

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1874 DEC 12-30

FOLDER NO.

3-26

JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

G. M. SEYMOUR,

D. M. SABIN,

J. H. SABIN.

Office of **SEYMOUR, SABIN & CO.,**

LUMBER AND WOODENWARE

Doors, Sash and Blinds.

Stillwater, Minn., ^{12/19}

187 ⁴

Hill Griggs & Co
St Paul

Gentlemen. Herewith find
OK for \$13.⁶⁶ to balance
ap. Excuse delay in
consigning in note
remitting sooner -

Yours etc
Seymour Sabin & Co

11 $\frac{3}{4}$

No. Due



319.

17

gold

79

Hamilton Ont 21 Dec 1874

by

received pay to the order of ourselves at the
months after date for value

Three hundred & nineteen 17 Dollars gold
and charge to account of

To Wm Las. Hill
Care of Hill Briggs & Co
St Paul
Minn. U.S.

ACCEPTED

Wm. Hill

James B. Hill



Northern Pacific Rail Road Company.

GENERAL MANAGERS' OFFICE

St. Paul Minn. ¹⁶ Dec 12 1874

Messrs Hill Griggos & Co
St Paul

Gentlemen

Will you send me statement
of No. Tons Coal recd by you at Duluth
and shipped over our Docks I desire this
that the dockage may be settled

Very truly

Wm A G
General Manager

Eau Claire Wis Dec 15/1874

Mess Hill Greys & Co

Dr Sirs I suppose

you have been looking for the
Balance of my acct. \$36.00 But it
has been impossible for me to get it
I have had the promise of it every
day for two weeks but they would
not have it & day But am choosing
again Mary is so tight that I can't
get enough to go my men, But will
try and send it to you in a few
days only be patient

Yours Truly
W. H. Lucas

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 15th 1871
Messrs Hill Griggs & Co
Saint Paul Minn. Gentlemen
Your favor 10th just at hand and contents
noted

Some 100 tons of the "Wells Bent" cargo
was loaded from cars direct to vessel
without being reweighed here. Waverly weights
always overrun. We expected cargo to overrun
some for this reason and hoped it would
as we want our reputation with you for
good weights to be A. 1.

Supposing Duluth weights were watched very
carefully we have not been particular in weighing
all the cars loaded into your vessels.

We think cargo should have overrun 30 to 35
tons. How much did it.

We return your enclosed letter -

Yours Truly
C. A. Blake & Co

OFFICE OF

THE Anthracite Coal Association

221 Main Street.

C.M. UNDERHILL,
Genl. Salesman

Buffalo, N.Y. Dec 16 1874

Hill, Gigg & W,
St Paul, Minn.
Gent.

Yours of the 28th ult. was duly recd.

I am glad that your market will likely require more coal before spring which will doubtless help to the extent of your wants to clean out Milwaukee or Chi., about which it is difficult to foretell whether they are over-stocked or not —

I think that Mr Law will sell to you as cheap as anyone will. I do not know what his prices are for the Country but do not understand how he can offer at 7.50 — There must be a mistake about this —

I guess that you had better hold yourself in readiness to come to Chicago sometime about middle of January —
Yours C.M. Underhill

J.G. Thorp, President.
G.J. Gilbert, Vice President.
Alex. Kempt, Secretary.

Eau Claire Wis.

J.G. Chapman, Treasurer.
N.C. Chapman, Jr., Assist. Treas.

St. Louis, Mo.

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

Eau Claire Wis. Dec 15. 1874

Messrs Will Griggs & Co.

St Paul

Gentlemen, We inclose
our Note 4 Mo. from 1st inst. I have been
waiting to get the understanding of agreement
from our Mr Callahan, did not in accor-
dance with it your Mr Will will report &
we shall make interest acct. right. We
hope this will be satisfactory & that
you will excuse the delay.

Ant of note \$1850.⁰⁰ due Apr. 1st '75.

Respectfully Yours
Eau Claire Lumber Co.

Amn agt the time 60 days for J.G. Thorp Pres.
from Invoice at St Paul and
charge interest on any additional time
- I will go to Eau Claire this week

T. Rockefeller, Pres. C. L. Morehouse, Genl. Supt. J. W. Farwell, Secy & Treas.

Morehouse Oil & Wax Co
General Rail Road Oil House.

