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TO: George S. Bangs
FROM: R. S. Stevens

Oct. 19th, 1875

Geo. S. Bangs, Esq.
Supt., Ry. Mail Service

Dear Sir:-

The Hannibal and Saint Joe. Railroad Companies in connection with the Toledo, Wabash and Western Company, are running a fast train, leaving Kansas City at 4.45 p.m. daily arriving in Toledo at 5.35 p.m. (thus making the run of Seven hundred miles in Twenty four hours and fifty minutes.)

The regular passenger train, leaving New York City via the New York Central and Hudson River R.R. at 8 p.m., arrives in Toledo 11.05 p.m. next evening; while the fast mail train, leaving New York next morning at 4 a.m. via the same Line, arrives in Toledo about the same time as the passenger train, leaving at 8 p.m. the previous evening. The train over the T. W. & W., West leaving at <?> p.m., thus connects with the regular express, and fast mail train from the east over the Lake Shore Road.

Now, if the Toledo Wabash and Western Ry. would increase their speed westward to correspond with the speed of the train bound east, would not this be the Line over which to send all Neb., Missouri, excepting Saint Louis, all of Kansas and the southwest.

The train mentioned as leaving Kansas City at 4.45 p.m. for the east makes better time by several hours than if passengers go or mails are sent via Chicago to the east.

This Company would be very glad to get the views of your department upon this subject and if favorable, have a personal consultation with you in reference to the propriety of adapting the Line west via T. W. & W. & H. & St. Joe. Rys. to Kansas City, Atchison & St. Joseph for all mail trains.

Yours respectfully,

¹FROM: Letter Book, "FROM R.S.S. - 1875-76."

R. S. Stevens