

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1875 SEPT. 16 - 20

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

United States
Postal Card

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



To Miss Will & Acker
St Paul
Minn

Worthington Sept 26 1875

Sir, have not fully made up our order
yet. What is the lowest price now for
different grades of seed - offer opened
to first of month with
I see from the price the cotton has fallen
out

Yours Truly
J. H. Sater



1000
308
1361

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Death Sept 16/95

HANNA & CO.

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

53 River Street,

Cleveland, Sept. 16 1875

Wm Hill & Acker
St Paul

Dear Sir. Your favor of the
14th inst received.

We have just
despatched the "Rocket"
with Grate Coal for Saunders
& will put in a vessel
for your coal in a few
days - We think she will
load your grate coal this
week - the Sch. "Willy Burt"
carrying about 1000 tons.

We are sorry to hear
that a war is necessary in
the St Paul Coal trade.

We saw Briggs letter in
Buffalo, in which we see that
he has also gone into the coal business
throwing it back at Saunders. Truly truly
Hanna & Co.

Mrs. Will O'Hea.

St Paul Sept 16th

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I understand you
are selling grate coal at \$8.50, and
are giving a written guarantee that
in case of a decline, you will give
customers the benefit of it.
Should be pleased to know if this
is so -

Respectfully -

Mrs. A. W. Ames.

St. Anna Ave, Logan coal of the best

J. A. CHRISTIAN,
L. CHRISTIAN

OFFICE OF

C. C. WASHBURN,
Madison Wis.

J. A. CHRISTIAN & CO.

SUCCESSORS TO GEO. H. CHRISTIAN & CO.

PROPRIETORS OF

WASHBURN FLOURING MILL

Minneapolis, Minn. Sept 16 1875
Messrs Hill & Nelson
St Paul
Gentlemen

Will you name
price, quality and kind
of coal you deal in.
We want one or two
-probably two; Cars of good
stone coal will be ordered.
We notice Coal is selling
at 9⁵⁰ in your markets.

Yours truly
J. A. Christian & Co.

Worthington Mine Sept 16th /95

Messrs Hill Grog & Co

I have
proposed building scales
etc for handling coal
I sub ~~into~~ fall & winter
I want one car of hot
coal at once if it is the
right time to purchase.
If prices are likely to
decline further I would
rather wait a few days.
Please put me on the
inside & prospect

Yours & C
J. Jones

Office of S. W. Furber,

MANUFACTURER OF

SPINNING TOW
And Upholsterers Stock.

Cottage Grove, Minn., Sept 16 1878

Wm. A. Aiken

St. Paul

Gentlemen

What will you sell me a can of nut
coal for?

Yours
S. W. Furber

Maple Plain, Hennepin County
Minn
New Hill & Hoker } Sept 17. 1875
Gentle }

Understanding that
you contemplated building a
warehouse for the reception of
wheat on Lake Minnetonka,
near Mr Cooks place, I take
the liberty of pointing out an ex-
cellent location for the purpose,
on the land of my daughter, situate
near the Creek, leading into the
southern arm of the Lake, 133 1/2
Acres, with a good frontage on
the Lake, known as the Gribble
Claim, next Farm but one from
M. S. Cooks, towards the Six Mile
Creek. Land first rate, remarkably
Eligible for a Saw Mill, Grist Mill
General Store - Storage building
or Town Site, near the thriving
German Settlement, one of the best
Locations for a Saw Mill for many
miles round, also for a General
Store &c. For Sale. Apply to Mrs
H. J. Gribble 93 Fifth Street St Paul
Minn.

Respectfully Yours &c
1875 Mrs Jackson

E. D. COMINGS.

W. C. SNODGRASS.

Comings & Snodgrass.

GENERAL STORAGE

AND

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

Iowa City, Iowa, Sept 17th 1875

Wm Bell & Co
St Paul Minn

Dear Sirs

We report weights of Street Coal, as follows

Car 1204 Stone Coal gross weight 23880* weight 24091
" 206 Nut " " 23200 " 23090

Yours truly
Comings & Snodgrass

OSCAR TAYLOR,

Attorney & Counselor at Law.

