

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1867 - 1868

FOLDER NO. 3-10

JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

1867, January 15

Memorandum of an Agreement between
J. J. Hill and the 1st Divⁿ St P & P R Co
for handling Freight at St Paul Depot
Commencing on the morning of Jan'y 15th 1867.

Rates of Handling

General Merchandise	for 100 lbs	.02 ^c
Flour in Barrels	" Barrel	.02 ^c
Wheat " Sacks	from Lumber " Sack from 30	.02 ^c
Lumber	" 1000 ft Loading	.40 ^c
"	" " Unloading	.25 ^c
Lath	" 1000 Loading	.08 ^c
"	" " Unloading	.05 ^c
Shingles	" 1000 Loading	.06 ^c
"	" " Unloading	.04 ^c

When Lath Lumber and Shingles are
billed by the Car load they will be rated
as follows

Western 12th Car

Dimension Lumber	for Car load	4000 feet
Squared edged boards	" " "	4500 "
Rough " do	" " "	3500 "
Lath	" " "	30,000
Shingles	" " "	40,000

Part Car loads to be rated in proportion
to full Car load

For handling Heading - Hoop poles - Staves
Brick - Sand - Stone - Pig-iron - Stone
Coal in bulk for Car load

Loading \$2.50 Unloading \$1.50

Work not included in the foregoing rates to be settled for by the hour at 20 pr hour

For entering up or making out and reporting way-bills for Freights Loaded and Unloaded or handled by work-train $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent on amount of bill

For Collecting Freight bills on same 2 pr cent on amount of bill additional

No pr Centage allowed on Advanced Charges Collected

Business Connected with the Elevator is not included in this agreement

All Freight and Adv^d Charges Collections to be promptly remitted to Cashier and full settlement made every report day

~~The Extra Charge to be made or allowed on goods~~

F. R. JESSIE
Supt

Agreement,
L.H.V. & S.A.P.
Rail Road
1867

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Sabagun Jan'y 22^d 1867

Dear Sir,

Yours of Jan'y 12th & 14th have just come to hand. I am your learned the result of the meeting at Chicago - Mr Lawler & Blanchard resigned (Mr Blanchard is going to Europe in March to be gone a year). The other officers are same. ally Capt W. D. D. files Lawler plan, & Rhodes, Blanchard, P.S.D. & myself occupy same position as last year. I was sorry to learn your business did not turn out better. I was in hopes you would make at least a good salary out of it. but it may turn out all right yet, in your winter storage. and with your arrangements with the A.R.C. (which I think good) the future ought to pay you well. I see no reason why your arrangement with the Road, should not pay you well, except perhaps the price you get which on some things, I think is low. Other as you know but what you can do it for. I should form this distinct view of the case consider it a good move. As to the Public's Agency the coming season, it is mixed. I would not be surprised, if some of your

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got it. I think B & C. are not much
in your way, for the Co. are pretty well
pleased with your manner of doing the business
while with B & C. it is not very satisfactory.
My opinion is the Co. will put a salaried man
there to do their business. And that man, I
think will be "Charlie Miller" Now there is
nothing decided as I know of. But I think
this will be the result, and you had better
make your calculations on it. Perhaps your
having secured the business of the Road may
have some bearing on it. But of this you
must decide. While in Chicago I had a
talk with H. D. Sargent, Genl Dist Agt. Mich
Central R.R. he tells me they intend appointing
an agent for their Road at St Paul and
told me many names for doing so. and asked
who the best man was there. I learned Pomp
had applied for it through Army Wentworth. but
the thing will not be settled for some time yet.
I recommended you very highly to Mr. S.
explained to him how you are situated.
how you had the Road then &c. and had
till the last year or two. done all of B &
C's business. and Mr. S. seemed to make up
his mind. you would be the best man for
them. you had better write Mr Sargent

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about it, also write H. C. Minton that he may not "put in" for B. & C.

