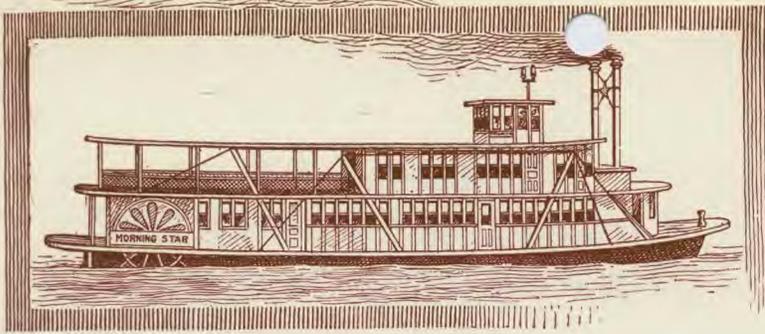


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J. E. WHITE, MASTER.

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C. H. Jones,

Pacific Press, Oakland, Cal.

Dear Brother:--

I have to-day received a letter from F. E. Robert, engraver at the R&H office. He states that he can come here and take hold of the work and stay till it is done. I wrote you in regard to this matter on the 26th of January, and hope for a reply at an early date. But as the matter is where it demands immediate action I will write again in regard to it, seeing I have more definite information respecting it.

Bro. Robert will come for the same wages he receives at the R&H which is 30 cts. an hour. He states that he is now much better prepared to do the work than he was when I saw him at B.C. as he has had some valuable experience. On the way down he proposes to make a stop in Chicago and look up some matters that he needs to know, or, that will be of benefit to him in the work, for he wants to join me in making the coming book the very best thing that is out. I am sure he will do his very best, and that he will get off more than twice as much work than he would if it were to be done at B.C.

He must know in regard to this immediately, for he was arranging to do some other work, for other parties, and must give an answer very soon in regard to the matter. Now, the matter lies right on the point of his wages. He wants it so that his wife can draw a portion of his wages from the R&H as she needs them, as he will leave her in B.C. I ask that Pacific Press settle the current expenses of the engraving on this book, for it will be theirs to pay any way. When C.O.S. came out the I.T.S. settled all the bills as the work progressed. If it were done by P.P. later they would pay these bills as they accrue. My desire is to have the work progressing while I am at work on the Mss. Then the book can be brought out much sooner than it could otherwise be brought out. As I stated before, I will be responsible for the work being satisfactory when it comes out, and will see that it is all right, if not, will make it so.

I think six weeks of Robert's time will finish the work. This will make a very small cost for such illustrating as we expect to do. In addition to his wages there will be his fare to and from the boat, which will be about \$40.00. If this stands in the way I will pay half of it out of my own pocket for the sake of having him with me when the designing is done. Of course, if you have some other work you would like to bring in in connection with this work it can be done, as he will be a P.P. employee. Please do not delay in this matter, for I have a great deal at stake in it, and whatever is done must be done at once.

If you have not already written your decision, please wire me here in regard to it, care box 326, postoffice.

Bro. Jones, the P.P. will lose nothing by complying with this proposition. I hardly know why I keep pressing the matter in this letter only because there is so much at stake that I want to make you see it. I shall look for your reply with much anxiety.

Your brother in the work,

J. E. White