

1876 FEB. 16-29

FOLDER NO.

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER



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



Hell & Acker Co
No 62 East 3 St
St Paul
Minn

How much can you
Give me for dry
Maple wood

Respectfully

M. Gates

Belle Plaine
Minn

Feb - 16, 76



Dear Sir [Feb. 16, 1876]
We hope you will not
fail to try our excellent coal.
It will give you entire satisfac-
tion and we do not hesitate to
commend it to you as the best
article in the market. St Paul
& Pacific dry Maple wood we are
selling just now at 60c
Respectfully yours
At Gas Office J. H. & J. H.



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

W. F. Meader Esq
107. S. Washington av
City-

 Geo. W. Flanders,

DEALER IN

General Merchandise, Baled Hay,

PRODUCE, GAME &c.

HARRIS STATION, MINN.

July 16th 1876

Wm. Hill & Co. Clerk
St. Paul

Minn.

Gents

I ship you this day
2 Cars Maple Wood I have
not heard from the last
I ship this because the Days
loaded it before I was aware
of it please advise me
if receipt of same I price

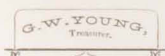
Yours Respectly

Geo W Flanders

OFFICE OF

Wilmington Star Coal Company,

No. 95 West Twelfth Street,



Chicago, July 18th 1876

Messrs. Still & Acken

St Paul Minn.

Gentlemen

Yours of 15th inst enclosing
Dft on Chicago for \$117.⁹⁸ being amt in
full to date of our a/c. against you -
is received

We would like to see our coal gain a
foothold in the far North West. Perhaps
we can get a rate that will bring it
down to the figure you propose, viz. \$5.⁰⁰
We will start off by offering you the
Coal at \$3.⁰⁰ on cars here. Perhaps you
could get a special rate of \$2.⁰⁰ per ton
from the N.W. Co. Don't you think you
could? We will try at this rate also.
Please let us hear from you at any
rate. We don't want you to "lose sight
of us"

Yours Truly

G.W. Young
Treas.

A. H. WOODRUFF, Brazil, Ind.

A. J. TRUNKY, Chicago, Ill.

J. H. TRUNKY, Chicago, Ill.

OFFICE OF

Woodruff & Trunkay Bros.

COAL DEALERS, /

N. W. CORNER CARROLL AVENUE & ANN STREET.
570 W. INDIANA STREET.

Chicago, Feby 18th 1876.

Messrs Hilbert Acker.
St. Paul Minn.

Gentlemen. We can give you best Sub Black Coal at \$4.00 per ton on C. & W. N. Mack. We could deliver at Bridgeport if that would be of any advantage. We pay Freight on 17. But from our mine - but seldom ship less than 13. often more -

Don't think they will weigh on transfer. If you prefer will bill to you direct from the mine. But think it is probably better to switch you coal from here as it would be.

We hope to get an order from you. as we know the coal will give you satisfaction.

Very Resp^y

Woodruff & Trunkay Bros.

Comings & Snodgrass,

GENERAL STORAGE

AND

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

Sioux City, Iowa, 2/18th 1876

Messrs Kill & Acker
St Paul Minn

Dear Sirs

Please ship one car of Nat
Blossburg Coal, same as you quoted @
\$4.00 per ton - He could not make the
Salt trade - They ~~did not~~ preferred ~~English~~
salt, and they say that the spruce bbls
was & let in the dust much more than
yours - Will make a remittance in
a day or two - Have some grain on
the way & will give you a draft for
same - Yours Truly
Comings & Snodgrass

Duluth Feby 19/76

• Messrs Stillacker
S. Paul & Gents

Enclose a letter from S. Pendergast & Co. Sault Centre, enquiring the price of Horstburg coal. There is less than ten cars of that grade on hand. The pile of old store is growing less, about six car loads. The Nut from the Jarvis Lord is nearly all shipped, I think about five car loads left. The nut from the Rust has been covered and am in good hopes it will work up better than what we have been shipping.

Very Respectfully
A. J. Jones



Howard Litch 21st 1876

Wesley Hill and Oaker

Winterton

I had no time to call at office
and see you while down to
St Paul Saturday without
delaying me another day.
I had so much running around
to do in Minneapolis and

I had also promised to meet
parties here and at Worcester
on Monday and try and pay
them some money. But now
three hundred dollars did
not reach a great way.

