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THE North Western Packet Company,

JOHN LAWLER, President,
GEO. A. BLANCHARD, Secy and Treas.
WM. E. WELLINGTON, Superintendent.

GENERAL OFFICE
DUBUQUE IOWA.

Dubuque, Iowa, Jan 4 1865

James J. Hill Esq.

Dr Sir

When you are at Chicago
go to the "Shuman Room" occasionally, Mr. Blodman
is liable to be at Chicago any day - and you
may meet him there. Should you meet him there
telegraph me immediately and I will come
on on first train - and we will have a
definite understanding, about S. Paul Agency.
Telegraph me soon as you arrive at Chicago
as I may want to see you. Write also full
particulars of arrangements made with today,
and your ideas of what you think best
and what you want.

Yours Truly
Wm E Wellington

North Western Packet Co.

GENERAL OFFICE,

Dubuque, - - Iowa.

(If not called for please return.)

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James J. Hill, Esq.
Care Briggs House
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WM. E. WELLINGTON, Superintendent.Dubuque, Iowa, July 2^d 1865

J J Hill Esq

Dear Sir

Born of Jan'y 27th at hand
before receiving it I had accepted Mr Seymour's
proposition to furnish us ice, do not let
Mr Seymour or any one else know I wrote
you about it. His price was, deliver on the
Boat at 25¢ per ton. and is to be kept
sprinkled. I intended to let you attend to
it. but if you can make any arrangement
by which you can do better, do so, and
you can say to Mr S. you will write me
about it. but if you cannot do better, or
as well. I will hold him to his contract
as I suppose him to be responsible. I
had better if you can, get the control of
the ice at that point. by so doing you
may make a good thing out of it. You now
know all arrangements I have made
and can govern yourself accordingly.

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And if there is more money to be made on the whole by siding our long arrangement, &c. &c.

Bump knows nothing. Neither does Davidson. all in our said to Davidson was which at Milwaukee. which was that I did not like the way in which B. & C. treated us in that out had aid from that, our business had been done tolerable well, but I thought them very expensive men, and would not agree to appoint them as our agents in connection with him. unless we could have something more definite and satisfactory than we had last season. You can not say on this point, as they know nothing, although they may sound pretty thoroughly.

We expect to meet Davidson soon, and will arrange matters, and will let you know, soon after that as possible. Hardly think I can let you know before B. goes east, in fact I think he had better know nothing of it till he returns from the East, as he

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will not then place my clocks in our way
there, and may work for us to some extent
thinking to use it as a leverage to bring us to
him. We will please you so far as we can
as we understand the position you are in.
I know nothing as yet about the Packet Agency,
some as the thing is definitely settled will
satisfy you. We do not think we I the
best means for that purpose by any means
of means, but we have to be governed
by other interests in that matter. We hope
to have one or two small boats for the
Minnesota River, but have not bought any as
yet. We have barges just right for that
River, but have made no arrangements
for unloading them at St Paul. The floating
Quarantine in thought of purchasing, cannot
be bought. It is doubtful whether we
can get yet one. Yours Truly
Wm E Wellington

PERSONAL
North Western Packet Company
JOHN LAWLER, President.
GEORGE BLANCHARD, Secy & Treasr.
WM E. WELLINGTON, Superintendent.
Pittsburgh March 28th 1865
Dear Sir. *Personal*

Yesterday I bought the Steamer
"Julia" a Steam Wheel Boat. 15 feet
shorter than the Samuel. and 6 inches
less beam. She is the same age (new)
of the Samuel draws 16 inches water
will carry 300 Tons. has a very little
more power than the Samuel. and I
think is considerably faster. is complete
in every way. has a Steam Cap. steam. & fire
pumps. balance rudders. and everything
else that you would see on a Steam Wheel boat.
She has a much finer Cabin than the
Samuel and a nice outfit in the
Cabin. has top top staterooms accommodates
a nice little Passengers in her. in fact she

is decidedly a tasty little craft.

is new, pretty, runs well, is very
light. Handles anywhere in any kind of
a wind my boat can run in. And is
by all odds the best stern wheel boat
that ever went up the Minnesota River.