Nos. 56, 58 & 60 RIVER STREET.

Cleveland, Dec 18 1872

Men Hall Griggs & Co

St Paul Minn

We do not wish
to be considered pessimistic but the
fact is "we are very hard up"
the same song every one sings &
and becoming a decided reality
to us. If you could
aid us we should be greatly
obliged

Yours truly
Morehouse Oil & Wax Co

Fergus Falls Dec 14/74

Messrs Hill Gristm

Enclosed please

find draft to Bal-myr ac and
oblig

Respectfully Yours
L. P. Minger

Jas F. Hill.

C. W. Briggs.

G. L. Parker.

OFFICE

Hill, Briggs & Company.

NO 62 EAST THIRD ST.

St. Paul, Minn. Dec 18th 1874

Geo Cassady Esq.

Agt Blakely

Danville

We are referred
to you by Mr Boyden C. F. Agt for much
information as whether Mr Wm Damm late
of Blakely is shipping wood out east or
whether he is doing any business and the rest

Please give us what information you
can and oblige

Yours truly

Attest
Hill Briggs & Co

Have not seen him for two or
three months and he has not bought
or shipped any to my knowledge in
that time - He is in Minneapolis at
present - From what I know would say
he is not. Yours Respy
Geo Cassady

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WAVERLY, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y. Dec 18th 1874
 Messrs Hill, Griggs & Co
 Saint Paul Minn Gentlemen

Your favor 12th inst at hand and
 Contents noted.

As regards the insurance on the
 Blossburg Coal you are entitled to
 just what you insured it for viz.
 Cash \$5⁵⁰ Freight \$1⁰⁰ = \$6⁵⁰ pr ton.

The best insurance authorities here tell
 us this.

Yours Truly
 C. A. Blake & Co

They tell us also that if insured here they would pay nothing as they
 would deliver Coal in Spring and only pay loss of actual tons & damage
 perhaps

My dear Mr. D. Dec 18 to 1894

Miss Hill Gregory & Co
Included I draft Five
one Hundred and Eight Dollars
The Mill Haul more coal the
mill try the steam dig this
time the Eggs of D. do not go well
It is to large for the Stoves here

We are having very nice weather
here now to be able to sell much
coal yet.

Well & ever thing goes well with us
as plus ship at Waukegan we are
all out
yours for H. Ast

D. G. L. & H. G. L.

It must be plain coal

Wanston D/ Dec 12th 1874

Wress Hill of repps & co
Gents

Please Ship to us at this
Place one car load nut coal

and one car load ^{coal} stone size
the Best kind

Yours Respectfully
Inglister & Haljes

St. Paul & Sioux City & Sioux City & St. Paul

RAILROADS.

St. Paul Station, Dec 18th 1874

Messrs

Hill Griggs & Co

St Paul

Dear Sirs

Yours at hand, contents stated.
will say in reply, Mr. Dunn
when last known of in this
Locality was in Minneapolis
he has not bought any wood
here this winter, but told me
about 2 months ago he was
going to buy in Minneapolis and
St Louis Road & ship to Minneapolis
I presume that is what he is
doing

Yrs

A. C. Cunningham

Jas F. Hill.

C. W. Griggs.

G. P. Fisher.

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Hill, Griggs & Company.

NO 62 EAST THIRD ST.

St. Paul, Minn. Dec 18th 1874

O. A. Fairchild

Henderson

Durbin

We are referred to
you by Mr Baydow New York agent for
correct information as to whether Mr
Wm Durbin late of Blatchly is shipping
wood out west or whether he is doing
any business over the road

Please give us what information you
can and oblige

Yours truly.

Hill Griggs & Co

OVER

Ending Nov 14th Mr Wm Damm had
shipped about 25 Car loads of
Wood West Has done nothing over
this road since that I know of
He bought the wood of St Pehr & Co
of Henderson They can I think
Post you in anything you may
want to know about Damm as to
money matters.

E. Henderson
Dec 18th 1899

Very Truly
Chas. F. Smith
Ag't

J. P. Rockefeller, Pres. C. L. Morehouse, Genl. Supt. J. W. Farwell, Secy & Treas.

Morehouse Oil & Wax Co
General Rail Road Oil House.

Nos. 56, 58 & 60 RIVER STREET.

