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Hill to Hamilton Browne, Des Moines Washburn's line from Albert Lea to Forest City is in difficulties as is the Milwaukee & St. Paul because of the failure of the wheat crop. Bullock's machine should be proved before we adopt it [in coal mining?]

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