

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER



[1866, April 15]

Articles of Agreement made the first day of April A.D. 1866 between Jas J. Hill of the City of Saint Paul Minnesota of the one part and Blanchard & Wellington of the City of Dubuque Iowa of the other part as follows,

- The said parties above named have agreed and by these presents do agree to become copartners together for the purpose of transacting in the City of Saint Paul a general transportation Storage and Commission business
- The name and style of the firm shall be Jas. J. Hill
- The partnership shall commence on the first of April 1866 and shall terminate on the 31st of March 1869.
- It is agreed that for the use of the above firm in transacting the above business the said Jas. J. Hill puts in a cash capital of twenty five hundred dollars and said Blanchard & Wellington five thousand dollars
- It is agreed that the said Jas. J. Hill shall give his entire time and attention to the business of the firm and that the said Blanchard & Wellington shall not give their entire time and attention but shall by advice or otherwise do all they can to advance the interests of the firm

Neither party shall receive any salary for services rendered

— It is agreed that two books of accounts of the business of said firm shall be kept in which each partner shall see that all his transactions in any wise pertaining to the business of the firm shall be duly and correctly entered and that these books shall be open at any time to the inspection and examination of either party

It is agreed that if on the closing of the books of the firm at the end of any fiscal year ~~a loss shall be~~ if it shall be found a loss has been made said loss shall be shared equally by the respective parties to this agreement —

— It is agreed that if the net profits of the business are from one dollar to three thousand dollars that all of such profits shall be paid to J. as J. Hill if the net profits are from three to five thousand dollars that J. as J. Hill shall receive the same three thousand dollars and Blanchard & Wellington the balance if the net profits are from five to twelve thousand dollars J. as J. Hill shall receive four thousand dollars and Blanchard & Wellington the balance if the net profits are over twelve thousand dollars J. as J. Hill shall receive one third of the sum and Blanchard & Wellington the balance

It is agreed that the fiscal year shall commence on the first day of February

Agreement

Lat. J. Hill

with

Blanchard & Bellington

OFFICE OF
THE
North Western Packet Company,
JOHN LAWLER, President.
GEO. A. BLANCHARD, Secy & Treasr.
WM. E. WELLINGTON, Superintendent.

Dubuque, Iowa. April 11th 1866

J. J. Hill Esq

Sir

Gent of 2nd of hand, we are
glad to learn you are getting along so well with
the new warehouse. Just by the time the River
opens it will be ready to occupy. As to the
St. Louis trade we are willing to do anything rea-
-sonable, to secure it, but we think the people
up that River, do not know what they want.
we tried to accommodate them last season at a
great loss to ourselves, but we found them very
independent, and always wanting more. And
not willing to give ~~any~~ in return. The same
kind of an accommodating spirit even as we
showed them, we are in doubt if we run two
boats a day to Stillwater whether it would be
enough to satisfy them, they would want connecting
for each Boat above Stillwater. we feel if the
Diamond Jo. was run there. She is so much better
boat than they have ever had, or any Trip up
in this trade. that after a few trips they would
probably become they could not run the Station Light

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or Milwaukee run them. if there was no other
 reason, they would be afraid that I would have to
 lay up for wind, when a side wheel Boat might
 run. I tried to accommodate them last year, and for
 every dollar I received from the S^c Co. I spent two
hundred cents. I don't propose to steamboat in that
 way any more. if the people of the S^c Co. want
 a Boat or two Boats a day to run up that River
 I will furnish them any Boat or Boats they want
 and all the cargo necessary. provided they will
 give me business enough to pay the Boats bills.
while running them. this is all I ask. if we have
 not such Boats as they want I will buy such as
 are needed, and put them in them to run, just as
 long as this river is navigable. - But I will not
 put in a Boat to run, and to be abroad as we
 were last season. If they want a Boat from us
 they can come to me, tell me what they want
 and what they will give in return, and I will
 waste no words nor time with them. will tell them
 what I will do at once. they have never had any
 business from this Co but what has been done

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them fulfilled. I am easy about them. if they want
 me they must come for me. I would not quit at-
 for them or anyone's business. if I get all the time to
 be running after them, the thing must be mutual or I
 will not go for it. I've been fooled by them once, and
 I don't propose to be again. I wrote Mr. S. Brown.
 Stillwater in the winter asking what they wanted to
 be assured, it was hard to tell what was wanted
 but promised to write me again. I've heard nothing of
 him since, so I take it "nobody knows what they want,"
 till they find out. So far as we are concerned, we shall
 not trouble ourselves about them, we think they are
 like Jeff Davis. "want to be let alone" perhaps that
 they will find out what they want. If they have 250
 pounds of silver per day, or 2500, &c. and are willing
 to ship and pay down as other people do, they will
 have no difficulty in doing so. If any of them wish
 to see me and talk with me, I'll be on hand at
 any time, but I will not go far or do about the
 mouth of the S. River, to see any or all of them.
 If they will treat me like a man and in a business
 like manner, I'll do the same with them, but they'll

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Not have the opportunity to write with me any more
my son. You now can understand how I feel
about the 5th Co's trade. I'll do it if they wish
and will pay me for it - but I will not do it
without they do pay me. When they make up
their minds to this, they can notify me, then
I shall not come for them.

