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Feb. 17th, 1893.

Mr. J. J. Hill.
City.

Dear Sir;-

In reply to your esteemed favor of the 11th inst. I beg to say, It is the desire of the Directors of the Commercial Club to call a special meeting of the club for next week, at which time the Public Library Committee, will introduce certain resolutions, a copy of which I enclose herewith. It would afford the club much gratification if you would consent to be present at that meeting, and in a short address present your views upon the question of securing a Public Library & Auditorium. We would suggest either Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

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according to your convenience.

Yours Truly,

E. L. Danforth

Secretary.

RESOLVED.FIRST.

That the time has come for a determined and systematic effort to secure for the City of St. Paul, a building suitable to the uses of a Public Library and Auditorium.

SECOND.

That, as the first step toward the acquisition of such a building, the present City Market House and ground should be sold at as early a date as possible, and the net proceeds held as a nucleus for the building fund.

THIRD.

That the Library Committee be authorized to present the following petition through the Ramsey Co. delegation,

WHEREAS. The present Market House of the City of St. Paul, has not only ceased to be useful for the purpose originally intended, but has been a positive detriment to business interests, and Whereas, there is doubt as to the legal authority of the City Councils to dispose of this property, under existing conditions, therefore, We, the members of the Commercial Club of St. Paul, do hereby petition the honorable Senators and Representatives from Ramsey Co. to secure as soon as possible, such legislation as will enable the City of St. Paul, to sell said Market House and the ground appertaining thereto, and apply the net proceeds toward the erection of a Public Library and Auditorium.

FOURTH.

That it is the sense of this body, that the best interests of the City would be subserved by the erection of the Public Library and Auditorium upon the centre of Rice Park.