Please send more money
and often, if you want.
Should say word from the other
parties you must keep me supplied

in money. A great many
parties have quit chopping
have most of wood so
have don't want Miller to
have the wood all waiting
me to pay but want wait
long as choppers are bound
to go and must have their
pay if you want the wood
please send the money. I think
you had better send blank check
over on the 1st of Nov. about
some time ago just the thing to pay
dealer with whom you is large
debts. It borrowed 123 dollars
from H & Jones 113 of this to
sign on the 3rd of Dec. I imagine
that ^{the former} name Adams would have
sold Wilding same day but for
the recommendation from Mr Jones
who ^{had} money borrowed from Mr
Cullen at Morris to some wood

[2-21-76]

from other parties, several parties
are now up and waiting for money,
and on the point of letting Miller
have their word to get the money.
There is a great deal of Red
word out west of Howard but far
are waiting for money to have it out.
I think we will get enough of word,
west of Howard except at Maple that
is coming on slow. Mr Morris says
he telegraphed dry car but my
telegram received only said George
and dry not mentioned in it. So he
only measured the dry, and from some
parts of other word, 145 ads & some
also from Maple 18, 7, & 4. 11/16
It did not have enough
dry car, I got good measurement
from him and let him have the
Owson word and Penn word.
I will let Rebe and let him about his
advance on next year word.

\$8⁰⁰ B
\$9⁰⁰ C Land

I will also try and keep Schultz and Pace
from running over road land as possible
Tallies has turned over some road and
promises to turn over Bal. he pretends to
be ant with Diller on several matters in the
French settlement. That about making
it a general thing to a draft on
next Grass would by Bill of Sale
fixed price with no conditions for any
one. Thiggo and Coleman I understand
are doing it. I could get pretty much
all the road if had chance to handle same.
Homer Summers our man here, wants
to know what you are going to do in
regard to land he shows to you about
The (3 & 40 in N 1/4 quarter of Sec 19
Range 26 Town 119) Will get Summers.
I understand your letter will bear it in mind.
will give you ant L. covered in another letter.
Yours truly
M. R. M. M.

Feb 21st 1876
J. A. Armstrong
Sir

I have
given a Draft on Hill &
Acker in favor of J. B.
Carmen, amount \$94³²/₁₀₀
Date Feb 21st 1876. and
another Draft in favor
of A. J. Alderman same date
Amount \$71¹³/₁₀₀ per order
of J. B. Carmen.

I have now measured up
all the work for J. B. Carmen
and have ^(paid him for) Ballouine the
Books. He is not certain
whether he will get out
any more work for us.
I suppose he will know when
he gets back.

J. H. Pearl

W. C. SNODGRASS

GENERAL STORAGE

AND

COMMISSION MERCHANTS

SiouX City, Iowa, *2/21* *Ch* 1876

Miss Killbuck
 St Paul Minn

Dear Sirs

Enclosed you have dft on
Meph. Al. and Sybera for 200^{cs}. to apply
on a/c - Will make another in
a few days

Yours truly
Comings & Goodgrass

Wastings Feb 21st 1876

Messrs Will & Acker
St Paul

Gentlemen Letter from

J. C. Brydens dated 19th in relation to Fgt
John on a memo ship^d to a Foss. Bremen Sta
and forwarded by you is received. Please pay this
freight Bill & we will send same back
y^r the first time one of us goes up to St Paul

Yours truly

John Rhoads & Son
Pemmington

Mound City Feb 21/76

Meers Hill & Acker

I drew a
draft on you in favor of
Z. E. Brown, account of
M. S. Cook dated Feb 19th 1876
Amount 25 dollars No 10,
at sight, and another in
favor of J. B. Garman, same
date, amount \$94⁵⁰ No 11
and another in favor of A. S.
Alderman, same date. Amount
\$71⁵⁰ No 12 all for word.

Yours Truly
J. H. Pearl

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to be overweight as it is? Mr. Parley has been forwarding some parties
in ~~the~~ ^{our} ~~weights~~ ^{weights}, shall he be particular with this cargo?

