

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1875 DEC. 7-13

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**Threshers, Mowers, Reapers, Seeders, Plows, Wagons,**

*Horse-Rakes, all Standard Agricultural Implements;*

*also Coal, Wood, Lime & Brick. Highest Cash Price paid for Hides.*

*Sheldon, Iowa, Dec 7 1875*

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*St Paul Minn*

*Sents*

*Inclosed*

*find \$146.50 to Bal acc*

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*135.50*

*146.50  
121.50  
25.00*

G. W. PUTNAM  
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Anoka, Minn., Dec 9 1875

Wm Hill & Co  
Guth.

Enclosed find  
Dopt J Twelve x 30/100  
please credit on a/c  
Truly yours  
Putnam Chesley & Lindsay



room between ~~have~~ <sup>here</sup> and  
twelve mile course I  
have told our parties to  
secure all of that ground  
they needed, they seem  
to be buying the remaining  
ground. I shall try  
and have all the wood  
possible kept clear from  
Pearson's farm by  
wood train, for Pearson  
charges \$25 per cord for  
privilege hauling across  
his land and parties  
can haul through a central  
lane and not interfere with  
Pearson

Yours Truly  
W. W. Aldrich

Haverly Dec 9/75

Mr Armstrong

Mr Helstrom <sup>Dr Sir</sup> and  
myself have just  
arrived here from the coun-  
try south of here and Howard  
and have seen all of the  
parties that have sold to  
Miller and some that have  
sold to Widden, the whole  
country north and south  
down on Miller. Geo.  
Doffler is buying all the  
wood that he can for  
Miller, pretending to buy  
it for himself, and Widden

is doing the same around  
Howard, Doppler and  
Widdem each one has  
told Mr Helchman and  
myself that they should  
stop buying from this out  
for Miller. I will give  
you some of the names of  
them that Doppler and  
Widdem and Miller have  
tried to buy from since  
and have bought since the  
load has been divided

Doppler names

Spadore Daniels (Bought by him)

Harmon Ematt (Bought by us)

Miller names

Frank Sawyer (Bought by Miller)

Miller paid him money and  
paid him on 25 cts. D. Maple

Then you sold him about  
20 cts D. Maple and received  
from him in advance  
about \$88. This was sold  
about Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 75.

I want that business  
stopped if I am to buy,  
if not I shall buy against  
them as opposition parties  
until I am stopped by you

We have got all the D-  
Maple and G Maple that  
we could on our trip  
~~I will try and send you~~  
and all the traders at  
Howard promise to sell  
us all their wood, Miller  
parties are trying hard to  
hold all the business





Duluth Dec 8/75

Messrs Hill & Co

S. Paul } Gents

Yours of the 6<sup>th</sup>

at hand, I understood your wishes in regard to weighing ~~and~~ coal and have carried them out. The weights I give you are the actual weights, not three or four barrow weights and the balance estimated, but every barrow was weighed. I see how you came to misunderstand. We weigh the barrow and coal together and after we get the car loaded deduct the weight of the barrow. This is a quicker and more exact method. A barrow holds more than 300<sup>lb</sup> and in a car of 12 tons we gain 10 barrows. I have a small book and put the weight of each barrow down so that if there is any great discrepancy I can refer. In this report I send you today there is on the case of Stone to F. Stiles 850<sup>lb</sup> difference. I have looked over my figures and I can see no error, so that I am safe in saying that



[12-8-75]

the same way, but if the weather now gets better, we can do  
anything but give it our attention. Very respectfully,  
A. C. Jones.

23046<sup>lb</sup> is correct instead of the railroad weight  
of 856<sup>lb</sup> less. We shall give you the actual  
weights, circumstances may vary the method  
of weighing, but we will endeavor to be correct.  
The car to F. Stiles Barrms and coal weighs 3084<sup>lb</sup>  
Barrms 7800, weight of coal 23046. I wish to give  
you both weights, (the railroad and ours) and  
you can use whichever you feel disposed. I  
should judge from yours you would want D W  
Jones coal weighed, I have not been weighing  
it because I did not know exactly your wishes  
in reference to him and I did not know whether  
you handled the freight bills. The two ought  
to agree, the railroad weight and our weight  
when an outside party gets both weights. You  
can give me your wishes on this subject and  
remember it is ~~not~~ no trouble for us to do right.  
Whatever you want done here, do not consider  
the trouble it causes a minute. We want  
to do right. We have not been able to so much



[Dec. 9, 1875]

The contract between the Joint Directors of the St Paul and  
Pacific Rail Road for pumps, parts of the first fund, Chas. A.  
Kearney, Kockhaus & Co., Lippmann Rowland & Co., Humphreys, J. M.,  
T. H. Kottheim, J. de Haan, J. H. B. Boudreau & J. J. Jones  
Corp., as a Committee of bondholders of said pumps, parts of the  
second fund, O. Edwin C. Litchfield, O. Edwin Litchfield partners  
of the third fund, dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 1875, having been ratified  
by the said parties of the second fund, with certain modifications  
by them expressed in their said ratification, and said modifications  
having been agreed to by the parties of the third fund:

Now in witness whereof, it is hereby mutually agreed  
by and between the said parties of the second and third fund  
to said agreement that thirty days from this date be and  
the same is hereby granted and allowed for the effect of  
said parties of the first fund to make modifications and for the  
return of said agreement and modifications, duly executed to  
by said parties of the first fund, to the undersigned parties of  
the second and third fund, at the city of New York.

In witness whereof the said parties of the second and  
third fund to said agreement, have hereunto set their hands

this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1875  
Theobaldus J. H. H. H. H.  
Attest for the Committee  
O. Edwin C. Litchfield  
O. Edwin Litchfield  
By O. Edwin C. Litchfield  
his atty

Agreement  
extending time for the  
Completion  
of

Agreement for the re-  
organization of the Main  
Branch lines of the  
First Division of the  
St. Paul & Pacific R.R. Co.

