

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1875 FEB 3-15

FOLDER NO.

4-3

JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

North Branch Station
July 3/75

Wm Hill Griggs & Co
St Paul

Gentlemen
I have on
the line of Rock River
above Station 1000 cords of
tamarack wood will
you buy it? & if so how
much will you give for
it?

The wood is a No 1 article.
An early reply will oblige
Yours truly
E. J. Long

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.

Feb 5 1875

Messrs Will & Briggs
Enclosed please find
Draft \$62.00 receipt
and oblige

Yours &c
J. A. Presley
per C. C.

R. W. Johnson

A. B. Johnson



St. Paul, Feby. 5. 1875

Messrs Hill Briggs & Co.
Gents.

In future I
will ~~pay~~ no more coal bills
on account of Guirell & Johnson
for coal purchased unless
said orders are signed
by myself.

M. O. O. O.

R. W. Johnson

Received

Yankton DT Feb 5th 1875
Miep Hills & Co
St Paul Minn
Gents,

Your favor of
the 1st reached us by last mail, delayed
by the storm

We cannot honor your draft as we
had already remitted \$100. nor did we
expect you would draw on us in less
than 60 days from shipment, and the
promptness with which we have remitted
might have entitled us to a few days
more just now as we are putting in
our stock of wood for the next year
and have bought the stock from the
athu yard.

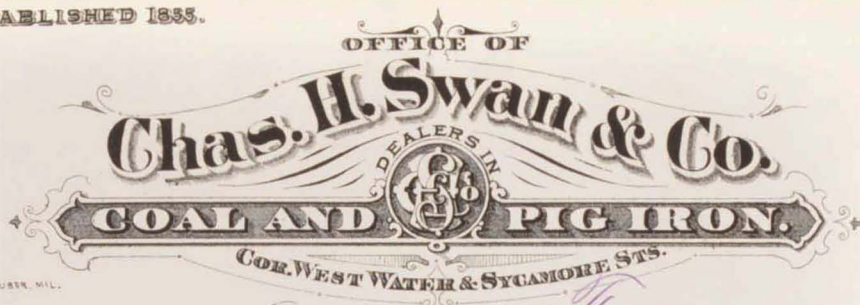
There was lost from a car of Blof. coal
in consequence of the loader not closing
the inner door what cost us \$4.00

which we think you ought to
pay but if our news are not
yours we intend to come to
yours without delay

Very Respdy Yours
Sylvester D. Alger

ESTABLISHED 1835.

OFFICE OF



Milwaukee, Feb 5 1875

Will, Gigg & Co
St Paul. Minn

Gent

We had a chance to purchase a lot of nice Chestnut from a firm there, & have directed them to ship you 4 car load. So if you receive any bill of lading, of balance due you receive the same as coming from us. A. Schneider is the shipper. Coal of all sizes is getting very low & it now looks like giving out before April 1-

Yours &c
J. C. H. Swan & Co



Dakota Southern R. R. Co.

AGENT'S OFFICE.

Yankton Feb 6 1875-

James J. Hill Esq
St Paul Min
Dear Sir

I have been sick abed for some time. And have delayed writing to you on that account. I had I thought fixed your matter so it would be all right but instead I guess I am out two to three hundred dollars. The Sheriff had dropped on Platt and was closing him up on an other matter. I helped him out and took a Chattel Mortgage on his outfit and had it so arranged to secure yours.

Tell while I was sick. the insurance expired and night before last. I see the light from my window. It made a good fire. And I well - I swore a little. I will keep the Draft or return it just as you like.

Yours By Samar.
O. Van Tassel

[Blank No. 1]

The Northwestern Telegraph Company.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

C. H. HASKINS, Gen'l Sup't.
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Z. B. SIMMONS, Pres't.
H. B. HINSDALE, Sec'y.
KENOSHA, WIS.

Dated Duluth Min Feb 1875

Received at St Paul 6

to Killgus & Co

Cannot sell Lehigh lump
less than nine fifty 95
here.

B O Russell & Co

9 Paid 60

Jas F. Hill.

C. W. Briggs.

G. L. Acker.

OFFICE OF

Hill, Briggs & Company.

NO 62 EAST THIRD ST.

St. Paul, Minn.

Feb 5 1875

Montreal Exp
Messrs. H. H. Ry. Co.
Hudson Riv
Dear Sir

We enclose herewith
Deposit ch, and bill as shown per statement
which we remit as such in accordance with under-
standing with Mr Loran. Please send us vouchers
for these items for signature, and also the vouchers
for bills prior to January at your earliest con-
-venience.

Yours Truly
Hill Briggs & Co

DISTRICT OF DAKOTA.

