GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

F. 70.—6, 10. 75—20 M.

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West Wisconsin Railway.

Earnings of St Paul Station, 187[5]

November 1875

	Pass'd	Freight	Total
West Wis RR	906.22	551.97	1458.19
St Paul & Pac	497.58	562.00	1060.58
Minn & St Louis	4.55	6.53	11.08
	1709.35	1120.50	$2829.85

Storage a/c RR Labor } Cash to Office " 78.75.

" 52.50.

RR Labor uncollected on Train " 27.00.

Total $2988.10

Corresponding month last year $1867.79

F. 70—6. 10. 75—20 M.

[November, 1875]

West Wisconsin Railway.

Station, 187

Recapitulation	Received	Forwarded	Total
W Wis R R Co	90622	55197	$145819
St Paul & Pac	49858	56200	106058
Minn & St Louis	455	653	1108
	140935	112050	$ 252985

Storage &c } Cashiers Office	"	7875
R R Labor } Cashiers Office	"	5250
R R Labor uncollected W Wis	"	2700
	Total	$ 2688.10

Corresponding Month last year $1867.79.

F. 70.—6, 10 75.—20 M.

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West Wisconsin Railway.

Earnings of Station, 187

St Paul & Pac RR Co freight November 1875

Forwarded
- 263750 lbs Mdse @ 2 — 52.50
- 50 ㎥ flour loaded @ 2 — 1.00
- 34 cars checked Miller prepaid 80 — 27.20
- 18 " Miller prepaid 35 — 6.30

56.00

Received
- 849320 lbs Mdse @ 2 — 169.86
- 136 cars loaded @ 25 — 34.00
- 6241 ㎥ flour @ 2 — 124.82
- 135 cars checked 80 — 108.00
- 138 " delin 35 — 48.30
- 8 cars for Hay — 16.00

498.58

1060.58

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West Wisconsin Railway.

Earnings of Hastings Station for 187

Min. Wt. Less & freight November 75

Forwarded 32640 pds Index @ $ 6.53

Received 22730 pds Index @ 454

1108

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West Wisconsin Railway.

Earnings of Hill's Station, November 1875
handling W Wis RR Co freight

Forwarded 1207340 lbs Index 02 $ 241.47
173 cars flour
415 " wheat
5 " Cake
2 " Apples
2 " Seed
2 " Lumber
4 " Corn
1 " Bottle
11 " bran
2 " W Goods
1 " mdse
621 cars @ 50 — 31050 $ 551.97

Received 4368643 lbs Index 02 $ 873.72
36 cars Lumber
1 " shingles
4 " Seed
6 " Coal
1 " Cope
4 " agricl Implts
2 " Ft Stock
2 " mdse
4 " Barley
2 " Wagon stock
2 " W Goods
1 " flour
65 cars @ 50 $ 3250 — 90622
$1458.19

Duluth Nov 1st/75

Messrs Hill & Acker

St Paul Gents

Yesterday I sent you a cash and coal statement which I hope will prove satisfactory. This morning sent a coal report without carrying out the extensions. The mail train has been changed and I was unaware of it until just before it started and I thought you would prefer the report as I sent it, rather than have it delayed. The invoices of the coal received last month I notice are at a higher figure than it during the summer and when I send from them last cargoes will charge you accordingly. Stove 8.35 Egg 7.90 Nut 8.10 & Lump 8.75. I have sent you several cars of the stove coal from the Yungen cargo but I invoiced at the old figure. We will let that remain as it is, unless you wish me to charge you with the difference.

Three of the last vessels we were forced to work

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p by the day. The following is the result

Unloading Rocket	99.95	You will see we have lost on the two first and gained on the last
500 16¢	70	
Loss.	19.95	
Prop Cormorant	177.70	The Rocket
1005 tons 14¢	140.70	got in later
Loss.	37.00	day night
Schr Pelecan 1200 14¢	168.56	We commenced
	155.25	on her Sun-
Gain.	13.31	

day morning with what men we could get, worked continuously until unloaded, Sunday night we paid the men 25¢ per hour. The Rocket is a hard boat to unload, besides being low, you must hoist three buckets to get one. A great deal of the Cormorant coal was put across the coal road truck and we were interrupted very much by the passing of the cars and we also lost time by the rope & the engine breaking and the engine itself getting out of repair. The Pelecan we started with horses and the next morning put on the engine and worked four hatches. At noon were forced to take off the gang as the steam in them-

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ing out the clutch I was afraid was to great, the mate of the vessel was also contrary and so on the whole we lost considerable time but yet gained something in unloading. Had we worked the old way with only two gangs on a vessel we would have ~~not~~ had five vessels here and a strike. There is no dependence to put in the men here, they had everything ripe for a strike, but working vessels ourselves with three gangs and hurrying them unloaded, prevented a general strike. One vessel that was unloading by contract, the men quit work and had we not four vessels in here at that time I should have let them gone without paying and, but a little talking got them to work again. I have observed the engine in his ling, and with three hatches working, hoists 500 tons in ten hours, 450 tons a day with the men at 2.00 a day brings the coal at between 9 & 10 cts on the dock, which is quite cheap, dont on a season's work. It is unpleasant here, it was hard work to introduce the engine, also hard work to get three hatches working, and on the whole there has been a silent warfare, which I think so far has resulted in our favor.

