

Milwaukee & Mississippi Rail Road

GENERAL OFFICE

Milwaukee, Wis Dec 16th 1859

Brother Amos,

Your letter of the 12th inst. Dec.
last evening, it pains me much to learn
that sister Camille is suffering from an
attack of Palsy, I was anxiously awaiting
to hear from home, as the palsy is so fatal
in our family & was fearful of the consequences,
she has been so feeble for a long time that her
Constitution cannot endure much, but I am
still in hopes that she will recover from this
unexpected prostration, I wish it were in my power
to render assistance, now so much needed, but distant
& the want of means prevent us from visiting home
at present, you have all the sympathy & Brother
and sister can feel in this trying time, I know
you will not let them suffer at home for anything
that you can help them to, & the rest we must
leave in the hands of a Merciful Father who ordain
all things for our good, I would like very much
to visit home, but it is ^{not} practicable for me to do
so, I can travel myself on a free ticket all over
the union, that is R. R. Union, but cannot take
any of my family, We are all very well, Giles attends

school, he will make a good scholar, but he is
troubled with stammering a good deal, I am
in hopes that he will out grow it, as it is natural
for our family; The weather this month is deligh-
-tful, no snow, (only a show for it,) Thermometer now
up at the freezing point. We have had but two cold
days this winter, one at zero & the other 10 below, but
we do have terrible winds, that seems to pierce you
through & through. Flour Cheap, say 5. at retail. pork
5. to 6. p Hog - Beef 3^c to 4^c p quarter. The steamers are
running across the lake to Grand Haven, - we are
just 200 miles from the Miss. Riv. The river is frozen
over from Rock Island to St Paul & teams are crossing
mile after mile and let me know all the particulars,
and with love to all, your affectionate Brother

Franks