—  
Dated Dec. 9. 1875  
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E. Hixson.

W. V. Fisher.

Office Of

# Hixson & Fisher,

DEALERS IN

**Lumber, Sash, Doors, Mouldings, Paints,**  
Building Paper & Felts, Coal, Lime, Cement, Stucco, &c.

Cherokee, Iowa

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

1875

Will Ed. Red

St Paul Minn

Gents. We enclosed  
herewith draft (\$280<sup>00</sup>) two hundred  
and eighty<sup>00</sup> dollars & 10¢  
Receipts of loans 616,276.1149 &  
amounting to (\$187<sup>50</sup>) one hundred  
& eighty seven<sup>50</sup> dollars making  
in all \$468<sup>00</sup> amt of draws for  
2d & 3d. Please receipt us  
to be legal.

Respt Yours  
Hixson & Fisher

P.S. Send us the bar of shot lead  
soon as possible

WM. VAN EPS,

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**Dry Goods, Groceries, Provisions, Notions,**

Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Ready-Made Clothing,  
Crockery and Glassware.

Drugs, Medicines, Wines, Liquors, Etc.,  
MILLS & LOS THRESHERS.

Hardware, Stoves, Iron and Nails, Tinware,  
Moline and Norwegian Flows.

**ALSO DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF LUMBER.**

PROPRIETOR OF THE DELL RAPIDS FLOURING MILLS.

Sioux Falls, D. T., Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1875

Myself and Ed Acker  
St Paul Minn  
Dr Sirs

Please send me your  
lowest Cash price for Penn Bur  
Coal & Penn Anti bituminous Coal

Yours Truly  
Wm Van EPS



Mr John Swainson asked the Horse in question from him. He has been  
seen since

St Paul. Dec: 10<sup>th</sup> 1875.  
Geo. S. Lister Esq  
St Paul.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> received  
to day. I regret to find you dissatisfied with  
your Trade - Wood-Hor. Horses. I am satisfied and  
willing to do whatever you wish in the matter. I  
don't want you to keep the Horses if they don't  
suit you. but I here, make a positive denial of  
any likeness in the Green Horse up to the Evening you  
and Mr James inspected him - the driver who drove him  
for three years. knew nothing of his likeness. Mr Swainson,  
Mr Hooper & others who have seen him work at Morris, knew  
the Animal to be James, after he left my stable. I know not  
what may have occurred to him - if you wish it, I will take  
the Green back, and return you due bill for 12 Cords of wood  
and my note for a few amount for the difference in cost.

I cannot pay you Cash at present for any difference  
there may be, in the money you wish the Master Settles -

Very yours  
Chas. A. Morris -

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1875

Mr. Acha

I do not remember  
clearly what I put on the order  
for you to take with you yesterday.  
So I will make a full list of  
what I want.

- 6 Barrels of common salt ✓ PMA
- 10<sup>th</sup> whole Pepper # only one of these ✓
- 1 Box good Ground Pepper ✓
- 1 Ball of Sarge twine for tying up  
Hicks and heavy bundles <sup>Get a few lbs  
at Williams</sup> ✓
- 20 joints of stove pipe and 5 Elbows ✓
- 1 Doz Boxes Hicks No 11 Gun caps ✓
- 3 grind stones and 1/2 Doz Grind  
stone hanging <sup>Wedges & Rings</sup> ✓
- Don't forget the cross cut saws & Patent  
handles, and the Cloth Boots & Shoes ✓
- 1/2<sup>lb</sup> Heartstone or Ammoniac not in  
Liquor ✓

CHB



2 Boxes Nijca ✓ simple

4 or 5<sup>lb</sup> Heathered Candy

5 Pieces Brown Shalting different weights (some heavy and some not as heavy)

1 Box new Valencia raisins

1 Barrel coffee & sugar

you might as well send another Barrel of coal oil. Although I have nearly 1 Barrel in hand but will go away soon

two or three double Gray shawls that will sell for about \$4.50 to \$6.00

J H Pearl

OFFICE OF

**PETER THOMPSON,**

DEALER IN

Dry Goods, Groceries, General Merchandise,

AND

FIRST CLASS FARM MACHINERY.

Worthington, Minn.

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1875

Mr. Kill & Co.

Gents,

Please give me your  
lowest Cash prices for  
Lackawanna Stone size Coal  
by the carload and oblige

Yours  
Peter Thompson



Comings &amp; Snodgrass.

GENERAL STORAGE

AND

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1875Mess Kill & Acker  
St Paul Minn

Dear Sirs

We ordered by telegram to-day one car of Moun Bank Coal, to be shipped to Sibley - It's for a party living off the line of road, but that is his nearest point to a railroad. He did not know whether price had changed or not. He could buy the St Dodge Coal, but he wished to try this. Is it much superior to our Iowa Coal? We wish to get at the results, and if we think them about equal, could handle some in this market. Have you forwarded the car of Storo Coal?

Yours truly  
Comings & Snodgrass

(over)

# Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank

St. Paul, Minn.

Sept 10, 1875

James J. Hill Esq  
Sicg

Dear Sir,

The  
Saint Paul Daring Park Assen is  
indebted to this Bank \$1495. Some  
of it is nearly three years standing  
& all of it about not less than eight  
months. I called Mr. Fuller's attention to  
the matter and he referred me to you.  
We do not think we should be called  
upon to carry this longer, and I  
request that payment be made at the  
earliest practicable date.

Yours Truly  
C. A. Morton  
C.A.





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