Sander was in Chicago two days evidently "doing and hearing" what he could of our affairs. I tried to sound him on St. D. news for the coming season but he was too sharp. He knew nothing or pretended to know nothing. Can't you "sound him" a little. If he knows anything of this news, he may "let out" some of them. for this end of the River and this point he might drop it to you not suspecting it would come from him. Learn what you can and put me. I hope to see you soon. Come by all means. I cannot go up River, as I will be kept busy here. Let us know when you will come or we will be away. Telegraph when you start. The old man is to be here next week & something may be decided on. I have had some talk in C. about them but he has decided on nothing. Keep me posted on all news and we will do better. Mr. B. is still in C. attending to business connected with his trip to Europe. Mr. Nathan and balance of the boys are all well and vigorous as ever. I will write you to Reamy, and Ragout & his dog, tell Reamy. I'd like to know if that portion of his "who broke his arm" has got well yet. I am this. I am as usual & hope we posted same day W. S. W.

North Western Union Packet Co.

W. F. DAVIDSON, PRESIDENT, ST. PAUL.
JOHN LAWLER, GEN. MANAGER, FRAZER, DU CHES.
GEO. A. BLANCHARD, SECRETARY, DUBUQUE.
W. F. RHODES, TREASURER, ST. PAUL.
W. K. WELLINGTON, SUPERINTENDENTS, DUBUQUE.
P. S. DAVIDSON, LA CROSSE.

Secretary's Office,

Dubuque, Iowa, May 31 1867

J. D. Hill Esq.

Sir Sir

Some of 24th came to hand
in due season, have registered arriving as I
have been very busy. In fact I am superseded
as superintendent, there was a fellow come to my
home yesterday who superseded me. but I signed
the "pigeon of peace" with him satisfied a treaty.
we agreed as terms and - he is now drawing
word. to the term of "Old Bob Reddy" "Oh
little items. (he was 11 pounds) have tended to make
me neglect my correspondence. I had a good talk
with Capt D, last Sunday, and he is to be here
next Sunday. Oh I love him well go on. Oh
the trade will be big, and I think you
shall will be a good one I shall go to
St Paul soon as I can. but I fear the
thing will take me very long time for a
spell at home. give my love to "Melrose" Mrs
Hill & Mrs Reamy. - Say to "Mrs Hill." Oh love in the
young old superintendent isn't curly, I am truly W. F. Davidson

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

Shipped *In apparent good order, or condition noted, by the* ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, on board the good Steamer *Masca* whereof *W. J. F.* is Master, now lying at the port of *Dunleith* and bound for *ST. PAUL*, the articles marked or numbered as below, which are to be delivered in like order to consignees as per margin, (unavoidable dangers of fire and navigation only excepted) he or they paying freight and charges as below specified, with the privilege of Lighting, Towing and Re-shipping.

In Witness Whereof, The Master or Clerk of said Boat has affirmed to two Bills of Lading, both of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished, the other to stand void.

Dated at Dunleith, Illinois, this

23 day of *June* 18*86*

Destination.	Consignee.	Description of Goods.	Weight.	River Rate.	Adv. Charges.	I. C. R. R. Charges.	Total Charges.
<i>St Paul</i>	<i>J. J. Kell</i>	<i>70 Bbl Salt</i>	<i>21000</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>84000</i>	<i>2800</i>	<i>86800</i>
		<i>70 " " Salt</i>	<i>21000</i>	<i>"</i>		<i>2800</i>	<i>2800</i>
		<i>70 " " "</i>	<i>21000</i>	<i>"</i>		<i>2800</i>	<i>2800</i>
		<i>40 + 25 = 65 " "</i>					
			<i>21000</i>	<i>25</i>			
			<i>5250</i>				
							<i>92400</i>
							<i>5250</i>
							<i>97650</i>

25 / 84000 = 2100
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5250

4 / 21000 = 25
25
1050
420
5250

Dear Sir,
 I am of 17th at home. I do
 not receive you of from 29th, which you say you
 sent me. What can have become of it? I do not
 know from you to day 34th, which I answered. I
 suppose you are busy with your new arrangements
 and neglects writing from for want of time then
 anything else. I am from 20 busy. I am hardly here
 now to eat my meat. I intended being in 3rd standing in
 the end leaving you. But come from in other day from
 from 20 to get away. But I will be up before
 long. and talk in another with you. Am glad
 you persist about that or great. I am what the
 trip in the Court the Mr. I hope a pretty good
 view of how things are with you. And how much
 you have a good thing and much change it.
 But I will be up from 20 from a few days with
 you. Oh I hope you are big. And of all I am
 most anxious enough to see this fall to the 20th so

North Western Union Jacket Co

Superintendent's Office.