Office Deputy United States' Marshal.

JNO. J. JACKMAN, Deputy Marshal.

Bismarck, D. T., February 8. 1875

J. H. Allen
St Paul Minn
Friend J.

Just meeting of
Council this P.M. Hackett's address
is not just what it ought to be but
it is the best I could do under the
circumstances. He has of course
to call upon his friends &c &c. I have
not given the time to it that he should
have done. However everything looks all
right now. & I think we can carry
the town in April. next. There will
probably be at least 300 votes cast
& perhaps more. & we shall have
to make some few changes in
the ticket. Welch has not got
his funds together yet - & swore up on
his claims but will do so to-day.
I think we shall have blined him
about \$200⁰⁰ but I will take a mortgage
on his land or blacksmith shop - or

I think he will be able to pay it up
inside of three months. It is the
best I can do under the circum-
stances & I have looked the matter
over carefully. I telegraphed you
to send me Copies of Laws & Ordinances
of St Paul - & also anything else
that will amount - as we getting
started - but copies of all laws
&c used by St. City Government
we can get the printing done here
I don't like Souderbury much because
he has abused me without cause but
it is best to have our printing done
here. Notwithstanding - write me
fully your idea of what should
be done by the Council - & I will
see that it is carried out carefully
write me fully & explicitly - just
what should be done & write promptly
for the 1st of April will be here
soon - Will write you another
note to morning. Ask
Saubert about my money don't
show it going to go. Yours &c

[1895, Feb. 8] [?]

Weldon 15

W. H. Co.

Have been away
since I saw you in
St. Paul. Will see you
Jan. 20th. To day
what is the amt of first
charge pd by you that
you wish to get receipt

for an acct of alld
Bills

Wm G Swan

A. B. Hinman,
Manufacturer of
Lubricating & Illuminating
Naphtha & Gasoline.
58 Jefferson Ave.
Detroit, Feby 8, 1875

Wheeler Hill Griggs & Co
St Paul

Gentlemen
I enclose you statement
of your acc some of it
pretty old. Mr Shaw
complains that he is un-
able to get any reply to
letters he has written, or
even reply to a telegram
sent you not long since

Please give this matter
your attention and let
me hear from you. I am
sorry your valued orders have
entirely ceased but I am

a poor drummer and
being aware you are fully
acquainted with the grade
of my oils and my mode
of dealing I leave results
with you. but should be
pleased to look upon another
order from you

Yours &c
A B Hummer

Paribault July 8th 1875

Mrs. Nels. Briggs & Co
St. Louis

Enclosed
Please find Money Order for
fifteen (15) Dollars which please
to my Cr. I hope you
will have a little patience with
me as money is awful hard to
get & work in my line is very
dull. But I think will be better
in a short time I will send
the Bal of your Bill in a
short time. Hoping this will be
satisfactory I am yours truly
W. H. Bacon

United States
POSTAL CARD

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



To Will Briggs who
62. Ed Third Street
St Paul Minn

[2-9-75]

Office of

JOHNSON & LACY,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Farmer's & Lumbermen's Supplies,

Oscoda Mills, Wis., Sept 1875

Gents.

We are interested
in abt. 500 Cords
of Oak Wood, harked
on a good landing
Brands landing
about 6 miles below
this place on the
St Croix.

Will there be
any chance of
selling the same
to you & yours
Johnson & Lacy

OFFICE OF

United States Commissioner,

Bismarck, D. T., February 9 1875

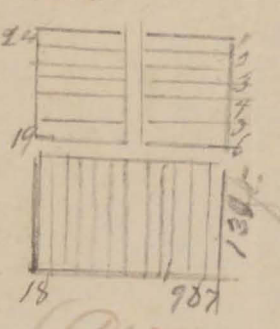
I wrote you yesterday - will send
paper to-day containing Account
of Organization of City Council
Everything went off very
well but it goes & gets happy
on the thoughts of it -
I think I wish you would
write a letter - word it carefully
I explain to him that it
is very necessary and very
important that he do every-
thing he can on his pro-
-spective claim - Get ready to
make up your mind to it & be
beat he can - in view of the
April elections - Tell him
that you heard about him

From Rockwood - Travelling
Main for. Campbell - Burbank
Harpur & Co. - Ready made
Dealer - Rockwood return in
yesterday & will start back
again to-morrow - & you
had better call & see him
He can tell you something
about us here - Also advise
H. W. Keep his expenses down
as much as possible - for they
are costing me more than
they ought to - Write me just
how matters stand in regard
to the R.R. Co. & what the pros-
pect is for an immediate
settlement - I hope we can
get matters settled up early
this Spring so as to stop expenses
I have drawn on you for \$200.
I have Welch's note for \$205.⁰⁰
with interest. Secured by mortgage
deed for 90 days. But he thinks
he can raise half or all of it
within 30 days - Don't fail to
send me everything necessary & send
me on the organ & on city list