We trust you will be able to secure a good
share of the Northfield and Jamisbault trade, the
up trade especially. We think a few of the first
trips made by the Indian up M^{rs} River ought
to pay too big. We ought to get big rates too
Jack to "go for" them all the season. We will be
up on one of the first Boats, and will arrange
matters. I think Sandus will go up before
the Lake opens, secure him if you have to do
his business for nothing.

Yours Truly
Wm E Wellington

Folio..... **FIRST DIVISION ST. PAUL & PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.**

Form No. 5.

For TERMS and CONDITIONS on which Freight is transported by this Company, see the published Freight Tariff which is posted up in all Freight Houses of the Company, and which is to be taken and considered as part of the contract of transportation between this Railway Company and their customers.

B. Rosenberg & Son
Orleans

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Way-Bill No. To the **FIRST DIVISION SAINT PAUL & PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, D.**

From Car For Transportation of Freight from *Orleans* to *ER Leek River*

No. Pkgs.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	WEIGHT.	RATE.	FREIGHT.	ADV. CHARGES.	TOTAL.
✓ 4	Pkgs H Mace ✓					
✓ 2	Bdls Hocs ✓					
✓ 3	" Forks ✓					
✓ 1	Key H Teeth ✓					
✓ 1	Pool Malse ✓					
✓ 1	Rest Liner ✓					
✓ 1	Box 6 Miles ✓					
✓ 1	Pig Tin ✓					
✓ 3	Bals Paper ✓					
✓ 1	Box Axes ✓	1170		3 50		3 50
Paid Wight						

[Enclosed in Henry J. Rosenberger to J. D. Hill, July 22, 1905]

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B Rosenberg & S

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Way-Bill No. To the FIRST DIVISION SAINT PAUL & PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, Dr.

From Car for Transportation of Freight from St Paul to Elk River

No. Pkgs.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	WEIGHT.	RATE.	FREIGHT.	ADV. CHARGES.	TOTAL.
✓ 1	Bdl Spades ⑥	✓				
✓ 1	" Shovels ③	✓				
✓ 64	Pots & Kettles	✓ 27 1/2	12 shov	received 25	38	63
✓ 1	Bx A Mail	✓				
✓ 1	Bdl Squares	✓				
✓ 1	" Sheet Iron	✓				
✓ 6	to Stoves	✓ 1#9 1#8 2#7				
✓ 32	Spiders	✓ 2500		7.50		7.50
received 12	Spidues			Paik	mign	3.50
						11.00

Enclosed in Henry J. Rosenberg to 88 Hill, July 22, 1905

Dat May 21/66

J. L. Hill Esq.

Dear Sir

I wish you would
take care of our Mendota freight
and receipt for it for the present.
to our Boats - and I will arrange
with you for or doing - we do not
wish our freight to be left as it
has at ~~some~~ - the town division
Boats I wish to be able to show
a clear receipt for all they do
attend to this and I will make
it all right with you

Yrs Truly
Geo E Wellington

660 all Lake & Rail

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W B. Houswood

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W^m E WELLINGTON, DUBUQUE.
P. S. DAVIDSON, SUPERINTENDENT, LA CROSSE.

Dubuque, Iowa, July 7 1866

Dear Jim,

Yours of 4th at Hand - Tle
B- of it he is with you by this
train. let em draw and draw &
draw. its a "long lane has no turn"

I think the old fellow is feeling of you
to see how much money you can raise.
& if you can raise money he will smell
tar. - if he will let you have money
& you can get his consent to charge
for advancing - he good enough for you
but he probably has taken this method
to learn if you can raise any money &
if you can he will make up his mind
who is in it. look out for him - be
d - d - honest with him & if you have
no money (if any else) you may get him
when you can make something. but
talk with B- & look out for him - I
will be up soon with Capt Rhodes - to attend
to the affairs keep news about it I'll tell you

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WM F. DAVIDSON, SUPERINTENDENT, DUBUQUE.
P. S. DAVIDSON, SUPERINTENDENT, ST. LOUIS.