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JOHN LAWLER, GEN'L MANAGER, FRANKLIN DE CLARK
GEO. A. BLANKHARD, SECRETARY, DE BOUTE,
WES. RHODES, TREASURER, ST. PAUL,
P. S. DAVIDSON, SUPERINTENDENTS, LA CROSSE.

W. F. DAVIDSON, PRESIDENT, ST. PAUL.
 JOHN LAWLER, CHIEF MANAGER, PHILADELPHIA.
 GEORGE H. KAY, SECRETARY, PHILADELPHIA.
 W. F. RHODES, TREASURER, ST. PAUL.
 E. S. DAVIDSON, SUPERVISOR, ST. PAUL.

North Western Union Packet Co.

Superintendent's Office.

Danbury, Conn.

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All sailing, are that arrangements are made at
 the station, and made by the, the packet for
 the Co. are better than any I have known to
 be any fact, that he is making himself
 to work, he ought to know better than this, he does
 not see the difference. The packet to know that
 is very perfect, of even having a man who go
 in form, it is a great satisfaction, & the only way for
 a man to live. May the little office "opening up out
 of the packet, & all the matter, of being
 "help off the etc etc" "Am I is quite out &
 make it be directly concerned to you, the young
 "like" is a "can" he's up to the "little office" the
 reformer saying "forming with the "little office" he
 then after the "little office" "the reformer" is the reformer
 at least, live in Chicago, getting, can live, &
 look the with him, his family are living & the girl
 from there, make, like he is with my mother, she
 is a man, he's the first time I know him
 from, I'm from you, I think I'm up to the
 from

Articles of agreement made

and entered into this 16th day of Sept^r

between A. B. 1867, by and between

Robert D. Griffith of Saint Paul

in the State of Minnesota, and James

J. Hill of the same place;

Witnesseth:

That the said Robert D. Griffith

and James J. Hill have agreed

and by these presents do agree to be

come copartners in the general trade

of the said business, under the firm

name of

J. J. Hill & Co

which said copartnership, it is a

good shall continue from the day

of the date of these presents until the

thirty first day of December A. D. 1872;

And to that end and purpose the

said James J. Hill has this day delivered to the

concern, his well known situated on the bank

of the Mississippi River in Saint Paul

now occupied and used by him and all

property therein or thereabout, belonging to him and used in the transportation business, subject however to the terms of a certain contract bearing date the sixth day of February A.D. 1866, made by and between the First Division of the Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company and said Hill, whereby said Railroad Company is to become the absolute owner of said warehouse on the 31st day of December A.D. 1868, upon paying to said Hill the actual first cost thereof.

And it is understood and expressly agreed that when the said company shall so pay said Hill for said warehouse, he, said Hill, shall deliver in, to be used and employed by said J. J. Hill & Co in such common business and for their mutual advantage and benefit, the sum of Five thousand (5000) dollars, only retaining for his own private use, so much of said first cost so paid to him as aforesaid

as shall remain over and above that
sum;
And said Robert D. Mitchell
has this day paid in the sum of five
thousand (5000) dollars to be used, paid
out and employed in such manner and
manner for their utmost advantage and
benefit;
And said Robert D. Mitchell, each for him-
self respectively, and for his executor
and administrator, does hereby covenant
and agree to and with the other, his
executor and administrator, that
they shall not at any time during the term
of said co-partnership, engage in any other
business to their private advantage, with-
out each first obtaining the consent of the
other; but shall and will at all times
during said term do every thing in and by
all means possible to the utmost of their
able and power for their joint interest
and profit; — And that all profit
arising from or by reason of such joint

business as aforesaid, shall be from time to time during said term, divided between them, said copartners, as follows, to wit: the said Egbert S. Litchfield shall receive two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) and the said James J. Hill one third ($\frac{1}{3}$) thereof: —