She will leave here about the 3^d or 4th of
April and I expect to get her through
the Lake soon as it opens. Jack Reamy
will come here and I hope she will
have the passengers, which we hope
to merit. You can get the location
of your passenger, to speak of her
as we have bought her expressly for
the Minnesota River. I wish you
would try and engage two good
Minnesota River Pilots. for her.
We do not know what the drays will
be on that River. but will pay
the same freight as on. And with

I wish a gift. I should think the pilots
would prefer her. to one of the "Sardis"
Join on them to be any gov^t contracts.
for furnishing oats. grain out don. if
dr. begin with the 2 months. we can
facilitate our long run etc. we can
buy at Sub. make our own tariff
and ship when we please. Keep an
eye out for all these chances and let
us know at Sub. B. & Co. have plenty
of funds and can back up anything
they undertake. & when you do any-
thing there is money in. we can let the
5th Paul have funds at a fair
rate of interest. and can go for the
risk. I will be at 5th Paul soon
as the Pri opens. in the meantime
look out for all chances. and keep us
posted. let us know we are
together. much will depend on that

they may suspect and limit
much as they please. but if
they know nothing, all will be
well,

I am Truly
Yours
Welling ton

Pittsburg June 26/65
Dr Hill

When I wrote you this After
I omitted to say. we expect to find
one or two boats on the Missouri
River beside the Julia. Should there
be any pilots - that prefer working for us
to Davidson - you can say to them we
expect to run these Boats then. how at
any rate. and good men can have
good butts with us. by negotiating
with Davidson till they see us.

Yours Truly
Gallington.

J. N. CONGER,
AGENT.

Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien Railway.

TRANSPORTATION OFFICE.

Prairie du Chien, May 18 1865

J. N. Conger

Dr Sir.

I have bought
for you 18,000 bushels oats. they
will come along very day. 850
bushels are in St. Louis. I told
Mr B. to write you. to say to any
of the Boats asking what the
oats are. to say to them that they
are government freight. and you do
not know what we will get on
them. you understand this.

Mr Barr & Elmsdorf have about
200 bushels ready to ship on this
Boat, but she cannot take them.
Mr Barr threatened to ship them
on the G. S. boats. and I think

[5-10-65]

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He will do so, if the Drubs has
 them. you had better refuse to
 receive them. I told Bass not to
 ship them on anything but our line.
 & Edmunds told him. you had ord-
 ered them shipped by St. Louis. Bass
 said he didn't care a damn. he would
 ship them on the Drubs. if he does
 or, do not touch them under any
 circumstances whatever. if you hear
 from him, you can buy them. his shipping
 them on any outside point will release you
 from any agreement you made about taking
 them. I go up on Starlin tomorrow do not
 expect to go through as he. but will telephone
 you from above. Sincerely
 J. N. Conger

PERSONAL

Dear John 29/15

Dr Sir.

I send you two papers, enclosed telegram will explain, find the parties, if they have any more in letter will furnish them.

Don't know how the parties are to get to D^r Paul. Probably Customers has attended to that. There are all the telegraphs for.

I go to Sat. from here. Shall not start up again till after the 4th. There is a group of our Boats. Have discussions on the 4th and I have to be there to attend to them. Blanchard has gone East, will be gone about three weeks. I shall try and arrange it so I will not have to return to Sat. till he returns. Probably I will start up with the morning of July 5th or 6th. Shall be at 5th about the 10th or 12th. Have a good deal to attend to as I guess. Our Co's Attorney will accompany me to settle some claims, this will detain us a few days.

Watch the board of trade arrangement closely. I am afraid some one has given assurances to them, that the present firm

oats will continue for the season high
or low water. I am not familiar any such
arrangement has been given. But it now looks
that way. though it may be a trick the
B of T. are pulling to get us to guarantee
joint oats for the season. you will have
to be very cautious about it. find out who
has done it. if there has been any such
offer made. The "dams goods" are not all
dead yet, and some one may have made
such an offer. who ought to know better if
Dr. we are in the ring. but we want to
know the whole affair. is Penn all ok.
are you sure D has not bought him.
Watch your points close and say nothing.
we are fairly in the ring and do not mean
to be beaten. The Savannah Lin. made
a rate on James Gordon's' oats to St Paul
we took the oats. we are to deliver them
at St Paul not at the Port. Should any
go in bulk to the Port. the buyers can
go up with them to be returned immu-
diately. Let me hear from you soon
& often. Keep Wilkins posted daily about
B of T. matters?