Cleveland, Dec 19 1872

Men Will Griggs & Co
St Paul Minn

At the request
of Mr Stinson we quote
you subject to market fluctu-
ations

Crystal Head Light Oil $13\frac{1}{2}$ cts
175° test - 30 days time
Freight to your place
is 1.80 per Bbl in car
lots -

Awaiting your com-
mands We are

Truly Yours
Morehouse Oil & Wax Co

St. Paul & Sioux City & Sioux City & St. Paul

RAIL ROADS.

Madelia Station, Dec 27th 1874

Kill Griggs & Co

Dear Sirs

What will you

Sell Me a Car load of good
Blacksmiths Coal for delivered
on track Please give Me your
figures soon as possible

Yours & C
J. A. Clark

J. A. PRESLEY,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN

Foreign and Domestic Fruits,

Staple Groceries, Candies, Canned Fruits,

Tobacco and Cigars, Oranges, Lemons, Nuts, Dates, Figs, Apples, Etc.

101 AND 190, SO. FRONT ST.

Mankato, Minn.,

Dec 23 1874

4 Messrs Hill & Huggins
Enclosed please find
draft for One hundred
dollars, Receipt & Oblige
yourself send Balance as
soon as possible money
very close,

Yours &c
J. A. Presley
S. Co

T. Rockefeller, Pres.

C. L. Morehouse, Genl. Supt.

J. W. Fawcett, Secy & Treas.

Morehouse Oil & Wax Co.
General Rail Road Oil House.

NOS. 56, 58 & 60 RIVER ST.

Cleveland, O. 23 Dec 1874

Will Griggs & Co.
St Paul Minn

Gents

Just reached port
find our pack^d had quoted you \$1.00
with freight 180 cents per Bbl in car
lots to St Paul - send in the order^d

I will have made some
arrangement for the Carbon Oil for year
1875 by Jan 1st & will write

Do you hear
the rumble of the coming locomotive on
the Air & River line St Paul & Minneapolis Ry.
as yet. If so much "why"

Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year^d

Yours kindly
Stinson

Franklin St. Dec 1st 1871

Walter Hill Gillett & Co
~~of New York~~ agents
your favor of the 23

I reached us to night & had sorry to
hear that coal had so far up
but will have to have it any day.
Sum of our considerations is all out
we cant make any thing out but
it will not run to you back on
them I am sorry as this
we shall try & bring our coal
in a cheaper time next year.

Yours Shipp at once

In Hast

Sylvester & Co

L. M. HAWKINS,
Billiard Hall and Sample Room,
No. 114 Jackson Street.



St. Paul, Minn., Dec 24th 1874

Col. Wm. Brooks
Please pay to Hill Griggs
& Co. one hundred and forty dollars and
charge to

L. M. Hawkins

December 28th 1874

West Wisconsin Railway.



WM. G. SWAN,
Gen'l Sup't.

Gen'l Superintendent's Office,

Hudson, Wis., *26th Decr* 187*4*

*Mrs Hill, Griggs & Co
St Paul*

Gentl:

*You may send us 10 tons Chestnut
Coal for our office here -*

*Be sure to have it forwarded
by train No 16 on Monday -*

Yr truly

W. G. Swan

Recd 11⁵⁰

*P.S. We are so near out,
have telegraphed you for above —*

Worthington Dec 26 1874

Mess Hill Knigge & Co
Kanto

I herewith enclose
for you 11799 in full of
after less shortage of 580 lbs
of Stone Coal

Why is it that each car
is short & gets more instead
of better

Yours Truly
C. H. Sater

St Louis Dec 26th 1874.

Messrs Mills & Griggs

Respected Gentlemen

It has

been a great mortification to me not to have been able to have settled the amount which you have so kindly allowed me to be under obligation for so long. I have been in St Louis some weeks trying to have my affairs so fixed that I should have the means to meet my liabilities. As soon as I do have what is mine I will be only too happy to pay what is due you. I fear I shall have very little money yet for a few months but I will return to St Paul within the next three weeks and will then see you, and hope to have some money for you.

With much gratitude and respect

Ans Cabanne

D. W. JONES,

DEALER IN

Anthracite and Bituminous Coal,

OFFICE WITH GALE & CO.,

Corner Washington and Nicollet Avenues,

Minneapolis, Dec 26th 1877

Myro Kill Grigg & Co
Cmto

Allow me
to introduce to you Mr
Bryant - a dealer in
Soft-Coal who would
like to sell you several
cars of Illinois Coal to
close you a lot - he has shipped
to the place & have some
the Coal and think it a very
good article

Respectfully
D. W. Jones

Northern Pacific Rail Road Company.
General Managers Office.