And that all losses as shall happen in said joint business by bad debts, ill commodities, or otherwise without fraud, shall be paid and borne by said copartners in the same ratio, that is to say; two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) thereof by the said Litchfield, and one third ($\frac{1}{3}$) thereof by the said Hill: —

It is understood and agreed that the term "general transportation business" hereinbefore used shall include the handling and transfer of freight on commission, the business of warehousemen, the buying and selling of all kinds of goods, wares, and merchandize on commission, and any and all such kinds of business as may be hereafter

agreed upon between the parties to

agreed upon between the parties hereto
which their location on the levee in
said Saint Paul may offer facili-
ties for doing: ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

At the end of said term
to wit; on the 31st day of December
A.D. 1872, or upon the sooner determi-
nation of these presents by the death of
either of the parties hereto or otherwise,
they the said copartners, each to the other,
or in case of the death of either of them,
the survivor, to the executors or adminis-
trators of such other deceased, shall and
will make a true and final account;
and of the profits aforesaid, the said Eg-
bert S. Litchfield his executors or ad-
ministrators shall have two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) as a-
foresaid, and the said James J. Hill his
executors or administrators shall have
one third ($\frac{1}{3}$) as aforesaid; ~ and that
also upon making such final account,
the said Egbert S. Litchfield his execu-
tors or administrators shall be repaid

hereunto then or thereabout, belonging to him
the sum of Five thousand (5000) dollars
which he has this day paid into said
copartnership; and to the said James
J. Hill his Executors or administrators,
shall be delivered all the money and
property which shall have been by him
delivered into said copartnership, on the
day of these presents and at any time during
said term as aforesaid ~~~~~

In witness whereof the
said parties have hereunto set their
hands and seals the day and year first
above written ~~~~~

In presence of } Egbert S. Litchfield (Seal)
Stanford Newel }
} Jas. J. Hill (Seal)

Articles
of
Partnership

J. J. Hill & Co



Memorandum of agreement
made this nineteenth day of September A.D. 1867
by and between the
First Division of the Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company
party of the first part, and
James J. Still and Robert J. Griffith partners as J. J. Still
and Company, of the city of Saint Paul in the State
of Minnesota, parties of the second part;
Witnesseth
That the said party of the first part for and in
consideration of the covenants and agreements on
the part of the parties of the second part have
to be kept and performed, as hereinafter stated,
fully covenants and agrees to and with the said
parties of the second part as follows to wit: - do
let and lease and the party of the first part does
hereby let and lease, unto the parties of the second
part above named, the freight depot, docks and
yard room, with the privileges and appurtenances
thereunto in any wise belonging or appertaining
now owned by it, said First Division of the Saint
Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, and other
land on the bank of the Mississippi River in and
about Saint Paul opposite Block number twenty nine

(29) of Saint Paul, Brother, and Block number
three (3) of the addition to Saint Paul
according to the plat thereof on file in the
office of Register of Deeds in and for Ramsey
County, Minnesota, from the day of the
date of these presents to and until the 31st
day of December A. D. 1872; and also of
the party of the first part shall meet or meet =
shall any building or buildings to be used as
a freight depot or depots, in said Saint Paul,
at any time between the day of the date
of these presents and the said 31st day of
December A. D. 1872, then and in that case,
that it, the said party of the first part, shall
and will let and lease the same and each
and every of them unto the said parties of the
second part from the day of the date
of any such purchase or of the com-
pletion of any such building or build-
ing so erected to and until the 31st day
of December A. D. 1872:
And further, that it, said
party of the first part does hereby cove-



that also agreed at all times to receive and
functionally remove any and all goods re-
city of Saint Paul; and the party of the first
ported by it, said party of the first party, to said
ice of the second first party, all goods trans-
paid and used by James J. Will of the first
never adjoining said depot, therefore occur-
situated on the bank of said Mississippi
freight depot or depots, and at the transfer from
person or persons whomsoever, at the said
first party, and to any other party or parties,
and will deliver to said parties of the second
And that the party of the first party shall
until the 31st day of December A.D. 1872,
the day of the date of these presents, to and
the term of said lease (that is to say from
first, from said city of Saint Paul, during
road belonging to the party of the first
freight to be transported over the rail-
road Railroad Company, all freight and
and to report to the proper officers of the
the second party, its agents, to receive, warehouse,
that and appoint J. J. Will & Co, said parties of

