ~~last~~
Monday - Glad to know that Mr. Winkler
has asked Dr. Maynard to come to N.Y.
and as to what Skellding has to
say. We would be sorry to have
him go, but he may become
unbearable, and our man
is a necessity. If he leaves
sooner, he will not do much
good for himself or for those
he goes to. Expect to leave here
Sat. 13th spend 14th at L.L. being
there 15th to leave one day in
N.Y. before the meeting.

Yours

John Means

Only one of the passengers, was
in even then and that was a
Jath d'hot, a reporter for the
New York Herald - and he supports that
made my way on the Str. must
directly to Paris -

This seems to be a very quiet
old town and we will bring
about come tomorrow and see if
it rained a little and we did
not care enough to go afterwards
to see the "Sunday Cinema", as
we might have done if the
was along with us.

I will enclose a menu that
had for breakfast and wish I
had one for some of our dinners
as we had some very nice ones,
and yesterday a very fine one at it
was the best 11 courses and white and
red wine and champagne, and we had
a little concert afterwards that was
enjoyed very much, by some of the passengers
the young lady playing the violin.

Will try and mail this tomorrow or it
will go out as soon as possible
with my much love to all

Received
19th July 89
Str. Champagne

Dear Father

We are having
a very smooth voyage
and none of us have been
sick at all, not even Miss
Gora Scott and she expected
to be sick nearly all the way.
Lily and Mr. Rubter came
to the Str. to see us off and
Lily introduced us to a
friend of hers Mr. Abbott
Lomb and Miss Jennie
was introduced to a young
lady who was going to Paris
so it makes us a party of 6

There are very few Americans
and a good many French
people and all the service
is French so we have an
opportunity to study our
French again which we
have forgotten and we
are not afraid but that
we can make ourselves
understood.

We are very much pleased
with this letter of Chaumont
and think we may return
on the companion str. to
St. the Bourgoynes.

The table is very good and
we miss very few meals
and there only because there
are so many. We breakfast
lunch, dinner at 5-30. and tea
and we walk miles $\frac{1}{2}$ between
times.

We have a Countess von Solter
and a Count Sherburg and
Minister Dr. Haer as passengers
and a Russian lady that walks
like a turkey and we have given
our own first names to quite a
number of the queer people.

It arrived
Hotel Boudreau, 1887
Sun. Sept 4.

We arrived in Havre about
3 o'clock. The tide was out so my
cousin got in a little boat and
we left the rest of our party at
the train. The cars run down to
the wharf and a special train met
the str. and they would start for
Paris at 4 and reach there about 10
tonight. We think we will leave
Havre tomorrow and go to Honfleur
and Honfleur, making a short tour
through Normandy before going to
Paris.

year and will be in Paris
all winter studying French
Mr. I was content to visit
and Leipzig some years ago.

They wanted to be introduced
to Mother and Bess!

We were sorry to hear that
Mother and Bess were having
such a time with their books
it seems hardly fair for me
to be over here having such a
good time when they are
having so much trouble at home!

Aunt and Dora have both had
colds but are better now and
think they will be happier at
a warmer hotel.

Must close now or this will
go out in the 5 o'clock mail
with much love to all
from Aunt and Dora
Yours lovingly
John M.

Paris France
Oct 3rd 1857

My Dear Father

We were very

much pleased to receive your
letter and paper Sat. and
also a letter from Lily. You
are ^{the} only constant ones, as
you were the first ones
to write to us since.

It seems a long time
before any of our mail reached
you when you had none
before the 18th we rec'd your
first on the 16th and we
wrote to you on the 5th of both

We have not been eight
days much this week as it
has been so rainy and damp
and we have had to postpone
our excursions - Sat. and
today we have spent in
looking about for sunny
rooms. We find these too
dark and gloomy and will
have tomorrow and go to the
Hotel Lill at d'Albion, on
Rue St Honoré, where we
will have rooms facing the
south and the halls and
drawing room are warm
and we think we shall like
it much better. And there are
so many English and French
people there and not all Americans
as nearly all are here.

John has had a young friend
call several times who is a
missionary to Africa and he has
been very interesting giving us
some of his experiences with the
natives. He is now trying to get
some French teachers to go out
with him.

Yesterday we went to the
Père Lachaise at Rue du Boni and
it was filled with Americans
and in the afternoon Aunt and I
walked to the Guillotins gardens
and to the Champs Elysées and
watched the people drive by in
their elegant townots. We think
we do not see as many fine horses
as in the Parks in England and at home.
John called on Mrs Lousley
of Minneapolis and had a charming
call and we were glad to meet
them again. They have been
travelling about here for over a

with her after dinner
 and of course we went and
 then Rosa and I went to
 call on a young friend of
 Mrs. W. we did not go to
 a church or cemetery either
 today. What will you think of
 us? We had intended to
 go and hear Père Hyacinthe
 preach this afternoon but
 did not know where to go
 I think we will go next week
 tho. This week we have planned
 a number of little excursions
 that we could not take last
 week as we were afraid of rain
 and it was so cool and gloomy
 we wish some one would say if
 you are having any brighter weather
 at home. Are you expecting an
 earthquake on the 16th we met
 some ladies who were in Nice at the
 time of the snow one last year and
 they are very much excited over the
 predictions for the 16th that they

we have not yet
 had any letters from
 you. Lily is the only
 one that who writes
 quite now to all
 your
 Hotel de Lille et d'Albion
 Paris
 Oct. 9th 1887
 Another
 We moved over
 to this Hotel on Tues. 4th
 so that we might have a
 bright sunny room, and this
 is the first real bright day
 we have had since, but we
 find we like it very much
 better than we did at the
 Pension. It is nearly filled
 with English scotch and
 French people and some
 of the old ladies are such
 queerly dressed old fashioned
 people that it is quite
 amusing to see them at table.

