

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1874 DEC nd., 1-10

FOLDER NO.

3-25

JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

December, 1894

West Wisconsin Railway.

Station,	1894		
<u>Earnings at Paul Station for December 1894</u>			
	<u>Forwarded</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Total</u>
St Paul & Pac R.R.	199 25	385 93	585 18
West Misc "	398 69	317 45	716 14
Minn & St Louis	388	1583	⁴³ 761 14
	<u>601 82</u>	<u>7192 1</u>	<u>1321 03</u>

Train a/c	11 days	} Cash to Office	65 05
RR Labor			9 10
Storage			64 28
Total			<u>1459 46</u> 45 <u>1504 46</u>

Corresponding Month 1893. \$1429.⁵⁰/₁₀₀

RR Labor not yet collected L & M RR \$ 15 70

West Misc " 91 45

\$ 107 15

E. O. E.

OFFICE OF

J. M. BRADSTREET & SON.

IMPROVED MERCANTILE AGENCY,

ROOM 20, ST. PAUL F. AND M. INSURANCE CO.'S BUILDING,

ST. PAUL, MINN.

The connection of F. F. WILDE with this Agency terminated Dec. 1, 1874, of which public notice was duly given.

We regret the necessity of repeating to our subscribers that the said WILDE has no authority to collect for our account either as attorney or otherwise, and that he has no authority to act in any capacity in our behalf.

WILLIAM T. KERR has been appointed Superintendent, and is fully authorized in all matters pertaining to our business.

Respectfully,

J. M. BRADSTREET & SON.

Hastings Dec 1st 1874

M^r. Hill Griggs & Co

Gents

Enclosed
please find Draft \$51⁹⁷
in payment of my account
for Coal

Respectfully yours
J. D. Thorne

Camp on Willow
River Dec 27/77
Will Briggs & Co.
Gents

We sent
you an order for a ton
of coal a short time
ago, and gave Brainerd
& Kell & H. C. Clarke
as references, requesting
that if satisfactory you
would fill the order and
send bill to us.

The Station ^{agent} at New Richmond
refused to give up the
goods and demanded
\$20.00 being two dollars
as the price card furnished
no bill. We prefer to

to pay our own bills
and to do so when we
get bills from the shippers
and not before. If there
to whom we referred you
were not good references
or if you doubt our
responsibility we would
much rather you would
keep your goods than
to appoint a party to
collect from us one of
our men took by blis
by mistake the balance
you can keep or you
can sell to Mr
Munson as you seem
to imagine that
he is more reliable

Yours we are
But if you send word
to Mr Munson to
deliver goods and
furnish us with bill
receipt and good if not
I presume there are
other parties selling
cane in the city of
St Paul besides Hill
Grogg & Co

Very Respectfully

Wm James Johnston

A. G. MILLER,

DEALER IN

HARDWARE, IRON, STEEL AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

AGENT FOR MARSH HARVESTER AND BUCKEYE TABLE RAKE.

St. Peter, Minn., Dec 28 1874

Miss Will Griggs to
W Paul

Yours Please

find Enclosed P O order for \$13⁰⁰ to bal
of which please cr me
Yours Truly A G Miller

Worthington Dec 2nd /74

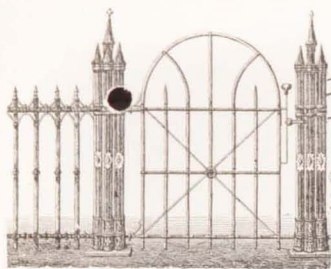
Will Griggs & Co.
Gents,

Enclosed

please find Drft. for \$108.⁵⁰
payable Jan. 4th.

Yours &c

J. Ames.
B. Griggs



FOUNDERS.

SMALL CASTINGS A SPECIALTY.

American Fence Company.

OFFICE AND WORKS,
CORNER CENTRE & DETROIT STS.

Cleveland, O. Dec 8 1874

My dear Col.