[2-9-75]

the Streets &c. - Call the Streets
Numbering. East & West - Commence
and letter them - A. A.
B. B. &c. & number the Streets
1st 2nd & 3rd Streets - Commencing
at the Eastern limits of the
town - Middle of N.E. 1/4 Sec. 4 as
1st Street & so on west to the
old Danvers way - Blocks
300 ft. square & streets 80 ft.
wide - - Block lots 130 ft. deep - 20
ft. - alley

I would commence
on front N.E.
& in this



Streets 80 ft. wide
irregular lots.
Corner of block
way you will

change the old block
write me in answer to my
two last letters & write ex-
-plicit instructions - in re-
-gard to our actions - how &
then I can act by it - or not - as
I think the case demands.
Will write you another
note as soon as I get
down town - You &c

02225 02

Jack

OFFICE OF

United States Commissioner,

Bismarck, D. T., 1874.

Introduced by Judiciary Committee
Bill entitled an act to repeal
a special act

Eugene West Hopkins Dealer.

Barth. L. L. Lamb. Rutledge

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway.

Division

Rosemount Station.

Feb 9 1875

Messrs. Hill Gigg & Co
St. Paul,

Dear Sirs,

If you
can sell at same
price as last lot
Please send me 6 Bns
Stone Coal in lumps
about 3 or 4 in through.
also 1 Ton Ill. Coal
in Hhds. same as
last. I send you
by today's freight 6
empty Bns. Please
send Coal & Bill immy
& obligt.

Yours Truly
W. S. Messier
D

Chippewa Falls Feb 9th 1875

Bill Griggs & Co Genl^l

Enclosed you will find
note for \$1.17 for Bill of Coal
we need only 23000 lbs Coal
your Bill calls for 24000 lbs
your Mr Hills agreement was
to deliver the Coal, we can claim
for \$1.50 per ton the freight
on the Coal was \$3.00
we expect to get same
money soon if so we will
send it to you

Yours Truly

S. Hill and Farrell.

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

Morehouse Oil & Wax Co
General Rail Road Oil House.

Nos. 56, 58 & 60 RIVER STREET.

Cleveland, Feb. 10 1875

Men Hill Griggs & Co
St Paul Minn

We would beg
leave to hand you acct
as enclosed - Hoping you
can make us a remitt
ance as we are very hard
pressed now for funds.

While thanking you for
past favors, it would
greatly oblige us at
the present time

Truly Yours
Morehouse Oil & Wax Co

H.W. JOHNS,
Manufactures of
ASBESTOS MATERIALS,
87 MAIDEN LANE.

New York, February 11th 1878

Messrs Hill Griggs & Co.
St. Paul Minn
Gentlemen

We take the liberty of calling your attention to our Patent Asbestos Materials described in Pamphlet sent by same mail and to the following

The demand for our manufactures has increased so rapidly that we are compelled to reorganize our business and concentrate our trade in the larger cities instead of supplying consumers and small dealers as heretofore

This plan has been adopted in Boston Providence and other cities and proved an entire success and as your city would make a desirable distributing point and having no one representing our interests there, we desire to arrange with some prominent house who will keep a stock sufficient to supply the demand from your section to whom we would give the sale of our goods exclusively and refer all customers and future orders.

Trade in staple goods is not generally satisfactory at the present time and we believe there are no more desirable specialties in the market than ours. The Asbestos Roofing in which we have made valuable improvements is more extensively used than any other excepting the expensive articles of Tin Slate &c and as from 50 to 75,000,000 are annually expended in this country for Roofing Materials the field is a large one

Our Asbestos Paper Coatings Cement &c Fire Proof Plaster

Boiler Fittings &c have a large sale and are recognized as necessities by our largest manufactures Rail Road Co and others are constantly needed and find a ready sale whenever they are kept on hand.

All of these materials are put up ready for use in neat and compact form suitable for any warehouse and can be used without the aid of skilled labor and as it is within the scope of your business to deal in these articles we would if desired furnish samples and full information in regard to price with our usual discount to dealers and the inducements we could offer in case you think favorably of giving the business your attention.

Trusting for the favor of a reply we remain
Very Truly Yours J. W. Johns
Smith

ESTABLISHED 1855.