Respectfully,
Wm. A. Jones

Messrs Hill & Acker
St. Paul

Duluth Feby 22/86

Gents

We were unable to get a S City car and so had to load the L Lump in a L Sonr one. We also misjudged it in the weight, giving you twelve tons instead of ten. This occurred through ignorance of handling that quality of coal. The number of barrows we put in would have been about eight tons of the other kinds. The L Lump is more broken up than I supposed at first. We gave you as good a car as we could without going to much trouble and expense. We picked out, in the neighborhood of four tons dirt and fine coal, which we screened, reserving the screened coal for future cars. We have the Jarvis Lord's cargo of Nut (seven cars) loaded. There remains here the rest from the D M Rust which we will soon have to commence work upon. Do you wish it handled as ordinary cargo, or does the ~~water~~ reshipment require it?

Sibley Iowa
Feb the 22/76
Hill & Acker

Dear Sirs
In reply to yours of
the 18 will state
that I ~~am~~ am short
of funds to meet
my demands at present
but within 60 days
will be able to pay
all that is due or
I sold out my business
in the coal and iron
the 1st day of Jan I sent
you all the money that
I could raise I have
notes and accounts but
I cannot collect them
yet
Yours truly
Frank Giles

Duluth Feb'y 23/76

Mr^r Hillacker
St Paul

Dear Sir

We were forced again to give you a L & M can instead of a S City. There remains here about a half can of Cumberland Bloss and I should think four cans of the Sparta's cargo. We gave Mr Jones a little more than half of Cumberland and the balance was the last of the Morris Run from the Schr F A Georges. The can you receive for the S City Road is from cargo Sparta and I think of a superior quality.

Very Respectfully
A C Jones

OFFICE OF

JOHN A. ARMSTRONG,

Dealer in Wood and Coal,

Minneapolis, Minn.

July 24 1876

Messrs. Hall & Acker,
St Paul Minn.

Gentlemen.

Mr Peter Henry
of Belle Plain has 3 or 400 bds Dry Hard
for Sale on line of St Paul & Sioux City R.R.
As I do not wish to touch it, I send
you the item. We will put on the
cars at Blakely (50 miles from St Paul)
100 bds H. On lot \$3.00 from 2 to 300
bds Oak and Ash at \$2.25 loaded.
His Post Office address is at Belle Plain.

Yours &c

J. A. Armstrong

Howard Feb 25/76

John A Armstrong

Sir
Ludberg's letter to you
and your mounting note
to me ~~has~~ have just received
this evening. I went up yester-
day and measured between
Darwin and Dassel and today
between Dassel and Smith's
Lake, ~~today~~ all the work that
Ludberg and others had ready.
I have done the best possible
for you, if you are not
satisfied you can go to hell
I am not a dog understand

Yours

March

Minneapolis

Feb 28th

[1876]

Mr Jones

Please send
me one car test Morris
Run Bop yours
J. H. H.



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



A C Jones
Duluth
Min

Sept 26th 1876
Mount City
Messrs Hill & Scher

I have made
a Draft on you for seventy five
dollars in favor of M. S. Cook
date Oct 26th 1876 at sight
No. 15. He wanted a Draft
for \$100. I told him I could not
give him that much as there was
only \$62⁵⁰ due him. But have
finally concluded to give him
a draft of \$75. He has about 30
cords more cut and will be
getting it right out. If I should
allow him \$2.25 per cord for the
last measurement would make
him square with us. I have not
yet concluded to pay over \$2⁰⁰.
But have promised to do so as soon
as I know that any one else is
paying that price.

Mr. Armstrong told me to
pay it as soon as I knew that
other Parties was paying it. I
know ^(Miller) he is offering it to all that
are cutting here. I only know
that Miller has paid ^{it} in one instance
on the Lake. That was to Jennings,
one of the Parties that contracted to
take wood to Maple Plain for them.
He (Miller) has engaged to take
all the wood that was contracted
to go to Maple Plain, on the Lake
at 25[¢] per cord and has offered
to take from all Parties on the Lake
at the same price. They will
get that wood that was contracted
to them in spite of all that I
can do. (of course none that we
have measured up and paid for)
All Parties that have been cutting
for us will let us have the wood
in preference to any one else. If we
buy the same, at least they will

Promises too. I want to know
right away what to do in
regard to, whether I had better
Pay the 2nd right away or wait
awhile longer. Miller will be
here again next Wednesday to
measure and pay for all that he
can get. So he has told them.
I have told all Parties that I
should pay them 2nd as soon as
I was satisfied that any others
were really paying it. I find
it more difficult to get along
with our own customs now than
before others came in to buy wool.
I am sorry that it has occurred.
All was going on satisfactorily before.
I would like to hear from you
right away