This is why -

When that Stove man got back, he had become so thoroughly disgusted with them as they were, he wouldn't send them any where. Although he had nearly five hundred on hand he positively declined to let me have two - His idea is perfection or nothing - He is hard at work on a new style, When he is satisfied it is good - I will fill my bill,

Let me here repeat, When you balance your books on the first, you take my account from among those marked bad - add the interest thereto, and red ink it as good I may palm off on you - Stoves - posts - fences - or Coal - but somehow you will have an opportunity to even up your books.

My wife has gobbled the additional piece of land I showed you this Co has moved its office across - and between the two they pay me enough for my board, while I am lucky enough to get trusted for my clothes. Let me hear from you occasionally

Yours ever Esth Burritt



St. Paul Dec 4th 1874

Hon C. W. Griggs
Dear Sir

We the Undersigned are
Policy holders And Connected either as Directors
or Members of the Finance Committee of the
Minnesota Mutual Life Ins Co. We have
given much time in the past five years to
building it up and given it gratuitously.
It now ranks as one of our best and
most soundest home institutions.

But we find we have about 12000 policies
on our registers taken mainly by business men
in towns outside, while we have only about 175
members in this City of 40000 where our home
office is situated. We need therefore a stronger
home endorsement by our business men
before we can further push our work to

Advantage outside. Our Vice President
G. B. Johnston the bearer of this will
Answer further if you wish Concerning
the Company. Please aid us by taking
a policy.

Respectfully

H. H. Foley

S. H. Howell

J. C. Burbank

Wm. B. Dean

J. H. Stewart

O. K. Thompson

J.G. Thorp President
G.V. Gilbert Vice President
M.H. Kempt Secretary

Eau Claire Wis.

J.G. Chapman Treasurer
N.C. Chapman & Assist Treas.

St Louis, Mo.

OFFICE OF
Eau Claire Lumber Company
SUCCESSORS TO CHAPMAN & THORP
MERCHANTS & LUMBERMEN

Eau Claire Wis. 51 Dec 1871

Supers Will George Co St Paul

Dear Sir, We have found your letter
of 10th 96. Kindly forward us with particulars
of the same.

Yours truly
Charles L. Lumber Co
of St Louis Mo

C. A. BLAKE & CO.,
AGENTS FOR THE SALE OF HILLSIDE COAL & IRON CO'S COAL.

OFFICES:

NO. 7 MAIN STREET,
BUFFALO, N. Y.

NO. 111 BROADWAY, Trinity Building,
NEW YORK.

OPP. ERIE RAILWAY DEPOT,
WAVERLY, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y. Dec 4 1874
Messrs Hill, Griggs & Co
Saint Paul Minn Gentlemen

Enclosed please find Protest of
Schr Postoria just got-at-able

Yours Truly

C. A. Blake & Co

Stillwater Dec. 5th /77

Hill Gripp & Co
St Paul

Gents

Enclosed please find Check
for \$13.⁷⁰ being the amount due
from the City of Stillwater
as per invoice Sept. 21st

Yours truly
Wm Oleson
City Treasurer

Duluth Dec 5th 1874

Messrs Will Ingers & Co

Sirs

Mr Macy was

Talking with me to day about handling
coal another season. And said if he had
the contract now he could get ready this
winter. He would have to buy Buckets Barrows
Plank Shovels &c also to build houses for runways &c
which he would do so as to be ready in the Spring
but if the contract was let in the Spring he
would not be ready. I handled coal one year
for Messrs Sanders & Hanner and sold all
my tools to H. Russell & Co. They buying them for
the purpose of Monopolizing the business. And unless
some one gets another outfit they will try
and do it. Mr Macy is faithful and
honest and should you give him the contract
he would give you dispatch both in out-
rading and Shipping and I think give entire sat-
isfaction. Should you advertise for bids

There might be others who would bid
for the same work who would want to
fit up the same as Meacy. Hoping you
will excuse me for writing at this time
I remain

Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Joseph E. Howells

~~John~~ 27th
~~Mull~~ 22nd
~~1000~~

2500
 20000
 800-
 150-
 100
 1050
 450
 600

100
 11111-

G. S. IVES,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

St. Peter, Minn., *June 5* 1874

Dear Sirs

I am in receipt of your
favor of 31st inst -
Enclosing acceptance
of a 9 Million^{ts} for 14th 42
less 3750 Endorser
have been sick or
would have ansd
before. Will attend
to the matter at once
Respectfully
Yours

E. R. PAINE
Res. 213 12th St.

R. P. ELMORE
Res. 506 Astor St.

Rosendale & Portland
Cements,
Water Lime,
NEW YORK & MICHIGAN
STUCCO,
FURNITURE LEADINGS,
BRICK
FIRE CLAY
AND KAOLIN
Plow Grind Stones.

Office of **R. P. Elmore & Co.**

ESTABLISHED 1851.

DEALERS IN

COAL & PIG IRON,

No. 1 Yard, 90 West Water St. No. 2 Yard, 581 River St.
No. 3 Yard, 116 South Water St.

Milwaukee Dec 5 1874

My. Hill. Enggs & Co
St Paul Minn
Gentlemen

Replying to your valued
favor of the 1st inst. we will
furnish you a limited amount
of Coal on cash as follows,
Blossburg at \$4.00 Egg Lac at 8.25
Stove Lac 8.75

But of Nut Lac, - we have none that
we can spare. Our Bloss, is Morris Run
and we will give you Coal in fact,
rate shape. The best rate ^{of ft} we have
been able to get is \$35.00 Possibly
O. E. P. would give you a better.

Thanking you for the preference
expressed we await your
order -

Truly Yours
R. P. Elmore & Co

C. L. Morehouse,

F. Rockefeller,

J. W. Fawcett.

Morehouse, Rockefeller & Co.

Manufacturers of

Gold Pressed Paraffine & Compound

Lubricating Oils,

Nos. 56 58 & 60 RIVER STREET.

Cleveland, O. Dec 5 1871

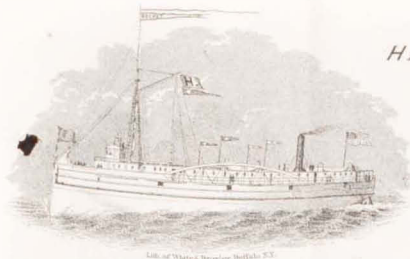
Messrs Hill Griggs & Co

We have your valued favor of the 3"
-inch with Note four Months from Nov 16
for \$21.25 ³⁰/₁₀₀ in settlement of our acc^t
and for it please accept our thanks, awaiting
your further commands.

We are Truly Yours
Oil & Wax Co

MOREHOUSE, ROCKEFELLER & CO

by Heward



HANNA & CO.

H. M. HANNA.
G. W. CHAPIN.

53 River Street,

Cleveland, O. Dec. 5 1874

Messrs. Hill, Griggs & Co.
St. Paul

Gentlemen: Your favor of the 2nd inst.
received, with draft for sixty
dollars, which we credit to your
acct.

We do not think your position
that you will settle by the B/L - right
or wrong, admits of argument.

Would you pay freight & charges if
B/L was proved to be 100 tons more
than coal delivered?

The writer does not remember
any conversation with you Mr. Griggs
about settling, or being governed by
B/L. He cannot think how such a
conversation could have been called out
& certainly could not have said we would
be governed by B/L that were proved incorrect.
Vessel men remark that it is very rare
that hard coal shipments are short weight
but frequently largely over B/L -

Very truly yours, Hanna & Co.

OFFICE OF

Jackman's Real-Estate, Collection and Land Agency.

BRANCH OFFICE "NORTH-WESTERN DETECTIVE & COLLECTION BUREAU,"

JNO. J. JACKMAN,
Notary Public.

Bismarck, D. T., Dec. 6, 1874.

J. A. Hill Esq
St Paul Minn

Friend J.

