



THE
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HOTEL,

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Friend Ashley

Yours of the 5th recd
today. I wrote you Sunday also yesterday

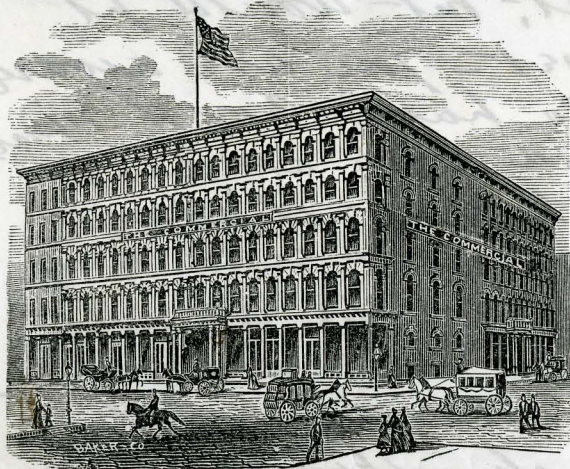
I am not ~~at~~ surpris'd
at Mr Lincoln getting tired as I think
he has the patience of "Job". I hope
he will be rewarded and as for as
myself it wont be my fault if he
aint. There is no use talking what
has pass'd, we have been shipping
about too much, and my ideas are
changed about the introduction of
signals or as to ^{the} manner of introducing
them.

Its all very well to fit up
Circles ~~models~~ &c but it dont
pay in the signal business after it is

done we must show the practical
working of it. as these R.R men
dont understand Electricity very
well and its too mysterious and
dark. I think so far I am right
and all the Big heads say you
are doing right in the manner
you go ahead so we can understand
now today I had a
Rock Island drop up who is
interested and then up goes Mr Swift
Supt of telegraph on that road and
his wall will go some.

Today a gentleman met
me and (says he) I met Mr Meker
Supt of Ill Central yesterday in Mr
Stromps office in course of conversation
the Bell was brought up - and Mr
Meker said it was a splendid thing
and what is wanted and that was
a question of little time before all the
Roads would adopt them. I can
rely on what he said - I merely mention
this to show you how things are
waking.

Now as regards the putting
up of the signal I wrote you sometime
ago how I wanted to put it up. It
was to be put up in connection with
the lines already in use & in the
same circuit of the Bell to money



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Show how it would work, as I
wrote before I had the small
station signal working and has
been, and by using it I made
some discoveries I could not without
and as it worked so well I let
it remain in, and the suggestion
of putting up a large one was
made by Mr Mitchell the old
Genl Supt of the I.C. who I made
the arrangement with. As to the
cost there will be nothing of any
account more than my time (which
don't or ain't accounted to much
only I have the privilege of brotting
now and then like all other things
and I thought it would be aviers if

If I suggested it; but would get
your opinion yet - you are aware
that Bliss & Co have 3 or 4 signals
of ours on hand and at last
accounts they hadnt disposed
of them. You neednt send any
more on, just yet. The expenses
of doing this up will probably be
my board &c, and the &c dont
amount to much. The St Louis
trip rather sent up expense acc-
some what, but I havnt gone up
high yet, and I hope as you say
we will get some contracts from
there but should rather to have them
start here first. Now you need not
think I am mad and its just
what I want to hear from you. The
Track Circuit I have not mentioned
as they would not like me to do anything
when "R" has laid claim on and
I have so far kept clear, and the
low business is alright as I have
got something secure and can beat
Hall or Rossau out and out and
it will answer my purpose in showing
the signal

I have not recd "Trunks"
letter yet - suppose it will be here
soon now. I recollect now what I
asked for. thats all right - now only



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wanted to know what plans we
had the way the Bell worked now
I understand Dr Hill
left for my last night - to see
Fulton so you will likely see him
are glad to hear John
is putting those signals in operation
as I see some R.R. men yesterday
who are going on the Erie Road
and I told them about them. I
hope you will have good luck in getting
a settlement with them, and as for
they are a hard lot

Hope you will finish that
Warr Case soon don't think there
will be much profit in it - to
either party, like all other law suits

The weather here is quite warm has been showing all day the ice is gone from the Lake.

Mr Holt is alright he thinks we should have the signals introduced more before we can fit it in a Co.

I understand Bliss + Co will be Bliss + Co until they dispose of the old stock and gradually throw his business into the U.S. if he can so of Titton just hurried up he can do something, or H. will tell you all about it. (He has got wealthy for it) He just started him right up - so perhaps L. G. T. will do him some good. Will write again in a few days. Regards to all I only wish "Frank" was here cant get up some patent arrangement so he can slip out here on acct of W. U. I understand that Lydruplex is rather a sell - its only

triple x, and hasnt worked only about an hour on the 4 sides. How is it? I see Edison got beat, and Parcott is sick. Its no wonder.

Then "Robinson" thinks he would rather give it up if we would Ek. He is a generous Cuss. Thats a polite way of asking us to just let him have just ask him if he dont want buy us out or make arrangement. Regards to all
S. C. T.