received by said J. J. Will and Company, parties
of the second party, at said freight depot and
transfer house, for said party of the first
party, upon their delivery thereof to said
party of the first party, so that the same shall
not unnecessarily accumulate to the injury
of said J. J. Will and Company;
And further that the said First
Division of the Saint Paul and Pacific
Railroad Company, party of the first party,
shall pay said J. J. Will and Robert J. Dett
field as such parties as J. J. Will and Com-
pany, parties of the second party for receiving,
handling, storing, and transferring goods
and merchandise so received and delivered
as aforesaid, and for other services there-
in connection therewith, the rates
specified for such services respectively in
"Schedule A" which is hereto annexed
and made a part of this agreement;
which rates shall be received by the parties
of the second party as payment in full
for such services and each and every of them
respectively;



respectively;
And in consideration of the
premises, the parties of the second part
for themselves and their and each of their
executors and administrators, heirs,
covenant and agree to and with the
party of the first part, its successors
and assigns as follows to wit:— That
they said James J. Hill and Egbert J. Dick-
field as such partners as J. J. Hill and
Company" will receive and transmit all
goods which shall be delivered to them at said
place as aforesaid by said Railroad Company
for transportation upon the route aforesaid
the "Mississippi river or upon connecting
railroad lines; and that they will receive and
deliver to said party of the first part, at its
said rail road, all goods, that may be
landed at the freight depot and transfer house
hereinafter mentioned, for delivery to or trans-ship-
ment by said Railroad Company (party of
the first part here), and protect and safely
keep all such goods intermediate such receipt

the said company, all freight and property

transported over said railroad to said city of St. Paul and also all freight and property to be transported from said city of St. Paul over said railroad:

It is understood and agreed that the parties of the second part are not to be responsible to any third party for any acts done under this contract, except as agents of the party of the first part:

It is also to be understood and it is mutually agreed, that this agreement is subject to a certain contract between the party of the first part hereto and one William B. Litchfield, made and bearing date the 30th day of December A.D. 1865 whereby said Litchfield is authorized to transact the grain business of the road as therein provided; and that this contract does not apply to the grain elevator situated next below the freight depots aforesaid:



Further it is mutually agreed between the parties that the annexed

Schedule of rates shall be and remain in force until the 31st day of December A.D. 1872 unless changed by mutual consent; and that all the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the party of the first part, and also upon the executors and administrators of the parties of the second part and of each of them; and in case of the death of either of the parties of the second part, first to the day of December A.D. 1872, it is declared that this contract shall be fulfilled on their behalf by the survivors of them;

In witness whereof the said

First Division of the Saint Paul and Northern Pacific Company, last caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be subscribed by its President, and attested by its Secretary, and the parties of the second part have hereunto affixed their hands and seals, in

duplicate the day and year first above

duplicate the day and year first above
written:

In presence of

J. H. Randall

Shuman Trust

New First Division of the St
Paul & Pacific Rail Road company
by Geo. S. Brier

Paul S. Brier Secty

Seal

1st Dist Paul & Pacific RR Co

Egbert S. Litchfield

Seal

Geo. J. Hill

Seal



"Schedule A"

Rates for handling freight at the St. Paul depot commencing on the morning of the
 day of A.D. 1867 to be paid
 J. J. Hill & Co by the First Division of the St. Paul
 and Pacific Railroad Company:

General Merchandise	per 100 lbs	.02
Flour in barrels	" barrel	.07
Wheat in sacks	" sack	.02
Lumber	" 1000 ft (loading)	.40
do	" do do (unloading)	.25
Lath	" 1000 (loading)	.08
do	" do (unloading)	.05
Shingles	" do (loading)	.06
do	" do (unloading)	.04

When lath, lumber, and shingles are billed by
 the car load they will be rated as follows:

