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CABLE ADDRESS:
"NUMLATUS."

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Dear Mr. Hill:

Gen. Dodge was in quite a genial state of mind last evening at the Club, and, after saying some nice things about you, asked me to write to you about as follows: 'That he was 62 years of age, and you were 64, and that it was time for you to call a halt and not proceed further, and that it would do you good to come East and have a good long chat with him.'

The foregoing is calculated to give you the impression of what he said to me half a dozen times in different language, according to my best recollection. I thought at the time, that he referred to what you were doing, or what he thought you might be doing, in relation to the Portland route; but very likely the language may mean more to you than it did to me. The language, however, has some relation to the Union Pacific, and I fancy also to something that Mr. Shelby has been urging you to do, or respecting which you have been conferring with Mr. Shelby.

I see by the paper, that you have become a Director of a new Trust Co., which has just started.

I am sorry you could not be here this evening, to attend the sale of the paintings belonging to the Osborn and Edwin Thorne Estates (only three to the latter) and to E.S. Chapin.

Wishing you a pleasant trip, I am

J.J. Hill, Esq.

*Yours sincerely,
Edwin Thorne*