Please let me know when the last vessels are coming that we may take steps for winter. Very respectfully yours

First Div. St. Paul & Pacific Railroad.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

St. Paul, Nov 2 1875

J. J. Hill Esq

Dear Sir

I enclose bill for coal to you for correction. As I had talk with you about coal some two mos. since. — You then told me my coal should be at bottom figures. Price was then $9. & 9.50. —

Yours &c

W. W. Burk

Minneapolis Nov 1/95

Messrs. Kell & Acker

Mr Armstrong is very anxious that I should start to-morrow morning for the East. I did intend to go to St Paul to-day and finish up a little business that I left undone Saturday, but have concluded to finish up here in Minneapolis. I shall buy a very small assortment of Hat and Shoes at the North Star Shoe Store as I am sure that I can do as well. And will buy some notions here at Heyman & Mullen's some goods are cheaper than any that I procure in St Paul. They Burn the Wash wood & Coal of the Corporation finish & have

I have purchased some axes and a small assortment of Hardware at Pillsbury's also Hand & some few items in the Grocery line at Dunham & Nelson (which I overlooked at Kelly's. Will you see that the goods in St Paul are shipped Tuesday in time for Wednesday's freight if possible as the goods here will go at that time. Mr Armstrong has gone up on the road this morning for two or three days. I only saw him at the train a few minutes. He told me to say to you that the goods would not go further than Wayzata unless the freight was paid there or prepaid in St Paul. Will you please see to it. The goods that are in St Paul are at Smith & Camp's. Averbach

Some while wood at Young & Hallowell's. Glassware & Crockery at a place near your office where you introduced me. Small Bill at Harwoods. Groceries at Kelly's. Cash at Gordons. Let them be put Bills in Box marked (Bills in) If I have neglected to get all that is wanted, will make Memorandum and will be down again before Lake freeze. I have been obliged to make the purchases more hastily than I wished, but hope it will prove all satisfactory

Yours Respectfully
J. H. Pearl

G. E. PORTER, Prest. D. R. MOON, Vice Prest. S. T. McKNIGHT, Treas.

OFFICE OF

NORTHWESTERN LUMBER CO.

MANUFACTURERS OF

LATH SHINGLES & PICKETS.

LUMBER

Eau Claire, Wis. Nov 1875

Western Union
Gent
We want you to turn more
of the keel.
Can we get it here for same
as before?
please advise
Yours Respect
Northwestern Lbr Co
per J R Chapman

Coal
Iron Ore
Pig Iron

M. A. Hanna
P. P. Rhodes
F. F. Rhodes

Office of P. Rhodes & Co.

Cleveland, O. Nov. 2nd 1875

Miss Hill & Acker
St. Paul Minn

Dear

We are in receipt of yours of the 30th ult. and can assure you that we are sorry that you should have misunderstood us in such a way as to lead you to this trouble. But as the fault was not ours we do not see how we can be responsible for it. We have not charged you any more for the coal than we got for the first cargo. So that we have made nothing additional out of it. And if you thought we would guarantee Lake Erie to Duluth at 60¢ from port you for the season you certainly made a great mistake.

In answer to your question as to what we did say about any future want. We could readily answer that there was nothing said by him to the effect that he would give any such prices did we mean than the one cargo. As to buying coal at 2.65 f.o.b. here we know nothing about that and at the time as you will

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Coal.
Iron Ore.
Pig Iron.

M. A. Hanna.
B. P. Rhodes.
F. F. Rhodes.

Office of **Rhodes & Co.**

Cleveland, O. _____ 187

willing to pay us 3cts on supposing the same
difference in the quality and style of coal
as the parties who had the Cheap coal to
sell did not offer to guarantee for us.
Now to settle the matter we are willing
to make our price 3cts per ton, and
as we do not consider that we are
to blame about your misunderstanding
And as you ordered the coal last month,
waiving any Condition the limits this
labor on our part and is all we
feel called upon to do.

Truly Yours
Rhodes & Co

Duluth Nov 2/75

Messrs Hill & Acker
St Paul Gents

In your last you mentioned shipping 10 or 15 cars of egg coal from the vessels now due. No mention of egg was made in the invoices you sent of Sparta and Consort and I suppose you wish Grate. Will follow your instructions as near as I can. You will in all probability get coal before you do the report. Coal weighed this morning after the mail left I will not be able to get a report to you until wednesday night or thursday morning, there being only one mail train from here and that leaves 9.10 A.M. It is going to take some lumber to cover this coal and I do not know but what the wind will be so strong as to be impossible to keep planks on. It probably would be a good idea to cover a portion and see how the plan would work. Please give me your ideas and what you consider the best method of working. The storm and

* Electric has gone to Lake with loading coal. Very Respectfully
No Report of Sparta and Consort
W C Agnew

JAS. J. HILL. G. S. ACKER.

HILL & ACKER,

Successors to HILL, GRIGGS & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

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OILS, SALT AND CEMENT,

62 East Third Street,

St. Paul, Minn. 1873 1876

SOLE AGENTS IN MINNESOTA FOR THE FOLLOWING CELEBRATED COALS:

Delaware and Lackawanna,
Delaware and Hudson,
Pittston and Elmira.

W. A. Alexander Esqr
St Paul Minn
Dear Sir

On the 22d of Sept there was shipped from Duluth car # 6455 of Coal weight 20200# billed to Fanning & Langdon. Winn. On which a claim for shortage amounting to 600# has been made. We pay your Company freight on coal as weighed by your agent at Duluth, and accept that as correct weight and so bill it to our Customers - and if weight does not hold out, it must be through error in weighing, or loss in transit. We have Mason Seymour Cabin & Co of Stillwater to correspond with you on this matter - (they being the ones to whom we sold the Coal) as we hold that we are not liable -

Yours Truly
Hill Acker

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