Dimension lumber	per car load 4000 ft
Square edge boards	do do do 4500 ft
Rough edge boards	do do do 3500 ft
Lath	do do do 30,000
Shingles	do do do 40000

Part car loads to be rated in proportion to full car loads;

For handling heading, haaf-poles, staves, brick, sand, stone, pig-iron, stone coal in bulk, per car-load as follows, viz:

loading \$ 2⁵⁰ ; unloading \$ 1⁵⁰ ;

Work not included in the foregoing rates to be settled for by the hour at .20¢ per hour:—

Business connected with the elevator is not included in this agreement:

All freight and advanced charges, collections, to be promptly remitted to Cashier and full settlement made every report day;

Part car loads to be rated in proportion to full car loads;

For handling heading, hoop-poles, staves, brick, sand, stone, pig-iron, stove coal in bulk, per car-load as follows, viz:

loading \$2⁵⁰; unloading \$1⁵⁰;

Work not included in the foregoing rates to be settled for by the hour at .20¢ per hour.

Business connected with the elevator is not included in this agreement:

All freight and advanced charges, collections, to be promptly remitted to Cashier and full settlement made every report day;

Agreement
between

First Division of the St. Paul
and
Pacific Railroad Co.

And
J. J. Hill & Co

Stanford Meinel
Atty at law
St. Paul

Feb. 11th 1874

consent

This contract entered into by mutual
consent made Dec 31 1874

The First Division of the St Paul
Pacific RR Co by Geo. B. Brown Secy
Hill Briggs & Co

State of Minnesota
County of Ramsey

I, Albert Christy, Clerk of District Court, for County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that within is correctly copied from the "Marriage Records" Book "D," page 553, - a record required by law to be kept in my office.



Witness my hand & the seal of said Court, at St Paul, this 19th day of August, A.D. 1867
Albert Christy
Clerk.

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Certified Copy
of
Marriage License & Certificate.

James J. Hill

TO
Mary Anne Chapman

A copy of my credentials of ordination
is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the
District Court for the County of
State of Minn.
noted.

Filed Aug 19 A.D. 1867
and duly recorded in Book & page 553 of
Marriage Records.

Albert Christy
Clerk.

STATE OF MINNESOTA.

District Court for the County of

Ramsey } ss.

To any Person lawfully authorized to Solemnize Marriages within said State:

Know Ye, That License is hereby granted, to join together as Husband and Wife, *James J. Hill* of the county of *Ramsey* and State of *Minnesota* and *Mary Theres Mehegan* of the county of *Ramsey* and State of *Minnesota*, being satisfied by the oath of said *Hill*

that there is no legal impediment thereto.

Therefore, This shall be your sufficient authority for solemnizing the marriage of said parties, and making return thereof as provided by law.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said District Court, at *St. Paul* this *17th* day of *August* 1867. *Albert Armstrong* Clerk.

State of Minnesota, } ss.
County of *Ramsey*

I hereby certify that on the *19th* day of *August* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *sixty seven*, at *St. Paul*, in said county, I, the undersigned, a *Roman Catholic Priest* did join in the holy bonds of matrimony, according to the laws of this State, *James J. Hill* of the county of *Ramsey*, and State of *Minnesota*, and *Mary Theres Mehegan*, of the county of *Ramsey*, State of *Minnesota*, in presence of

Stanford P. Ford
Anna Mehegan } Witnesses.



A. Oster
Filed for record. Aug. 19. 1867
Attest: *Albert Armstrong* Clerk

[DUPLICATE.]

Baldwinsville, N. Y.,

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Received from **Morris Axe and Tool Co.**, in apparent Good Order:

ARTICLES.

FOR WHOM.

HOW MARKED.

WEIGHT.

10
Boxes
Tools

B. Rosenberger Son
St Cloud
Main
Train du Chen
Care

B. R. & Son

832



J. J. Hill
St Paul

Rate to Chicago 78¢ pr. 100 lbs

To be carried to Syracuse by the Oswego and Syracuse Railroad Co.,
without risk to the Company after its arrival at that place.

The Company will not be liable for any Loss or Damage to the property while in store at any point upon
their Railroad.

W. H. Cornell

Agent.



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