St. Paul, Minn. Dec 28 1874

C. W. Briggs
St Paul

Dear Sir

Please accept enclosed
Annual pass for 1875. with my
Compliments

Yours truly
O W Head Sentinel
for E. Williams

City Recorders Office
Baribault Dec 29/74

Gentlemen

Please receive
\$12⁸⁵ amt of bill for
coal.

Respectfully
C. L. Somell.

Woods Hall,
Dec. 29th 1874.

Messrs Hill, Gigg & Co.

Gentlemen,

You have
been very kind to me and no kind
word of your letter has been more
heartily appreciated. I am more un-
willing than you can possibly know
to ask more of you. I have worked
and planned and waited until the
last moment, but I cannot pay my
note due you Jan. 1st. I have de-
ried myself and my children every
thing but food and fuel, not a
dollar was spent for Christmas,
nothing for months except for the re-
quisites of my business, that so I
might free myself from the distress
of my old debts. And I shall be free,
I have paid nearly \$1000 on them since

Sept., but it will take to the end of the
School year, July 1st for the remainder
I did not know when I began how difficult
was the way out of debt, or I should have
given up in despair, for what I have
done in the last two years would have
put some men and most women
in the grave. And I have done it
that I might keep my home for my
children and save them from being
dependent upon others. I do not write
thus to show you my womanliness,
though if I were not a woman with
only a woman's resources I could not ask
what I do, and you would not grant it.
The Coal, which you so kindly furnished
me Oct. 22^d would have been paid for
Nov. 22^d but that others broke their promises
to me. That account with interest three
months will amount Jan. 22^d to \$66.95
You may depend upon that payment on that
day. And now will you consent to renew
my note for sixty days I certainly will not fail
you then? I ask it as a mercy to me and
mine and shall be always, very gratefully,
Mrs. Wm. F. Smith

D. W. JONES,

DEALER IN

Anthracite and Bituminous Coal,

OFFICE WITH GALE & CO.,

Corner Washington and Nicollet Avenues,

Minneapolis, Dec 29 1871

Hill & Co
St Paul
Gents

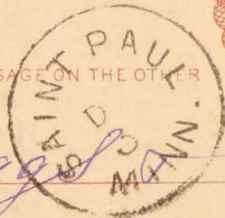
Your Telegram to
W. Bryant was recd a few
moments after he left the
city - he said that he sold
the St Paul coal by ten (10) cars
of coal - and I bought the
balance

Yours Respectfully
D. W. Jones
per Hake

United States

POSTAL CARD.

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



To Will Griggs & Co
City

DARLING & BOHRER,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
ST. PAUL.

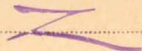
December 30th 1874.

I am having made some straight ground
feed Corn & Oats - and keep it on
hand constantly - and will sell
you better feed - at less money
than any body in the city - also
keep Oats Bran Hay &c - give
me a call

J.D.

DARLING & ~~BOHRER~~,

Per



Private & Confidential

St Peter Nunn Dec 30 1874
Messrs Crigg & Co

Yours of 28th recd - I think
the old firm of A. G. M & Co (Alanson G Miller
& Joseph Mason are responsible particularly
Mason but their firm matters are consid-
erably in the drag - and their outstanding
indebtedness pretty large and long standing
They were sued last August for a debt of
about 1100\$ and owed the same firm
about 4000\$ more - the matter was compromised
by placing their books in the hands of Ladd &
Stone (attys who sued them) for collection and proceeds
to be applied in payment of the claims and
gave security by collaterals or endorser
for the payment of the 4000\$ claim in one
year - I also know that Joseph Mason holds
about 5000\$ of 12 per cent firm paper

I think you will find it necessary to sue
to get it within any reasonable time and
probably they would pay to avoid suit

would suggest that you send it to
First National Bank of St Peter for collection
and ~~instruct~~ the Bank if not paid
within one week to deliver it to G. S.
Ives atty at Law to collect by legal
proceedings - I think they will pay if
it assumes that shape

Yours
A. Lamberton



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