Got a letter
from Hackett last mail but none
from you or Wm. Why can't you
write once in a while. Nothing
new in Touraine matter. Man
murdered about a mile north
of my place last week. - was
not found until three or four
days afterwards. - Coroner jury
to-day. Haven't learned the
result yet. Drew on you
for \$150⁰⁰ to-day. which will
pay all bills to date. I have
written H. & named them partner
for City Office. Hope he can
get it through. - So thank in

Updell get. I don't know about
that Judge of Probate matter I think
it would be best to get Richards
into the position say - Tell Paul
Sanborn there is no such thing
as "quo warrants" process in
this country now - Accomplish
the same result by civil suits
now. Ad-absolute in / 67 I think
are not done - Hope I shall
hear from you by this mail
due to-morrow. Regards to Mrs.

Yours truly
J. A. G.

Ly. a. gardner I [?]

C. F. Powell.

Wm. Powell.

C. F. & W. POWELL,
Dealers in
Shelf and Heavy Hardware,
STOVES, TINWARE, &c.

St. Cloud, Minn., Dec 7 1874
Messrs. A. L. Griff & Co
St. Paul

Gents - We want a
car load of coal - You may
send it to us if you will send
it at same price as car load
shipped us Sep 9th / 12 ²⁵ delivered
in St. Cloud - larger car load same
as the one of Sep 9th - Let us hear
from you by return mail -

Yours

C F & W Powell

LYMAN & JACKSON,
LAW OFFICE,

Room 33 Portland Block,

S. E. Corner of Washington and Dearborn Sts.

DAVID B. LYMAN,
HUNTINGTON W. JACKSON. }

Chicago, Dec 7 1874.

Miss Rice, Griggs & Co
St Paul Minn.,

Gentlemen,

Your favor

of the 4th ult, enclosing a
Per S. B. Sweet, \$35.98 is recd
and we herewith acknowledge same
and will give the matter atten-
tion

Very Truly &c
Lyman & Jackson
[Signature]

Northern Pacific Railroad,

DIVISION,

Minneapolis STATION, December 7th 1874

Will Griggs & Co

Dear Sirs

The cars
you speak of were weighed after I left the
yard. I left the last of October and your
coal was weighed the fourth. You will find
all of that cargo they same way for they
took the weights that was marked on the cars
and most of them have from two to four
weights on them and they weighed some of
it on the old scales. they never unenpike
the cars to weigh them and they cannot be
weighed correct without when you happen
in their yard you examine some of the
cars and you will see. they discharged
me without any cause whatever but they had
a sneer that they wanted to put there and
that let me out

Yours with respect
Theodore Wenz

West Wisconsin Railway.

Minneapolis Station, Nov 25th 1874
J. A. Armstrong Esq.

The weights of the cars of your coal are as follows

<i>Last Lot of 8 cars</i>			
<i>Car</i>	<i>Gross weight</i>	<i>Weight of car</i>	<i>Net weight</i>
<i>Car 1046.</i>	<i>42500</i>	<i>18550</i>	<i>X 23950</i>
<i>" 1087.</i>	<i>42200</i>	<i>18700</i>	<i>X 23500</i>
<i>" 1092.</i>	<i>42000</i>	<i>18900</i>	<i>X 23100</i>
<i>" 632.</i>	<i>43800</i>	<i>19700</i>	<i>X 24100</i>
<i>" 1117.</i>	<i>42250</i>	<i>18650</i>	<i>X 23600</i>
<i>" 605.</i>	<i>39600</i>	<i>19800</i>	<i>X 19800</i>
<i>" 418.</i>	<i>39800</i>	<i>17950</i>	<i>X 21850</i>
<i>" 505.</i>	<i>40300</i>	<i>19650</i>	<i>X 20650</i>

A. G. Keene
Yard Master

JOHN A. ARMSTRONG,

DEALER IN

Wood and Coal.