Milwaukee, *Sept 12* 1875

*Will. Gigg & Co.
St. Paul Minn.*

Sir Yours

*duly rec^d.
For nearly 5 days the "R.R." would not give us cars to load. We are more anxious about loading your coal than some other customers of ours. But it can't be helped. They agree to give us cars tomorrow.*

*Yours
Chas. H. Swan & Co.*

[1875, Feb. 12] [?]

Alfred Co.

I have been away
today will fix you
out tomorrow sure

W. G. S.

Hudson. 15.

Office of J. W. YOUNG,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN

Hard and Soft Coal, Hossburgh Coal, Wood, Lime, Stucco,
Cement and Plastering Hair.

Near S. C. & P. R. R. Depot.

Sioux City, Iowa,

Feb 12th 1875

Will Giggles, Esq.
St. Paul,

Dear Sir, I think I

shall need about 1/2 Cor Nut
Coal and 1/2 Cor Range Coal
to carry me through. What
can you lay me a car
load of good clean coal
down for 1/2 Cor each of
the above dimensions. An
early answer will oblige
Yours very Truly

J. W. Young

West Wisconsin Railway.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Hudson, Wis.

Feb 17th 1875

Will Gigg's & Co
St Paul
Minn

Friend
Enclosed please find
Account which you remitted to me
and wished me to give you Credit
for I have given you Credit for
your deposit of the 8th inst but can
not give you Credit for the Balance
with out vouchers please consult
Mr Clark who will make the necessary
arrangements

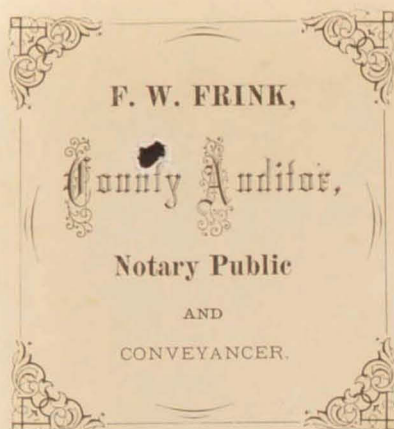
Yours Truly
David Humbird
Asst Treas

Salisbury Day 13th 75-

My Will Briggs &
Gents-

I am compelled
to ask you for a little
more time on the last lot of
coal as I have been sick
& not able to make collection.
I shall need some more
in a couple weeks & by
that time I hope to send
the money for what I have
already had.

Yours &c
W. H. Bacon



OFFICE OF
COUNTY AUDITOR.
RICE COUNTY, MINN.

Faribault, Minn., Feb 15th 1875

Refers Hill Griggs & Co
St Paul

Enclosed find \$²⁵ for

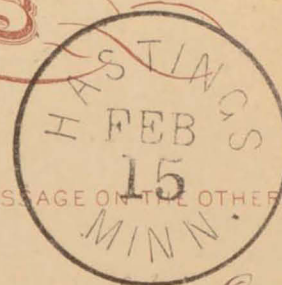
bill enclosed. When you return receipt bill please give
me the name the coal you sent me is known by to the trade
to aid me in ordering hereafter

Yours Truly

F. W. Frink

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POSTAL CARD

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



To *Hill, Gripp & Co*

62 East 3rd St

St Paul Minn

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H. G. & Co.

Hastings Feb. 13/75

Sirs: What will you furnish 3 tons of nut
Coal & 2 tons of stove coal Delivered in Hastings at
Dept. & also state at what price on hand coals in
St Paul. Please let me know by return mail
what you will do. Stating both prices & much
oblige yours truly

T. W. Winskip

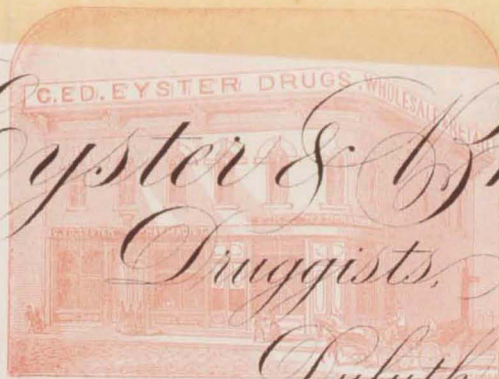
Box 51. Hastings Minn

W. C. Eyster.

C. Ed. Eyster.



Eyster & Brother
Druggists.



Duluth, Minn. Feb 15 1875

Mr. Hill, Griggs & Co

Gent,

I have

two 1/4 sections Hard wood land in

Pine Co - N. E. 1/4 Sec 19 - Town 38 - 21

S. W. 1/4 " 15 - " 38 - 21 which

I will sell very Cheap, - if you are
wanting a bargain in wood or land
or both, I shall be pleased to
Correspond with you,

Respect

Wm C Eyster.



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