Yours Truly
J. H. Beal

over

Since writing this letter
Mr. Sloan came in and
said he wanted 1 Bush
Timothy Seed and some
Clover & red top seed. and
he says others will want
it this Spring. and will
be calling for it right away
He says I can sell about
4 Bush Timothy Seed.
1 " Red Top "
1 " Clover "

Delano Feb 28 1896

Hill & Acker

Sir

Your letter of the 25th is at hand
in regard to the cars loaded on the 14th not the 15th
as in your letter. I loaded 9 cars Dry Maple at
Waverly for Hill & Acker nos 147-~~148~~ 203-25-245-253
59-143-155-221 all on one W.B. also 5 cars Dry Maple
at Waverly for Briggs & Johnson nos 232, 258, 154, 205,
201, on one W.B. I have the stub W.Bills in my
Book they are on my statement of work done for
month of February the same as in my
weekly report I do not leave it till the last
of the week but put it down every night
I have been very carefull about getting
wood mixed I have sent you way Bill
of all wood loaded if you do not get
them they are lost on they way
down on the 11th I loaded and Billed
you car 145 4 Maple or rather to St Paul
Elevator Act Hill & Acker and sent you
report of same what more could I do

~~my~~ I think the way these mistakes
are made is this I send ten or twelve
cars on one W B and the morning train
will take a part of them and leave
the rest. the next morning they will
take the balance and put them on
some other W B I know this to be
so because I was at the junction
the other morning and one of
my W B's was there with two or three
cars on that I did not put there now
what can I do in that case? the 9 cars
for you and the 5 for Griggs & Johnson
were left at Helene and Griggs & Johnson
cars were tagged by Mr Lund's the Agt
I would like to see my way bills for the 14th
if you will see Mr Storun and have
him send them up if not too much
trouble I am very positive you will find
that I am right this time if never
before. I realize the necessity of care in
loading and balling the wood and have tried
to do the best I could hoping to hear from
you on this subject soon I remain Yours &c
J L Kellogg

Feb 26, 1876

My dear City
Messrs. Hill & Co.

I have drawn a draft on you
for \$106⁵⁰ date Feb 24-1876
at Sight in favor of M. H.
Sanders No. 14 *Mar 1*

I have received all the goods
except a Bill from Genl.
of Hamburg Sea, contain ~~Smeant~~
~~more~~ ^{more} ~~any~~ Bills. I have received
the Bill but not the goods. They
may be at Naple Plain now
but were not there when I got the
rest of the goods.

I am much in need of a few
Boots and shoes

I want 1 Pz good Hogs Boots
different sizes

1 Pair Grain Leather Boots as follows

1 Pair No 6 - 2 Pair No 7 - 2 Pair No 8

Such as you sent last.

over

1 Doz Gent Rubbers
 1 " Sacks "
 1 Doz mens thick Brogans
 3 Pairs Misses goat shoes No 8
 3 " " " " " 7
 3 " " " " " 10
 2 " " " " " 11
 6 Pairs Gents calf or Slip Brogans
 No 7, 8, 9 & 10
 5 Pieces unbleached sheeting
 3 " Bleached "
 12 Pieces good style Prints not too
 dark colors. 2 Pieces Print with
 Stripes and Palm Leaf figures for the
 german trade for quilts
 1 Piece good Hickory Stripe for
 sheeting. 2 Pieces check like
 sample. These says he sold the ^{remnant} sample
 today. As I have no sample to send
 It is a small check. Blue & white, heavy,
 for shirts. Some call it apron check
 only heavier than common apron check
 over

1 Piece good Blue denim
 1 " Brown Duck
 1/2 Piece gingham
 1/2 Doz Linen shirt fronts such as
 retail for from 25¢ to 40¢
 1 case Cove oysters
 1 Box Ground Pepper
 10 ^{lbs} whole Pepper
 1 can Mustard
 2 Box envelopes 1 white & 1 yellow
 20 ^{lbs} Pruned currants
 20 " Prunes 1 Box coffee essence
 10 " Allspice (whole)
 2 doz cakes sweet-german chocolate
 2 gro shoe faces not many
 short ones
 2 Doz extract Lemon
 2 Doz Bottles good Blk ink
 3 Doz cups & saucers. W. Granite
 1 " Santon Globes for the Tubular
 lantern. Miller is not
 getting much work here
 J H Pearl