ST. CLOUD, MINN., Sept 17 1875-

James. Hill Esq
St Paul Minn

Dear Sir:

My drft. of \$200.- on
you, of date 11th inst., was returned
endorsed "payment refused".

I do not understand it,
as it is not as I had reason
to expect.

Mr Jackson writes me
that he will be in St Paul this
week, & I desire while he is there
a definite settlement of my
account.

Will you please inform me
what the decision of the local office
was. - I learn Mr Canfield has
been in Washington, & obtained leave
to file Arguments there, tho I have

not been notified, but presume Sanborn was.

I need not suggest that the matter should be attended to closely before the Department.

Very Respectfully
Oscar Taylor

FRANCIS W. WOODWARD, *Pres.*

WILLIAM A. RUST, *Cashier* *WR*

GEORGE T. THOMPSON, *Asst Cashier*



Eau Claire Wis. Sept 18th 1875

Map Hill & Acker
St Paul Minn

Dear Sir,

Enclose for Collection and Credit

Yours of Sep 16th to at hand.
When your Mr Hill was here we had an
understanding about the coal that we were
to burn in the Bank in our Anti Chinks
Stove the told us that we had better get Stove
size & showed us the size by sample. I told
him that I was going to try the nut coal
in my Greenhouses furnace and should order
nut coal which I did, and ^{am} ready to take it
when sent the price was \$12⁸⁵ but \$13. \$13 was
to be the price of Stove. I should like very
much to see my original order of which I
neglected to keep a copy. Part of this coal
is for the private use of the Bank officers
and they refuse to take the nut coal. Yours

have also sent us over 45 tons of coal while
the order called for but 40 what are we
to do with the extra 5 tons.—

According to the reading of the order as
quoted by you the kind of coal for the Bank
was not specified & therefore you should
not have sent it without further inquiry
If you will make the enclosed bill for \$5
as agreed I will take the car load

Yrs. S. Woodward

OFFICE OF
C. C. CORNWELL,
DEALER IN
Hardware, Stoves and Tinware.
MAIN STREET.

Plainview, Minn., Sep 20 1875

Will Grigg, & Co
Sirs

What is your figgers
for Pitts and Pitt Coal
in Bbls and Casks Car
load in St Paul or
delivered at Weaver Station
Cask Plus inform me
by return mail

Yours

C. C. Cornwall

Henderson Sept 20th 1875
Bill & Skerr

Gent
What Can You furnish
or sell me a Cud Load of
Coal for per ton
5 Ton Nut or Egg Coal
5 .. Blashburgh do
the latter in barrels - and
furnish in bulk? -

Yours Truly

J. L. Williams

903
10,20 +

OFFICE OF

JOHN A. ARMSTRONG,

Dealer in Wood and Coal,

Minneapolis, Minn. Sept 20th 1875
Messrs Hill & Chery
Gents

I saw Jones since I came home he is anxious to hold fast and let Briggs sell out, and I agreed to let it run at present and I think that it is best to do so. I had a talk with Wallace Hegnison, he says that Briggs Man left about 2 o'clock today and has not been seen since. He talked Bond this forenoon told payees to come in after dinner and they came but there was no one to answer their questions, and they Hegnison & Knight both told me that game was played out and that Briggs was doing the best thing for us that he possibly could I had a long talk with Hegnison & Knight this evening they say that Briggs told them that he Briggs was after Henderson in this fight, and has done all he could to

JOHN A. ARMSTRONG,

Dealer in Wood and Coal,

Minneapolis, Minn.