I am
 much
 glad
 to
 hear
 from
 you
 and
 hope
 you
 are
 well
 and
 happy
 as
 ever
 your
 mother

with their badly fitting dresses
and so much large jewelry -

We do not take table d'hôte
every day as there are so many
rich dishes that Aunt and Nora
think it is not good for them
and we dine in the middle
of the day and have a light
supper at six instead.

Nora visited Miss Hoffe
and Mr O'Rourke to table d'hôte
on Wed and we visited Mr
Paul Barthel and Miss Jennie
so we had quite a nice little
party - and Miss Jennie was
over again Thurs. when we
made some chocolate and
had it in our room.

Yesterday Saturday - we
went out to St. Leonard and
spent the afternoon wandering
about and seeing the ruins

of the Palace there and the
beautiful flower gardens and
parks. and on some just in
time to see the fountains
play - they only have the water
turned on certain days and
hours. They were having some
sort of a fair over in the
village and we went through
the grounds and heard the
music and saw the numerous
candy booths and shooting galleries
&c, and bought (gauffre) hot
waffles and eat them and
enjoyed it as much as the
children and had a real jolly
afternoon. We went up there in
a little boat and came
back on the tram car.

We did not get up very
early and did not go to church
this morning - and Miss Jennie
came for us to go to the Lower

Low Moor Va

Oct 10th 1887

Dear Father:

So long as Mr. Doyle wrote to you Saturday I thought that I could wait until later - He said he would tell you about Mr. Merry and family - They are not fully settled and will not be before you come on Thursday - His son has come with him and is going to look for something to do near his father, so I learn -

Mr. Skelding met me at the train and took me to his house for breakfast - It

was because he expected
you and there was no
other place for you except
the boarding house—

So far the fare has been
very good then. Better than
I expected— I started in the
Saturday noon— and today
commenced work at 4 ce—

Hope to see you Thursday—
Love to all—

Your aff. son.

E. C. Meacham.

P.S. Don't forget the Photo's—

Arlaud Ky, 10th Oct 1887
Dear Cooke

Your of 10th is at hand
Tonight, Mother is to have a
Presbyterian party Thursday
night, to which I shall stay
and come over Friday night,
Mr. Credit will be away Sunday
so this makes it easier for me
to tear myself away. Berie
Baby and Minnie came
this evening - Will and Ned
were up and they went out
home, but will come up
Thursday evening. We have
four brick masons at work, now
and are getting along fast
at the Furnace - Begin to
think we can see the end

of building, Men are here putting
up roof over the new boilers,
I have the Photon in my bag
and have ordered 9 each of
the Zennae taken above, looking
down the river, Charley W.
and Charley Russell have changed
places for a time, C. W goes to
Bellefonte, C.R., to Norton,

Had a little rain today but
is clearing up cold again.

All well

Yours
John Messing

We are talking now of leaving
here next week Thurs 28th for
Lyon & stay one night there
and over Lun in Milan and
reaching Florence on the first of
Nov. It takes two days to go
and they are good places to stay
at night. We will have all of
our mail put here & forwarded
as we think it safer. You and
Lily are our only good friends
we would not hear from home
much with out your kindness.

We are both well and Aunt
does not take any more colds as
we have fires all the time in
our rooms now, and I have not
had one since I left the str.
and can walk more than any
of the others.

With our so much love
& all Yours devotedly Rose.

Recd
30th

Hotel de Lille et d'Albion
Paris, France
Oct 17th 1857.

My dear Father

Yesterday was the day
predicted for the earthquake
according to some English people
we met at the Pension, but we
did not experience any shock
or hear anything about it in the
papers yet. We have subscribed
to the Gallignani a daily paper
and have it every morning with
our coffee which we take in our
rooms. I will send a copy occasionally
and you can see we do not get
as much news as we could at
home, but we like it better than
the New York Herald that is published
here daily.

Yesterday was a bright cool day and we took a long walk over on the other side of the river to hear Père Hyacinthe preach, we could not find the little street on our maps so we went wandering along

Bd. St Germain and listening the way till we reached the place and we had the pleasure of hearing him preach a sermon on the necessity of sending some missionaries to the African Colonies. Aunt M. & I could not understand nearly all but could keep the thread of the discourse and Nora afterwards told us enough to make it a very good sermon.

Père H. is said to be the greatest orator in France, and when he finishes his sermons the congregation always applaud. His service was a good deal like ^{the English way} the Catholic and M. is said to be the head of the

Gallican Church.

On our way home we passed a meat store where they advertised "the best quality of mule and donkey meat for sale, and we saw a shoulder of mule meat."

Last week was a busy week and we saw more of Paris than we had ever before, as we took one of Leokias carriage drives and saw so much in one day I'll write all about it in another letter home, as I have just finished writing it to Lily, and it is nearly time for dinner.

Tonight Nora and I went to the Grand Opera House to see Faust and it was the most beautiful Opera I ever saw. Every part was perfect, and the scenery was so wonderful.

Ashland Oct. 21st 1887 -

My Dear Cooke,

I suppose
you are now well settled in
your room - Your father described
it to me, so I can imagine how
it looks - We had a gay time
at the Social - 77 at supper &
we made off 30 - there was a lot
of children here - & they had a
wisy time of it - I gave them
a regular party - Supper, Ice
Cream - Oysters & ^{3 kinds of} Cake - Brown & White
bread & biscuits Ham - Coffee & 3 kinds
of pickles - Saratoga Chips - The best
Supper they ever had for twenty five
cents - Jess & Min & baby came in
Stayed all night & ^{most} part of the next

day - Nancy & I went out there
Sunday to call - Sis Ellison & Jeanie
Ellison visited May Means two days
this week - I have been cleaning
house this week at a lively rate &
had five Carpets put down one day -
the Library, Dining Room, My Room, Hildretts
& the back hall - Lphine put down the two
new ones & George Lumbos - William Famine Co
Mrs. Maque the rest then I took up the others
& put down the - on Wed - & shall clean some
more next week - I had William dig
the tub Rose yesterday I had a big tub
& half a market basket full of them
Had my flowers took up today & put in the
cellar - it will be cold tonight -

Aunt Amanda & Charlie have gone
to Manila, Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. Charlie
Wilson called yesterday at the same
time - they have not been here before
for years - I sent your bible to you
by your father & I hope you will
read it & say your prayers &
try & be a good boy again -
love & kisses from your
Aff Mother

and each plate had a different painting on it. They were said to have been used just once and then were put on the walls in wood panels. The Royal Theatre had a little game in white and gold plush.

