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Dear Mark,

Your letter of Saturday was read yesterday. I suppose that my letter of Saturday evening, draft and details which I sent to Hamilton yesterday and which could be forwarded to you at Wabash in turn to forward to you, I left them as soon as possible after getting your second letter.

As the letter has been in New York it looks to me as if it could have been better to have hired a carpenter and the RH. men could have done it before you left or they could probably do it. Harmen you could also have done about it. There is nothing more here since I wrote you on Saturday except that I wrote you at St. Louis. Your mother sent me a letter from Idaho.

The Western Car. & Maintenance Co. have furnished first to you in reply to your letter. I think that we have heard from Robinson. Lord writes that there is but one contract for R.R. signals on the Pacific Coast, the C. P. R.R. Co.

If we will send them a set of signals they will pay transportation on signals they will pay if they are not sold, then out, and back, if they are not sold, then put them up as C. P. R.R. and if they will adopt them, if we will give them the exclusive right of manufacturing, selling and selling M. & L., they will sell them at some price in gold, we do in San Francisco and pay us ten per cent royalty.
Have just applied to this go
job and don't know exactly what to say.

For I'm sent terms to run a pretty
good royalty on a thing that can
be re-manufactured so cheaply, and
which has cost us so much time
and money to develop.

Rochester
sent and found it to you. Suppose
it all back after the local Circuit
Claim. Would like you to ask down
and mention it. Know and find
as your ideas on it. May he means
to sign us in the local court.

We should get in the application for a
preliminary as soon as it. Can't be done
I've been up to see Livingston twice
today about it, but didn't catch him
either time. Shall try again
in the morning.

The stuff from the
L.R.R. has arrived and is up in
C. Unit. State. We haven't done any
thing about measuring negotiations with
Goodwin yet, but I'll get him a letter
for Hendrickson to hear his views.

Presume that Rochester will turn
in notice on the L.V. & C. T.W.R.R.
Schenectady to the same point as.
It may interfere with you on the C.

Mr. Wood you can tell them that
courteous to defend any party that
may be brought against any party
on your account.

Nothing else if
instant. All's pretty hard work for
money for The Phillips plan but that's get
though all right. I have fixed up another arrangement for one beloved friend. Present for this week. The Grandfather has disappeared from Present's quarters, and they are now experimenting with Wheatstone Automata.

Money is awful tight with me this week, and buying very well as usual. It just makes very little difference whether I sell any thing or not, known as I can't get any pay for what I do sell. I'll write you again in a day or two. Remember me to Miss, Mrs. Hill, and any other good friends you may see. Also to Sturge and my love friends.

Yours, J. N. Ashley

P.S. I didn't hear an order on Philip Co. Yet all the money you can get out of them.