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for ~~some~~ Harrison against Sanders, and
Malace is very bitter against Sanders —
Knight don't want any more of Griggs Coal
business in his store. I am inclined to
think that the fight with Griggs is about
over with in this place —

I saw Mr. Senal at St Anthony when I came
up he wanted to know if I'd had saw
Griggs about dividing the RR and I told
him that I did not know but thought
it did not look much like I think he is
very anxious to have it done. I don't think
I would be in a hurry about doing it, for
if my heart were to burn him a little more —
Miller was enquiring from Russell if he had
heard me say anything about it, so it evident
that my have talked the matter over —

Yours &c
J. A. Armstrong

OFFICE OF

JOHN A. ARMSTRONG

Dealer in Wood and Coal

Minneapolis, Minn.

Sept 20th 1875

Messrs Hill & Acker
St Paul

Gents

The enclosed notice appeared in the Tribune this morning. O. H. Jones came over by horse to see me he is anxious to buy the Coal from Briggs. thinks he can get it for 25 cts. per ton less than price in notice - Says that all that Col wants is to get rid of his Coal - But thinks Briggs would like to see a break in prices here - I told him I would not pay over \$8.50 & 90c if I bought at all - Jones wanted me to be sure and hold prices even if Briggs did come in and sell as advertised in notice - I told him I would hold on and watch the movement awhile - I suppose Harrison will act for Briggs as it is at their store - I don't know what to think of the action of Jones he appears to know all about Briggs doing I can't learn that Smith & Lewis have accepted any of the orders sent them - Come up at noon if you can ^{John A. Armstrong}

Jones says there is 413 tons in the lot and is all Store & Egg Coal. This is just about the amount that was asked for - according to Barrett's statement

DANIEL SHAW President
C. A. BULLARD, V. President

ESTABLISHED
INCORPORATED 1874



Eau Claire, Wis. Sept 20 1875

Messrs. Hill, Riggs & Co
Saint Paul.

What will
be your rock bottom
prices for two carloads
nut and stove oak-
awanna on track at
E.C. An immediate re-
sponse will oblige

Very Respy
J. B. Shaw Secy.

OFFICE OF

The Anthracite Coal Association

221 Main Street.

C. M. UNDERHILL,
Genl. Salesman

Buffalo, N. Y. Sept 20 1865

Hill & Acker,

St. Paul, Minn.

Genl.

Yours of the 14th

was duly recd, and am just in receipt

of yours of the 18th. The War has actually

begun. I have seen Simpson also

and am anxious that we should stop.

I shall trust the whole campaign

to your generalship. Of course there

can be no back-down on your

part. This would kill you forever.

You must adopt your methods

to theirs somewhat & not to scare

by any price, honor loss, but go

down to them with good grace.

You must wear a smiling face,

keep up your nerve and treat

your families with tenderest con-

sideration. If A. & D. get desperate

[9-20-75]

I propose to go down to 7.00 or 8.00
the true price as it seems to me would
be to buy their Coal this season &
their parties in a quiet unsuspecting
way. This you would do on your own
account, that is the buying of Gigg's & St Paul
Coal Co's stock - Their plan will be
to make a price on your Coal -
which is a large amount - by selling
for themselves a small amount -
They will make their stock spin
out as long as possible - While I
am desirous that good prices shall
be restored as soon as practicable & as
little loss sustained by us as consistent
with the permanent good of your
market yet shall feel grieved
and ashamed of you if you do not
toss up the scalps of these offenders
into mid air at the end of the
fight - Simpson, personally, is a
plucky fellow and altho' he is poor
yet he will doubtless help them all he
possibly can. Dennis is a conservative
man & unused to this kind of business

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and this fight will certainly be the cause of separating them. You will not hear of this firm next Spring, altho' Simpson will likely be engaged in the coal trade hereafter — I feel bad for Simpson who is really an extraordinary generous & good-fellowing fellow, of many good points & would rather be fighting almost anyone else than him or be the means of his losing money. He read me extracts of a letter from St Paul coal co in which they ask how much they (S. & D.) propose to do for them in this unhappy controversy.

I wrote Rhodes the other day, in reply to a lengthy letter from ~~them~~ him, that we could not see our friends in St Paul suffer in this contest.

I leave for N.Y. tomorrow, & shall return Friday.

Yours &c
J. M. Underhill



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