We drove two hours in the Forest. It is laid out for 10 miles just as a Park, and it is 50 miles in extent and the hunting privileges are rented to three different parties to hunt deer, wild boar, & small game, and the deer & boar are kept in different parts of the Forest, the north and south. Some of the rocky parts reminded us of Colorado, on a small scale. It took us two hours to go and

come on the train & we had a compartment with two beds. I or we had a jolly time with them. We have planned to go some places together this week.

It is a good thing we do not want to go to Florence by sleeping car as some people here at the Hotel are waiting a week before they can secure any berth. We will leave Fri for Lucerne & spend some in Milan & will go to a Pension del' Torre // Via dell'Opera

already -
on the part of both -
with em or
much love for all
Always yours devotedly
Both in

From number one - 4
Paris France
Oct 23rd 1887

Dear Father,
We were very much pleased Fri night to receive letters from you Inag and Birdie H. that came to us earlier than any we had received before. Yours were mailed on the 9th + 10th & reached us the 21st. What a busy time Mother is having with her Festival and social I am glad her " was such a success and hope now she will find time to write to me for I have been away two months now and have not had a line from her. Lou and Lily are our only constant ones. even Inag does not write as often or as much as you do. You may believe me most truly appreciate all your dear letters -

This week we have had several very bright pleasant days and we have taken advantage of them to go to new places. Mon. we went out by the Bourse and saw the crowds of men congregated on the steps. Mrs. and Joskey spent the day with us and after lunch we went with her to see some beautiful lace at an Indian place and to some Oriental stores on the Avenue de l'Opera, and Wed. we went to the Exposition & took cold & I have been sneezing ever since, but my cold is much better today and I think it will be gone by tomorrow as I have been eating sorugis all day. We did not see much there of interest as I have determined not to go to another "one of the tiresome old places."

Thurs. was bright and a charming day and Aunt and I went out to Fontaine Blanche and spent the day and we did enjoy being there with them so much. (Eva and I have promised to write to

each other when I go to Rome and I told her I would not attempt to write her all the things I saw or descriptions but would tell her a few and they say for further information refer to the guide book page 100 & c." and I feel sometimes as if I would like to say that to you for I do not believe you can derive much information from my letters about the noted buildings that we are seeing but will continue to tell you of a few of the places that we encounter with interest.) We went all through the Lechateau and saw salon after salon furnished just as they were during the time of their royal occupants, Louis 13th, Louis 15th, Louis Philippe, Napoleon 1st and Fran. Antoinette and Empress Eugenie & c. and the table on which Napoleon signed his abdication, with a deep indentation, said to have been made with his penknife in his fury at having to do so. Our very interesting gallery was des Assurtes, a gallery hung with 300 plates of painted Porcelaine

I wish you would get me a
pair of covered wooden stirrups
for the saddle.

With love to all:

Your aff. son:

E. C. Means.

Ans
1 Nov

Low Moor, Va.

Oct 30th 1887

Dear Father:

This is a rainy
Sunday and I have only
been down to the east. there
was no church this morning-
Wednesday and also today
snow has covered the tops
of the mountains but has
not remained very long after
10 A.M.

Yesterday Arthur Skelding
and I rode down to Clifton
Forge as he said to see the
round house and turn table
both of which he was desirous
to inspect. he found them satisfac-
tory and came home happy-

Mr. Merry & Mr. Skelding did not go to the Richmond Fair as they intended. It was best that they did not because the split on the furnace needs watching. Bands are being put up all the time and a patch will cover the crack. The three lower plates remain entire and the one below the downcomer

I think the crack has probably extended across two plates since you were here. The furnace continues to work in a very satisfactory manner.

The blue dust caught up so much at the upper end of the downcomer that it was necessary to stop and knock some of it down. I think of sending some of it on to Dr. Drown for analysis.

The Republican's were entertained by Mr. Jarret Friday night with a two hour speech. He understood how to talk to the darkies and kept them interested until the very last. They were highly pleased with him.

Last night I called at the Supt's house and saw the baby and all the family. Spent a very pleasant evening looking at photographs and listening to the accounts of the mining regions. While there the "white" band serenaded them. Mr. Merry went out and invited them in but they declined. So he made them a present of \$10.00

He expects the "colored" band from the mines to come down and serenade him soon.

Asiland Nov 2^d 1887
My Dear Cooke

I am glad
you write often - though your
father says, he thinks you
don't hurt yourself, writing often -
I suppose you have heard of
Frank O'Farrel & Frank Clarke
running off to Cronton last week
& getting married - They have
returned from their bridal trip
today - believe they went to
Cincinnati - So you see your
old sweet hearts are all leaving
you - I sent Bess out her
new Carpet yesterday - My
Carpet is very much admired
& it has one advantage - it does
not show dirt - The Episcopalians
are to have a play tonight in
Leige's Hall called Red Riding Hood
The Jones' & McKempies are Chief

hands in getting it up - Rose
has started for Rome will be in
Florence this week - She seems
to be having a grand time -
I will get Harry to send you his
long letter from her. as soon
as Bess reads it - Bess has
her 13th - hired girl. (since she has
been at Bellefonte) - Minnie Hildreth
is still there - I had a dinner
party of five ladies, Monday, Mrs Putnam
Reppert Culbertson & Andy & Mrs Campbell
of Cincinnati - My little Cooks did very
well - I have a new gas stove
today & think I shall like it in
connection with the Range very
much - & shall get breakfast in
a hurry - Mrs Putnam - Mrs Judge Johnson
Miss Maggie Coles Mrs Peebles & five
children all go to California in Nov -
& Mrs Peebles is talking of taking Pattie
Kumler to help her - as she thinks Pattie
would like the trip - Min Moore was
down, but I missed seeing her -
I expect Ashland will be dull enough
this winter - Love & Kisses

