Coal - Iowa

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Hill to Hamilton Browne Re Iowa coal."I have put the cars of coal to good use. Had several of our stationary engines try it and also had Supt. Lincoln of the S[iou]: City R.R. try it under a stationary boiler and on two locomotives. In every single case it gave entire satisfaction and proved itself superior to the ordinary western coal." Have brot up coal "as a fuel of manufacturing" in the Chamber of Commerce and a committee appointed to make the test but had no coal to give them. Re building a railroad to the coal.

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