Dr & C
Wellington

Report of Salt received in ship's cargo from April 1865 to December 1865

Date	Consignee	Boat	Pkts	Bags	Sacks
April 27	J J Hill	Northern Light	140		
May 3d	J M Stoddard	" "	2		
" 4th	J J Hill	Diamond Is	145		
August 24th	J J Hill	Wilmaukie	40		
Sept 8th	Edw Koraung	Diamond Is	1		
April 28th	E Holmes	War Eagle		1	
" 7	Braun & Kelly	" "	265		
" 8th	J J Hill	" "	300		
" 5th	J D Braumont	Wilmaukie		1	
" "	J J Hill	" "	251		
" "	A Kelly	" "	130		
" "	P & M Quillan	" "	433		
May 15th	J J Hill	Northern Light	140		
" 14th	J J Hill	Diamond Is	200		
" 26th	J J Hill	Key City	200		
June 12th	C Wicks & Co	Alasca	10		
" 13th	C Wicks & Co	Wilmaukie	140		
" 15th	J J Hill	Key City	251		
" 16th	J J Hill	War Eagle	200		
" "	C Wicks & Co	" "	60		
" 19th	A Kelly	Wilmaukie	376		
" 25th	J J Hill	Key City	200		
" 26th	J J Hill	War Eagle	200		
" "	A Kelly	" "	21		
" 29th	J J Hill	Wilmaukie	251		
Sept 14th	Paul D. & Laman	Northern Light	1		
Sept 26th	H Rodgers & Co	" "			20
May 7th	J James	" "	130		
" 2nd	J James	Key City	130		
" 1st	C Wicks & Co	" "	200		
" 3rd	P & M Quillan	Diamond Is	40		
" 10th	J J Hill	Northern Light	300		
" "	P & M Quillan	" "	41		
" 11th	P & M Quillan	Key City	355		
" 14th	P & M Quillan	" "	41		
June 28th	J J Hill	War Eagle	251		

Date	Consignees	Boat	Pkgs	Pops	Sacks	Pkgs
June 27 th	C. Hude & Bro	War Eagle				10
July 15 th	J. Kelley	Lux City	25			
"	Franklin & Kelley	War Eagle	25			
July 25 th	Franklin & Kelley	Lux City	5			
" 25 th	J. J. Hill	Itasca	240			
" 28 th	Perkins & Sagers	Wilbraukie				
" 29 th	Perkins & Sagers	Northern Light	1	1		
Sept 1 st	J. Kelley	Wilbraukie	14			
" 11 th	Franklin & Kelley	Itasca	67			
" 15 th	J. J. Hill	Itasca	150			
" 19 th	J. Kelley	Northern Light	14			
" "	J. J. Hill	"	1511			
" 18	E. S. House	Lux City	25			
" 23	J. J. Hill	"		25		
" 24	P. Pringle	War Eagle		13		
Oct 6	J. C. Baynet & Co	Wilbraukie	23	10		
" "	J. Kelley	"		5		
" 4 th	J. Kelley	Northern Light	2			
" 7 th	P. Pringle	War Eagle	30			
" "	J. Wilmans	"	288			
" 11 th	Franklin & Kelley	"	55			
" 20	J. J. Hill	Itasca	26			
" 29 th	J. C. Baynet & Co	Lux City	40			
" 30	Franklin & Kelley	Itasca	65			
" 30	J. Kelley	"	14			
Nov 6	J. J. Hill	Wilbraukie	350			
Sept 21	Franklin & Kelley	"	67			
" "	J. Kelley	"	144			
" "	T. Lant	"	100			
" 26	Franklin & Kelley	"	134			
" "	P. Pringle	"			25	
" 28	J. Wilmans	Lux City	100			
" 29	J. Wilmans	War Eagle	120			
" 30	J. Kelley	Itasca	40			
" "	Franklin & Kelley	"	66			
Oct 1 st	J. C. Baynet & Co	War Eagle		140		
" 6	J. C. Baynet	Itasca			1	
" 8	J. Dunham	Lux City			1	
" 11	J. J. Hill	Itasca	50			
" "	J. Wilmans	"	77			
" "	H. Morris	"	210			
" "	P. Pringle	"	60			
" 12 th	Franklin & Kelley	Northern Light	137			
" "	J. Kelley	"	40			

Date	Consignees	Boat	Bills	Boxes	Sacks	Totals
Oct 16 th	O. J. Smith	Stasca	3			
" 22 th	H. Morris	Milwaukee	75			
Nov 16 th	Chaupre & Kelley	Ky City	20			
" 18 th	J. H. Hill	Stasca	600			
" 11 th	H. E. Raynolds & Co	Diamond Jo	100			
" 17 th	Chaupre & Kelley	Milwaukee	210			
" 19 th	Chaupre & Kelley	Diamond Jo	20			
" 8	Robertson, Morrison & Co	Milwaukee	100			
Total			9165	101	115	



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