Superintendent's Office.

Dubuque, Iowa, Aug 29 1864

J. D. Hile Esq

Dr Sir.

I've not heard from you in a long time, but presume something is going on badly as one can expect. or we would have known it. There are a good many things moving in various quarters, and we keep pretty well posted. That matter (Dick Gray) you wrote Mr B. about is all right no one can beat me in that quarter when the wheel comes around we can move. About the oats - rate &c. you will have to be the judge - you had better make a rate with the old man if you can. Say for about 5¢ per bush. ~~that then~~, you can say the "Lady Pile" offers to take a large quantity, whatever the amount of contract is for 5¢ per bush and you of course expect to get as good rates as outsiders. I would not

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figure however at anything less than the regular rates, for in spite of premiums, the River may get so low as not to be able to get them up for less than 20¢. "Livingston" has written down to know what we can get them for, for, they announced him 30¢ for bulk-sacked, and about 30¢ bulk. There are about the best rates, though possibly we may be able to buy a little less, but would not figure as less, if you get the contract we will do best as can, but the out crop this year really is short, they will sell higher instead of lower. Remember this all the time, the yield was not as big as expected, and many oats have grown in the shock, - consequently there are a great many damaged oats. How many does that contract call for and when when and how delivered, let me know details, and if you get the contract

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We will do but we can in buying.
I will see we get bargains to get them
up. I will be up pretty soon. and
see you. but cannot tell when, all
depends on circumstances, but I shall
not remain much longer away and
will spend a few days at St Paul when
I get there. our prospects ahead for
business look remarkably well, and
I presume "Hill" can figure for himself
to make a good living out of it.
Our freight via P & O China will lead
I think. in you, I hope will make "bad
and better". I have nothing special to
communicate - nor no instructions. The "Old
man" will attend to all business. Let me
hear from you occasionally.

Yours Truly
Wm E. Wellington.

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Superintendent's Office.

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JOHN LAWLER, GEN. MANAGER, PRAIRIE DU CHIEN.
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Dubuque, Iowa, Aug 31 1866

J. D. Hill Esq

Dr Sir

"Edith" and the "Cobles"
Came safe to hand. will settle bill
for "Cobles" when I come up. as for
"Edith", Mrs W. cannot express thanks enough
for "her" - she has fallen in love with it. Says
"Thank Mr Hill very very much for it." and
say to him. "When I find an "Edith" to
match this one, I'm going to send her
to him." I suggested to her perhaps "Bellevue"
was that "Edith" but she don't believe it.
Am looking for the "old man" down today
but the "Bellu" is behind time, and he
may turn her back, from the Prairie, though
I think it doubtful. he (old man) is coming
her a good deal of late. but I guess this
end of the River is kept up full as well
as the other, and will have a close confine-
ment. we have been having heavy rains the
last two or three days. and the River is rising

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Way-Bill No. 35 To the FIRST DIVISION SAINT PAUL & PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, Dr.
From Car 31 For Transportation of Freight from [Big Lake] to [St. Cloud]

No. Pkgs.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	WEIGHT.	RATE.	FREIGHT.	ADV. CHARGES.	TOTAL.
✓ 1	Box & Nail					
✓ 1	Box Nails					
✓ 1	Box Iron					
✓ 3	Box Bars					
✓ 3	Box Nails					
✓ 1	Box					
✓ 1	Box Irons					
✓ 1	Box Axes (3)					
✓ 1	Box & Nail	4550	2.10	13.10		
✓ 1	Box Iron (2 Broken)					
✓ 1	Box & Shoes					
✓ 8	Box Stores					
✓ 17	Box Nails (Sea)					
✓ 1	Box Spiders					
✓ 1	Box Stores (Cushy)					
✓ 1	Box					
✓ 15	Box Irons (2 Broken)					
✓ 1	Box Bars					
✓ 3	Box					

Chgs on Freight & Freight
F.L.A.