Minneapolis, Minn., 187

		<u>Billed</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Recd</u>	
Aug 7.	Bar.	550	-	24160	20650 2510
" "	"	1117	-	23760	23600
" "	"	632	-	24080	24100
" "	"	1072	-	22100	23100
" 9	"	1046	-	24760	23950
" "	"	1089	-	24260	23500
" "	"	418	-	23300	21850
" "	"	605	-	19670	19800
				186090	180550

5540th short

How about other 2 Cans?

186090

Shipment was 10 Cans.

Billed wls of above are correct as reported from

Suluth -

Macy - Will you state whether the weights you gave us on these Cans were correct or not - Also if there will be any a mistake - Answer from and return papers with bills - Yours Will Wright etc

St. Paul, Dec 1st 1874

Mr. Burdick

In Acc't with L. M. HAWKINS,
Billiard Hall, Sample Room and Restaurant
114 JACKSON STREET.

To Bill Rendered.

" Merchandise,

1873

3.90

G. M. SEYMOUR.

D. M. SABIN.

J. H. SABIN.



OFFICE OF
SEYMOUR, SABIN & CO.
LUMBER & WOODENWARE
DOORS, SASH-BLINDS.

Stillwater, Minn. ^{12/7} 1874

Miss Hill Esqrs
St Paul Minn
Gentlemen: We enclose acceptance
for \$115.00. I did not understand the
interest charged. If correct please
notify us & we will adjust at once —
Yours etc
Seymour Sabin & Co

Cedarville Minn Dec 8th 1889
Wespro Hill Gregg & Co
St Paul Minn Dear Sirs

if you will call
on Mr Wm Lee say - he will hand you
what is Due you from us. I think I have
requested him to do so - if he does not - I will send
it to you direct at once

Respectfully
J M Dennis

OFFICE OF
D. W. JONES,

DEALER IN

Anthracite and Bituminous Coal,

WITH GALE & CO.,

CORNER NICOLLET AND WASHINGTON AVENUES,

Wm. Hill Briggs & Co

Minneapolis Dec 8th 1874

Quits

Your favor in reference
to delay of St. Paul & Pacific Car is
recd. and in reply would say that Henry
has been no delay in unloading but the
trouble has been that they did not transfer
them so that I could unload them I have
been to the St. P. & P. Depot several times
to get the Prior Bill and have even had to
send a man to get Coal out of the Cars
to fill my orders And if there any one who
has reason to find fault I think its your
Innoble Sonnet I think very likely the Cars
may be delayed after they are unloaded but that
is not my fault

Yours Respectfully
D. W. Jones

A. B. Hinman,
Manufacturer of
Lubricating & Illuminating
Oils.
Naphtha & Gasoline.

~~Superior~~

THE HARTFORD STEAMSHIP CO.

Detroit Dec 8 1874

My dear Mr Griggs &
St Paul

Gentle

Your favor
of 5th inst containing 50¢
in settlement of Invoice
Sept 14th & 23rd came
duly to hand, for which
I herewith Enclose your re-
ceipts, I would like to
send you one or two Car
loads of that low priced
Car Oil same as the
sample given to Mr Griggs.
I think if you had it in
stock you would be

[12-8-74]

A. B. Hinman,

Manufacturer of

Lubricating & Illuminating
Naphtha & Gasoline.

55 Jefferson Ave.

THE GREAT WESTERN OIL CO. DETROIT.

Detroit.

1874

able to work it off, and
collect for it of course the
same as all your other
sales, that is, when you
collect, I have a large
lot of it on hand, and
would be glad to place
some of it in that way,
Can I do so? Can't you
do anything with Gold
Rock? it is some time
since I received an or-
der from you,

Thanking you for the
remittance I remain
Respectfully

A. B. Hinman

United States

POSTAL CARD

WRITE THE ADDRESS ONLY ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



To *Will Griggs & Co*
St Paul
Minn

Lee, Mass Dec 10 1874

Messrs Hill, Lugg & Co

Cents took up

You left for 100⁹⁵/₁₀₀ to day

Alaugh & Dactor



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