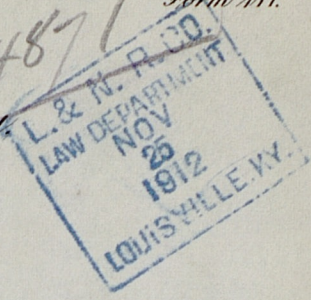


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Mr. Donohue.

I return herewith your letter of Oct, 17th regarding the above matter. I have taken statements from J T Vermillion and R.B. Gibson.

I am informed by Mr Forrester our road master on the C V that Mr Pirce of the Price Construction Co is now working on the double track of the L-N through Tennessee and Kentucky and Alabama. I am returning your letter that you may send it to one of the law agents in that territory

The Ingals Construction Co is no more. Harvey Ingalls who was at the head of the Company is now working somewhere in West Va. So far I have not located where or for whom he is working. I am trying to learn where he is and when I do I will take up with him for informatiion along the lines of your letter.

The Callison Const uction Co is also out of commission at this time. Mont Callisson who was at the head of it is now in Middlesboro. I have had a talk with him. Judge Faulkner had already seem him some time ago. He told Judge Falikner that he would think of being a wit ness against the Company, and on the other hand Faulkner said con sidering the relations between Callison and the Company he would not think of using him or asking him to testify.

The substa ce of what Callison would say is that while he was in the Construction buisness, which was about 7 years, he always thawed out his dynamite by open fire and that this is the customary way of doing the work, it is nevertheless dangerous to do so, and with in his own experience he had known of dynamite exploding when thawed by this means. When dynamite explodes so he says when thawing by this method it is usually caused by thawing it too rapidly. Then again he has know of dynamite taking fire when being thawed by this means and buring entirely up without any explosion. Callison thinks the safe way of doing this work is by means of thawing pots. He says the Belknap Hardware Company now have on the market dynamite thawing pots, and that he got a cut of one from or for Judge Faulk ner. I take it that you can get one from the Hardware people too if you like. A thawing pot is nothing more than this. There are two pots one smaller than the other which fits into the larger one. The larger one is filled with water and the dynamite put into the small er one. In this way the thawing of the dynamite is accomplished at an even degree of heat.

Whether an explosion has ever been known to happen by this means I have been unable to learn. I have written to the Du Pont Powder Company for some information about the proper way to thaw dynamite and am expecting to hear from them soon.

Miss Lovett
Please write to
11/26/12