23.25 25.55
36.35 } \$41.90
4.20
\$66.10

Recd Payt
W W Wright Agt

quite fast. hope it has extended north
far enough to hold the River to a good
Boating stage. if it rains North of you
as it does here. there will be no trouble
about not having water enough. It
looks as if our up trade was going to be
big this fall. hope so. I think also there
will be a fair share go by the Prairie.
Charlie Mac. was telling me how the "old man"
"fixed" the tollage up. Charlie Mac's youngest
boy fell off a shed the other day. and fractured
his skull. I think brain fever has now set
in. and they have but very little if any hope
of his recovery. Charlie has not been to the office
since the Lapseford. should he lose the boy
it will be a severe loss to Charlie and his family
this may detain him from getting around soon
as he otherwise would. he is to attend to all our
and short freight and baggage now. and settle
for same. I will be up soon. or will with
all I know. or I'll not have anything to talk
with you about - How the oats. Give my love
and a kin to that "Redheaded Agent" and
accept regards for yourself and all enquiring
friends if any. Yours truly Geo D Wellington

Dubugan Oct 29/64

J. D. Hill &

Dr Sir

Yours about Corn
& oats at hand - we have
purchased a few oats but find
have been carrying them up
so far as there was more money
in selling here than in shipping
to S. & C. - they are now worth
50 to 50¢ per bushel - oats on hand
will be 18 to 20¢ - we will be
able to get some and ship
you but the quantity we can
say nothing about as they come
in very slowly - think by latter
part of this week we will
make you a shipment. Corn
is out of the quarantine what
little there was here and

Below this point was bought
up before I returned from
St Paul - There is money in
corn, but it is not to be
had - Mr Blanchard will
talk with you about corn
& oats. He will telegraph
as if we are warranted
in paying more than 50¢ for
oats sacked here - would the
Harmon, even as Rein does
have oats enough to St Paul
to run the price down. we
think they will. I think
farmers who are intending
to hold oats at St Paul this
winter will be wrong in that
but you are better posted than
we about the market & we will
by what we can for 50¢ & less
I hope you I will be up by
or before the 15th Nov
Yrs Truly Wellington

Geo. A. Blanchard

Wm. C. Wellington

Blanchard & Wellington
Railroad and Steamboat Transportation Agents.

No. 8 Levee,

Dubuque, Iowa, Dec 18th 1866

J. J. Hill &

Dear Sir

We have pleasure to inform you
on our Books the amount of your claim against
St. Paul & Northern Pacific Co. \$841.95, which we believe settles
that claim in full. We are anxious to
close the books of John S. Williams Esq. and
wish you would send us statement of a sale
of Coal and if there is any coal yet
on hand, if you will take it at cost or what
it is worth to you, do so, as this is the last
coal sale recorded on their books. we wish
to close it at once, that their books may be
"closed on the shelf" you will please remit
us balance of Coal sale, deducting what we
may be owing you on other accounts if you choose.
Please give this your earliest attention as we
wish this coal business all closed by day 1st

[12-13-66]

Dear A. Blanchard:

Wm. E. Wellington?

Blanchard & Wellington
 Railroad and Steamboat Transportation Agents,
 No. 8 Levee,
 Dubuque, Iowa, 186

The amount of our charges against you on
 D.S. Dr. & Co. book is \$809.42. When will
 you be down? and will you come to Dubuque?
 we would like to see you. I should not
 want you in Chicago. Come to Dubuque and "work
 with us a while." Our Mr. B. is now East, will
 return about Jan. 15. We are things looking at
 St Paul and vicinity, down in Indiana and his
 "cat." give us a few days notice before you arrive
 here and we will be at home to greet you &
 will have everything in readiness for your "blatant
 excursion" we have been to St Louis & Chicago & our
 party will partake in "quintessence things." let us hear
 from you soon. and see you soon in long. give our
 undivided love to "Ragil" and his "dog" Can he
 see yet? or shall we send him a pair of "spec."?
 remember us to your "redheaded partner." how he finished
 his readings? Yours Truly B. & W.

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B Rosenberg
St Cloud

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Way-Bill No.

To the FIRST DIVISION SAINT PAUL & PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, Dr.

From Car

For Transportation of Freight from

to

*St Paul**Big Lake*

No. Pkgs.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.

WEIGHT.

RATE.

FREIGHT.

Adv. Charges.

TOTAL.

✓ 2 Bx of Milk ✓

✓ 1 Bal Scoop Shovels ✓

7.50

100

35

35

1.25

1.60

Paul

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Per

[Enclosed in Henry G. Rosenberg to J. J. Hill, July 22, 1905]

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B Rosenberg

St. Louis

Way-Bill No.

To the FIRST DIVISION SAINT PAUL & PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, Dr.

From Car

for Transportation of Freight from

St. Paul

to

Big Lake

No. Pkgs.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	WEIGHT.	RATE.	FREIGHT.	Adv. Charges.	TOTAL.
✓ 0	Box A Memo	620	35	215	555	770
✓ 0	Box " "					
✓ 1	Box " "					
	7.50			Pair	Mytman	
					Put	

[Enclosed in Henry Z. Rosenberger to J. J. Hill, July 22, 1905]



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