Write often if only a few lines -
Your aff Mother

Bill said he would send
me my tax list ^{to you} but I
believe he has got it too
high - Tell Rose to tell me
whether I shall tell old
Mr. C. Wilson to see to the
Kentucky Coal Company - Cooke
said it needed attention - If
you don't feel like writing
why tell Rose what to say
for you - she has promised
to do better about writing than
Lily - if she don't, she knows
she will catch it when she
gets home - Tell Lily I
am ever so much obliged
for the forks - + the Methodist
Sisters will enjoy eating their
good cooking with them immensely
also I am much obliged for the
Cards - Love + Kisses from Hattie
to yourself + the girls -

Althland Nov 5th - 1887

My Dearest John

Mrs Tom

Suey has just been in to
inquire if I would sell my
lot next to her house -
Mr Bunn or somebody's putting
up a big brick house on the
corner lot - + she is afraid I
might sell my lot - I told her
I would have to consult you
but would give her the first
chance, if I did sell it + would
ask you about it + the price +
she wants to build an addition
to her house on the side
next to my lot - The taxes are
getting so high that I would
just as soon sell + put the
money into something that

would bring me in some income -
Mr Dan Lacy died this morning
at five o'clock - Tell Rose the
Russels have a party Friday
night to which she is invited -
given for a Miss Roberts -
Harry & Lippie called on Mr & Mrs
Sam Ireland - last night -
Sam reported himself much
pleased with his new chair -
Miss Hildreth is still at Greens
The Steel Plant is still much
talked of - Miss Sophronia Wilson
is in the city, consulting a Dr
about her digestion - he puts
her on a diet of milk & Soup - Aunt
Amanda's fine cooking I suppose
has been too much for her -
I hope Rose will cheer you up
you ought to go to the Negro
Minshels or some place where
it is lively & you can have a
good laugh it would do you
more good than medicine -

Bess & the babies were in Sunday
but the roads were so bad
they did not get in, in time
for Church - I have a new
girl in Mary's place - she is
just as Kate Shannon & the
family bring so small things
go lively - It is pretty cool
out doors today & I think
we will have a heavy frost
tonight - The ~~Chrysanthemum~~ ^{Chrysanthemums}
are blooming beautifully all
over town - A great many
people inquire after you &
are anxious to see you at
home again - it is pretty
lonesome without you & Rose
but I hope, she will help, walk
with you & amuse you, as to
keep yourself well entertained is
your principal business now -
Old Mr S. Ward has returned &
I suppose is well again -

Arlaud Ky, 8th November 1887

My dear Levee

Yours of 6th inst to mother came last night. In answer to your inquiry as to when to expect me at L.L., it is my intention to leave here Monday (14th) night in N^o 2, and reach L.M. Tuesday morning.

Have been "under the weather" for a few days past, with diarrhea, and must look well "to my letter cred," before leaving home. Stayed at home Sunday and yesterday, am hoping that may induce Mr Sinton to come to L.M. 16th - He has only been there once, in 1881 -

• Affectionately yours
John Meany

Marietta, Ohio,
November 10th 1887

Dear Harold.

Your letter, containing the invitation to Mr Ross and myself to spend Thanksgiving day with you, came to hand. We thank you kindly for the invitation. Mr Ross, however, thinks he must decline, as he does not feel well enough to enjoy the visit. as for myself I should be much pleased to attend, but am undecided in the matter. If I conclude to accept I will write you a few days in advance of the time.

The election on Nov. 8th was rather exciting. The County gave a small Republican majority, from 20 to 200. for the different candidates. The State majority is probably over twenty thousand.

The Centennial committees are very busy, and an evening entertainment will soon be given, with tableaux, personating the prominent pioneer settlers of Marietta. Presidents Andrews and Eaton seem to take an active interest in the arrangements being made for celebrating the next 7th of April.

A definite program is not yet completed. The first ^{good} rain for six weeks occurred last night*, the fall being a little over half an inch, our well has been out of use for several weeks.

With kind regards to the family,
I remain,

Yours, affectionately
Geo. O. Hildreth

* Rainfall in October - less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch.

Dear Cook I send you Uncle George's letter, if he comes you have got to come home & entertain him - I will pay your way down & back & I hope you can make it agreeable for him. He has been so kind to you that it is only fair you should come & make his visit as pleasant as possible
at Mother

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CAPITAL \$1,000,000.

Metropolitan National Bank

*Ans'd
25th* Cincinnati, Nov. 19th 1887

Dear John

Robert R. Hamilton owns nine shares
of 100. stock in Boston Iron Works for which he
will take \$3700. as follows. payable here.
Cash \$700. and \$3000 due here December
14th next. I don't know what the stock is
worth but suppose it ought to bring this much.
In case a party should wish to buy and
not be ready to pay the \$3700 in December
we would be willing to receive, with the stock
attached. Can you find a buyer?

I expect to run up next week either
on Friday or Saturday to spend Sunday with
father, but will telegraph you.

Yours truly
William Means

Since when we have been out
 walking on the Torna Buoni we
 have passed the Misericordia a
 Philanthropic Society instituted
 in 1244 which takes upon itself
 the mission of giving assistance
 in case of accidents of transporting
 the wounded to the hospital and
 the poor who are too ill to stay at
 home. They are always dressed
 in black gowns with black masks
 or hoods and carry a long bier
 or box covered with a black cloth
 in which the patient can lie
 down or sit up, it is almost
 frightful to see the black
 figures moving so silently and
 swiftly thro' the crowded streets.

We hear that it is raining and
 snowing in Paris and is very
 disagreeable and we are very thankful
 we are not there, as it is very pleasant
 here when it does not rain. *With much
 love to all my friends and yours*

for much of the time should
 give and posted charitable
 and butter for short
 and at 1 and during
 and for about for
 can have an Italian
 for binding & fruit.

Florence Italy
 Nov 20th 1847

Carlo Padre

Our teacher signore
 should us how we
 begin our letters and
 we are writing that much
 Italian in our letters today
 We still take 3 lessons a day
 and find that it assists us
 very much in going about.
 It has rained so much that
 we have not been out as much
 as usual this week and overall
 only out to church today. Aunt
 does not want to go out much
 in the rain for fear of
 taking cold, but I go sometimes

If the
 get on the
 letters of
 the

the
 common
 in the
 winter

without her with a young
Holland lady. yesterday we
went over the Arno by the
Ponte Santa to the Piazza
Sarnina where there is a very
old church that has some
very fine frescos

Fri, we prepared for the rain
and spent nearly all day in
the uffizi and Palatina Gallery
The Palatina Gallery is in the
Pitti Palace and it is connected
with the Uffizi by long corridors
filled with drawings and engravings
and over the Ponte Vecchio are
long halls filled with portraits
of the Medici family and the
nobility of Florence.

There are many noted paintings
in the Pitti and the ones in
which we were most interested
were Titian's "Flora" and "Mary

Magdalena", and some Madonna's
by Gherardo and Raphael.
And Leonardo's Venus is in the
hall of Flora, and a few
very handsome sculptures, and
some mosaics and tables in
the smaller rooms.

Another day we went to the
Buonarroti Gallery where so
many of Michelangelo Buonarroti's
original drawings and objects
of art have been gathered together
by one of his descendants in honor
of his illustrious ancestor.

It contained portraits of all the
families and scenes from the
life of D. L. the younger,
and his study and tables &c.

This is Saint Margaret's birthday
and all the churches and public
buildings have their flags and
banners displayed.

that I wanted her to buy for me,
The Parson had the Social
last Thursday there were a-
bout 50 persons present, It
cleared about \$23.00, by the
admission and on what eatables
that were sold.

There was a slight collision
in Princess Linnell's ^(Friday 11/8) a rear
end one. Our coal train on its
2nd trip, ^{out} ran into a C & O Freight
in the middle of the tunnel.
no one was hurt the front end
of the Engine ^(#4) was broken also the
pilot. the coal cars filled the
tunnel, i.e. from the middle to this
end. The Caboose of the freight
was the only thing that was dam-
aged to the Freight. Our men
seemed to think that the C & O
are at fault by not notifying

them in some way as to where
they were, and for them to run.
The transfer was out of order
yesterday by a cut getting away
from the trainmen by the breaking
of a pin that holds the tender & flat.
three of these cars went into the
river, the others caught on the
cradle.

Mrs Charles
Wilson died yesterday noon
after a brief illness. Dr
Montmollen says that it was
caused by her brain softening
don't know how soon the funeral
it to be. I have been under

the weather for a few days past
but think that I am alright now.

With kind regards
for you and your venison
I remain your brother
Harold Means.

The photograph taken near the cinder
buggies turned out best. I will
send it to Schmidt by you next
time you come over.

The books and bridle etc came
Monday night in good order.

With love to all

Your affection

V.C. Means -

Recd
25th

Low Moor, Va.

November 23rd 1887

Dear Father:

Mr. Skelding desires
me to ask you if you are
going to write for bids for the
new boilers or if you expect Capt.
Merry to do so. Capt. has not
written because he has been
under the impression that you
were going to do so. Mr. S. thinks
that you intend that the Capt
shall write. Mr. S. seems anxious
to have the bids as early as possible
and wishes to learn your views
on the subject.

I do not know whether he has
told the Captain that I am to write
or not?

Nothing of importance has occurred since you were here -

The bridge to the limestone quarry has sunk so as to need repairs -

Mr. Harry Merry has gone to N. Carolina to see the mica mines and is then going to look at Mr. Doyle's. He is thinking of working it if there is a good show for making any money -

I was quite surprised to learn that Mr. Doyle received compensation for his extra work during the time he had to do extra work.

on acct. of Cal's illness & death -

He was paid at the rate of about \$2 per hour - His regular pay

is about \$1⁰⁰ per hour for work done per hour - My surprise was

principally because S. did three times as much as he and received no compensation -

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Metropolitan National Bank

Cincinnati, Nov. 23rd 1887

Dear John

As I am not feeling very well
myself and very busy here, can not
at all entertain that I shall be able to
come to Ashland this week, but if
I do will telegraph Friday.

I am truly
William Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 25th Novem., 1887.

My Dear Levee

Yours of 23rd instant, came to day. I expected them to write from Louisa for bids on Boilers, and the replies to be sent them. In asking for bids, they will have to give Length and Diameter of Upper Boiler
" " " of Lower "
" " " of Legs between them

If any other dimensions, Skelding will know -

None of these can I give him - without hearing from L.M. Skelding and Mr. Henry can determine without me, as to the best bid, but, if they prefer I might come in for a day, after bids are received, although not necessary. The tensile strength of boiler plates should be stated in contract and whether, Steel or Iron. We dined yesterday at Bellefonte - all well.

Yours truly

John Means

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 29th Novr....., 1887

My dear Corke

We have letters dated 14th Nov from Rose at Florence she sister Mary are together and both well. Expecting to go to Rome about 1st Decem. Had been shaken a little by an earthquake, but not frightened much. Were boarding in a house said to be 500 years old. Not much need to be scared in such houses.

If you have not found Plat of Low Moor lands, I can bring you ~~two~~ copy of one. I wish you would find out quietly how far from our RR up Karnes C to the divide on Robinson land. Perhaps old Dr Rogers can tell you. Ask as if getting a knowledge of the country for yourself. I have bought Wedding presents for you and myself to Miss Skelding. Knives and Forks from myself; leaves, Fork and Still from you. Understand the wedding is to be about 19th Decem, if any change from this advise me, so that I may send them, if not coming over before. We have not stopped N^o 1 Furnace to make connections Steam etc. Expected to do so this week, but a mistake of one inch by Lambert in hub on new Fly wheel prevented. Hope to stop by next Sunday (4th) if the weather is favorable

the Mer this morning was at $+15^{\circ} 7'$ and ^{as} such weather
is bad for outside work we shall not stop until
it moderates. I had a T Square with metal edges
which I cannot find; did you have it in use
last Summer: and have you taken it with you?
I have another T not so good and desire to know
what became of the other.

Roberts has promised to bring me description &c
of his Steam hammer, if he does this morning
will include it for Leapt M and Skelding.

It is probably too light for their purposes.

The Republican has shown you how the Electric Light
progresses. Harry has taken 2 and another 3 Shares in
the Co. I have not taken any.

All well. Remember me to S., to M., and families.

Affectionately yours

John Meany

Let me know when the 8th Issues go in.

Ashland
and
taken back
or you & wife
could -

Ashland Nov. 30th - 1887

My Dear Cooke

I was much pleased to get your letter to day & find you have changed your mind about going South - Your father seems willing to have you go, as I have interviewed him on the subject. - And I think you will enjoy it, very much - Christmas does not promise work this year, for any extra gaiety, besides it comes on Sunday - So you would find your long visit in Ashland uncommonly dull & the same time spent at the Sunny South with your beloved Mother, much more lively - I would soon have

written to ask Mollie Seaton - a one
of the Movers, ^{to go with Rose} if you had not
said you would go. - So your
letter came just in time to
save me that trouble. Mrs. Spiller
has promised to keep house for
me. - Rose probably will not be
home till ^{the middle} of Feb. - She seems to be
enjoying Florence very much - Lily
has been visiting in Wooster. - You bought
part of the Rug for Bess, also Halth
Cellars - a tile for Mag - & I believe a dish
for me - Rose & May Anne not bring here you
will have your Father, Harry & Hildreth yet
to supply - Magazines generally are given
to the Maynard's by you boys & myself -
Uncle George did not come for Thanksgiving.
Mrs. C. Wilson was buried last Tuesday
& Fred Haskell today - He died of
Typhoid fever, was taken in the City & came
home was sick a week & died Monday -
I attended his funeral, this morning in
the Pres. Church - it was quite large 3 of the
Medical Students came up from the City for
Ball bearings - He was 24 & this was his
last year for lectures - Min. A. is still
with Bess - Mary Lu Ball is at Russells -
Ashland is very dull this winter
Harry does not look well, but still
keeps at work - Take care of yourself & don't
get cold - Love & kisses from your
mother

Ashland Ky Nov. 1887 -

My Dear Cooke

I send you
me & Rose's last letters - Please
send it back to Harry, when
you have read it. I quite
enjoy Rose, her delightful trip
to Rome & Florence. I am
glad she has got to writing
something else, than about
the weather - Harry wrote for
his Uncle George to come down
to Thanksgiving, if he comes
I shall pay your expenses home,
for you to come & entertain him.
Have you made up your mind
yet, about going South with
me this winter? - Minnie

is still with Bess - she has Ned
& Charlie Means & Sam Seaton, besides
The Clerk has Typhoid fever, so
Sam Seaton took his place - Bess
says they have horby times at their
meals - She has her 13th - hined girl
(since she has been at Bellefonte) she
has one black & one white girl now -
Mrs Mc Campbell had the young folks, on
this street to tea on Tuesday - Harry
wrot - Little Red Riding Hood. Comes off
tonight - it was gotten up for the Episcopal
Church & 80 School Children assist - Dora
Seaton wrot home this week - Mrs -
Callihan was buried yesterday - Lippie
Putnam McClaudish lost her baby - it
died very suddenly - I have been having
a big lot of Straw berries & Raspberries set
out - The "Little Cooks" still do splendidly
I have promised them tickets to "Red Riding
Hood" - & they are quite excited over it -
We are having our first rain today for
about six weeks - The woods have
been on fire quite extensively - I shall
send you last letter to Rose - Do you
had better write good ones, as I shall
send them on long trips - Tom father has
been sick with bowel complaint - but is
now well - Love & kisses from your aff
mother

It has been
having some
trouble with
leakage in
my right side
and back for
two weeks -
Same as in B.
last Spring
The T square
will be found
in the room
over dining room
in closet next to
street on first
shelf, partly
behind drawers,
only top showing
also one of mine
then - yours
is not there -

That with what you have already
loaned me would be nearly \$420⁰⁰
Next year I shall expect at least \$66
from A.C. & S. and \$100 from Norton
and may perhaps save \$100 from
my salary - Hence in less than two
years I would be out of debt
barring accidents - With the
stock as security and the dividends
(I hope) enough to pay interest I believe
it would be well for me to borrow
the money and purchase both stocks
You can attend to the matter as
you see fit and write to me -
I told Harry to ask you for my
decision as to the Electric Stock -

With love to all

Aff. yours

E. C. Means

P.S. Hope to see you before Christmas -

Law Mass, Va -

Dec. 3rd 1887

Dear Father:

Today we went over
the Robertson property and tomorrow
or Monday, Capt. Merry will write
to Mr. J. F. W. and give an unfavorable
report much to Mr. Hungerford's regret
Probably - They differ ~~at~~ very much
in some cases, but Mr. Skelding
and Capt. Merry are agreed that
the showing of ore does not warrant
the purchase and I believe Capt.,
and I know Mr. S., would not even
think it worth while to sink the
money necessary to prospect it -

Mr. Hungerford showed us plenty of
float ore, in some cases very good
ore but often very sandy - He

also showed us two or three ledges but one was not continuous and with a large amount of clay (nearly $\frac{1}{2}$) while the other was good in one place and very sandy in another -

A person could get some very good samples up there for cabinets, but to build a road up there and try to get a 40% on for \$2, would be a 9 year wonder if it cost us more than \$3 per ton for all gotten out -

The distance up Karnes Creek, I have not gotten as yet, but up Raleigh it is, from our rail road, near the bridge and stone quarry about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles to our line, $2\frac{1}{4}$ to the first place inspected today and about 4 miles to the divide or a little over 4 to main divide - That is what I gathered from Mr. H. on our way up today -

The first eight inch troyer was put in Thursday noon, the second tonight at six -

He is putting them into the furnace farther than the old ones -

The date for the wedding remains unchanged - Dr. moved up to his Covington office this week -

When is Schmidt to send those photos and frames I have been waiting for them for a week? Have you lost the plates?

Harry wrote to me about the Electric light stock ^(25 shares) & said you would lend me the money to pay for them -

Sam Savage also wrote that he could get me two shares of Fire Bricks stock for 85% -

I think probably the latter would be the best investment but would like to have both and at the same time feel some hesitation about going into debt so soon after starting on my own book - The two would necessitate a loan of \$370 ^{or} (\$200 + \$170)

Arkland Ky, 4th Decr 1889.

My dear brother

I expect to go to Leitch Tuesday
6th, returning night of 7th, and if ready
Mr. Lewistown and myself, to
come ^{over} to Snowsow, Thursday or
Friday night, reaching L.M. for
breakfast Friday or Saturday
9th or 10th for remaining one day.

Will write Capt. Henry or
you, when we determine
the time to leave. I think
it better for C. to go first,
and see what he can, and
later Roberts to go over with
me, when he can examine
carefully anything C. desires
to have his attention directed
to, or that Skelding may show
them. Please advise Capt. M.
and Skelding as I may not
have time to write again

2)

so that letter can reach
you before I go—

We think C. had better
go before he starts No 2, and
Col Putnam, does not like
to have him and Roberts
away at the same time.

All well

Affectionately yours
John Meany

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 10th Dec., 1887.

My dear Levee

I expect to leave Monday 12th for Leitch
to attend U.S. Court in Covington and do
not know how long, may be kept. This
morning forgot your birthday came next
week. In remembrance of that event I have
transferred to you (60) sixty shares A.C. & D. Ry. Co.
as per certificate No 83 dated 5th August 1887
+ in your name. Have placed this with
your other certificates, with my papers
in Ashland N. Bank - Saw Searge
was in to day and said he thought
he might buy for you two (2) shares
Lrc B. Co. at less than par before long.
+ The ^{Sunday 11th} number and date of certificate will give
you enough to make the entry on your books.
Mother has taken a little cold and does
not feel well as she is right, but hope
she will be all right in day or two.

Louis Fearing has a new boy and calls
him John W. More birthday presents.

Bennie came up alone to day, and
will take Minnie Kildseth, who has
been at Aunt's for a day or two,
down with her. Will have a new
dog. Don't know what, if anything,
good for - Schmidt has the negatives
but the weather so cloudy has
not finished any -

Affectionately yours
John Meaup

Manitla
Dec 15/1887

Dear Bessie -

Please send us
at once (before Sunday) \$50. for we
do not wish to come away without
paying our board bill and then
we want something to come home
on, so do not wait but scrape up
the money and send it

Yours in haste
E. O. Mead.

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 17th Dec., 1887

My dear brother

Mr Symon's letter herewith explains itself. Don't think you had better mention it to S, or any one else just now. I will write F. G. to day and request him to write you himself on this matter, and to talk with you about it, when he next comes to Va.

I think these important matters to be learned and if you are paid for learning so much the better; but don't ^{you} make the compensation any point at present. You may show the 2nd page to Capt Merry. He will appreciate that marked X - - - X - and you can say to him, that the rest of letter referred to matters of which L and myself talked, not pertaining to Mr. work, and am agreed with L. as to the report

Reached home from Covington last evening.

The Big boats are running, but the water is scant for them. Mother is not very well and may not wish to start South, until she feels in better condition for traveling. Remember me to all,

Affectionately yours

John Means

Return F. G. to me

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 19th Decem., 1887

My Dear Leoke

Your of 16th came to hand after I had written you 17th intent. You did not reply to my question as to Subm & Co Bill for presents to Miss S. S. Kelding. Your memo for journal entry of A. C. & S. Stuk is right in itself.

If my memory serves me right, you entered other advancements, viz A. C. & S. \$2.00 and Norton D. W. \$2.00 to credit of "Self". If you intend to open an account for "Advancements" from me, it will be better to charge "Self" and credit "Advancements", for the \$4.00, explaining in your journal entry.

Mother is very much better yesterday and today. Will come last night, the boat was slow for low water, and left this afternoon on the Telegraph. If you can without offending, it might be well for you to hint to J. S. that he had better not push me too far on the matter of drink, if he desires to keep the place. Remember me to Capt W. and S.

Hoping to see you shortly,
Your affectionately
John Means

Mother and our trunk for both - so as you please about Cassin

Self To ~~Sum~~

Advancements ~~as per~~

For Two shares ^{of \$1000 each} of ~~each~~ as
per certificate 12410
dated 16 July 1886
Total 40 shares A C & S

How

2 and
over

Self To Advancements

From ~~Wm~~ Iron Works stock 2 shares

of \$1000 each as per certificate 12410

dated 16 July 1886 - (See Journal Page 1)

of A. C. & S. Stock 40 shares

of \$50 each as per certificate 1259

dated 12th July 1886

Note This entry is made ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{new} ~~new~~ ^{act} ~~act~~ "Advancements" -
~~above~~ ^{above} into the

Low Moor Va.
Dec. 19th 1887

Dear Father:

Your letter was received this morning - I showed the portion, marked, to Capt. Merry and he said that Mr. J. F. W. had stopt talking about steam hammers & on lands and had commenced on hot blast stoves - He wants four, 22 by 60, so Skelding told me today - but S. says that you & he had decided on 18 x 70 - three -

Skelding is about again after his fall and is assuming his natural color, purple.

The photographs & frames arrived safely Friday morning -

It is rumour that Miss Sadie
& Dr. are to be married tomorrow
Tuesday and go to ~~House~~ Covington
at once when they will take
rooms at the hotel. I sent
your present but withheld
my own until later. I thought
I had better wait for an after-
card or something of that kind.

I received tonight a letter
from Marietta saying that Lattie
Rathbone was to be married on
the 28th inst. I wish you
would get me a nice present
for her because there are none
left and I am "broke" anyhow.
The invitation to the above
wedding has just arrived in the
western mail.

How about that 1000 mile ticket -
I will expect to see you and the
remainder Saturday morning -
Yours E.C.W.

P.S. I hope that Mother is better and
will be able to start South -

CONDITION

—OF THE—

Ashland National Bank,

At the close of Business, December 31, 1887.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....	\$414,861 70	
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation.....	100,000 00	
U. S. Bonds on hand.....	100,000 00	
Other Bonds.....	25,911 35	\$640,773 05
Due from Bank.....	\$119,730 74	
Due from Treasurer U. S. Redemption Fund.....	4,500 00	
Cash on hand.....	38,747 39	\$162,978 13
Banking House and Furniture.....		12,800 00
Premium on U. S. States Bonds.....		31,000 00
Total Resources.....		\$847,551 18

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock.....	\$350,000 00	
Circulation.....	90,000 00	\$440,000 00
Surplus Fund.....	60,000 00	
Other Undivided Profits.....	\$ 9,941 82	\$69,941 82
Deposits, individual.....	\$334,334 37	
Due Banks.....	3,274 99	337,609 36
		\$847,551 18

W. C. RICHARDSON, Cashier.

January 2, 1888.

CASH STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Cincinnati, Portsmouth, Big Sandy & Pomeroy

PACKET CO.

December 31, 1887.

RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES.		
Cash on hand January 1, 1887.....	\$10,383 83	
Received from Steamer Bostona.....	16,251 61	
" " " Big Sandy.....	14,829 49	
" " " Telegraph.....	15,430 95	
" " " Bonanza.....	11,727 33	
" " " St. Lawrence.....	9,025 49	
" " " L. A. Sherley.....	6,716 16	
" " Chartered Boats.....	8,542 73	
" " Mail account.....	6,599 61	
" " Wharf rents.....	2,303 12	
" " Dividend Memphis Packet Co.....	7,000 00	
" " Dividend Con. Boat Store Co.....	1,500 00	
" " Interest.....	1,761 37	
Stock Account Mail Line Loan.....	8,720 00	
" " Cincinnati Wharf Boat Loan.....	1,000 00	
For sale of one-fifth interest in L. A. Sherley (cash \$1500.00, note \$500.00).....	1,500 00	
Received from sale of 6 Shares of Stock.....	660 00	
Rebate on Supplies.....	357 03	\$124,308 72
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid Repairs and Insurance on Packets.....	19,608 59	
" Wharf Boat Repairs.....	1,198 53	
" Salaries.....	14,006 09	
" Taxes.....	2,614 67	
" Expense Account.....	2,154 10	
" Wharf Account, rent.....	1,864 50	
" Loss and Damage.....	369 86	
" Accounts Payable.....	5,106 88	
" Bills Payable.....	7,050 00	
" Mem. Packet Co. Loan.....	5,000 00	
" Dividend 20 %.....	59,940 00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1887.....	5,395 50	\$124,308 72
RESOURCES.		
Steamer Big Sandy.....	65,000 00	
" Bonanza.....	58,000 00	
" Bostona.....	50,000 00	
" Telegraph.....	40,000 00	
" St. Lawrence.....	30,000 00	
" L. A. Sherley (four-fifth interest).....	8,000 00	
Cincinnati Wharf Boat 39-48.....	12,125 00	
Big Sandy Wharf Boat.....	27,500 00	
Stock Account.....	136,040 00	
	5,500 00	
Bills receivable.....	5,395 50	\$437,560 50
LIABILITIES.		
Capital Stock.....	300,000 00	
Bills Payable (Insurance Notes).....	7,050 00	
Accounts Payable.....	1,959 06	309,009 06
Surplus over Liabilities.....		128,551 44

[OVER]

Detailed Report of Repairs and Expenses.

	EARNINGS.	REPAIRS AND INSURANCE.	NET EARNINGS.
Steamer Bostona.....	\$16,251 61	\$5,391 40	\$10,860 21
“ Big Sandy.....	14,829 49	5,751 09	9,078 40
“ Telegraph.....	15,430 95	4,479 62	10,951 33
“ Bonanza.....	11,727 33	4,664 13	7,063 20
“ St. Lawrence.....	9,025 49	5,623 20	3,402 29
“ L. A. Sherley.....	6,716 16	2,708 21	4,007 95
Wharf Account.....	2,303 12	1,864 50	438 62
Chartered Boats.....			8,542 73
Mail Account.....			6,599 61
Steamer “L. A. Sherley,” sale of one-fifth int.			2,000 00
Dividend Memphis Packet Co.....			7,000 00
Dividend Con. Boat Store Co.....			1,500 00
Interest.....			1,761 37
Rebates on Supplies.....			357 03
			\$73,562 74
Deduct Wharf Boat Repairs.....		\$ 1,198 53	
“ Salaries.....		14,006 09	
“ Taxes.....		2,614 67	
“ Expense Accounts.....		2,154 10	
“ Loss and Damage.....		369 86	
			\$20,343 25
Net Profit.....			\$53,219 49

L. R. KECK, Treasurer.

January 1, 1888.