Howard Sept 26/1876

Wepes Hill and Aspen

Continued
Upper letter of Sept 23rd (and
dispatch of today requesting
statement of road measured
and turned over to RR Co)

I sent you statement by letter
the 22nd of each road

42 Cedar Oak (Measured to
18778 " G. Maple) M. G. Moore

This road between Howard and
Narrowly Station)

I will send you complete book
of RR road ^{and measured} by to Sept 27/76

On Monday train "by mail

We are prepared on Oak and
mixed but Soft and RR maple

all right, very near enough so
already to fill amt called for,
Hart inch measured between same
and Smith Lake again, run is all
gone rock, Bay ground, plenty of
frost cut shed in woods,
I shall have you completely report by
March 1st '76, But Roswell won't
this morning from under Miller)

Please find in this statement of
drafts one and two from order books, also
(order given H. S. Jones Feb 21st 1876, for
three hundred fifty five and $\frac{45}{100}$ Dollars, favor
of himself on his word acct)

Order No 7 of Burr
Draft for \$349.⁷⁵
Date Feb 25/1876
On Sight
Place Howard Lake
Time

over

In favor of J. F. Pearson
Acct of J. F. Pearson
No

Draft for \$50.⁰⁰
Date Feb 26/1876
On Sight
Place Howard
Time

In favor of H. S. Jones
Acct of J. Roswell & Co
(No 3)

Yours Truly
W. H. March
O.S.
All word that is ready
will be measured by morning
night
March

F. Rockafeller

J. W. Fawcett

Pioneer Oil Co.

SUCCESSORS TO

Morehouse Oil & Wax Co.

Refiners and Manufacturers of

Carbon, Headlight and Lubricating

Cleveland, O. Feb 2

Rooms 1 and 2

No 513 Euclid Avenue

Messrs. Hill & Ackers
St Paul Minn

Gentlemen

Yours of 24th recd noted.

We cannot send you any better oil than this last lot that will stand the legal test.

The fault lies in the requirements of your State Law, to meet which, the oil has to be made of so high a fire test, ~~and~~ ^{that} necessarily a large amount of Paraffine gets into it, which makes it very susceptible to chill up in cold weather. Our Standard Headlight oil, used, & admired, by all Railroads stands 155° fire test, is Water white in color & free from Paraffine & consequently will stand any temperature. but it will not stand the test of your Law which is about 195° fire test. If the St P & S City will take the responsibility of using this oil we can sell it to them at 15¢ per gallon (exclusive of your commissions) f.o.b. Cars here, & will say it is a far Superior oil

to the Standard legal test every respect & just as safe if not more so. Let us hear from you. Also please say if all our stock is in your hands that we may close out our only Pioneer Oil Co. Fawcett



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



Hill Gigg & Co
Saint Paul
Minn

Morris Minn Feb 28 - '76
Hills Griggs & Co Dr Sir
What can you furnish me with
Blossburg Coal for in quantities of
one ton or over
Yours Resp - S P Scofield
Morris Stevens Minn

Harvard Feb 28, 1870
Mepes Hill and Loker
Gentlemen

Enclosed please find statement
of am^t RR wood measured
the date am^t sorted hastily.

Soft	3000	eds
Mixed	872	"
Oak	948	"
Y Maple	80	"
4900	Total am ^t	

Radbury says he will have his am^t
out wood maple at Sausal the
other, find for RR

Also over please find
order given Saturday after
train No 2 had passed North

over

207)
Draft for \$ 25-⁰⁰/₁₀₀
Date Let 26/1876
On Sight
Place Waverly
Time
In favor of B. Dunn & Co
Acct of do Acct Mar 1
(no 3)

Draft for \$ 25-⁰⁰/₁₀₀
Date For 26/1876
On Sight
Place Waverly Acct Mar 3
Time
In favor of B. Dunn & Co
Acct of do
(no 4)

W. H. Mearns
next sheet (no 2)

(v02)

[2-28-76]

Howard List 24/76

Draft for \$ 64, ⁴²/₁₀₀
Date List 24/1876

On Sight

Place Waring

Time ~

Acct
Mars

In favor of J B Summers

Acct of do

(v05)

Draft for \$ 121, ⁸¹/₁₀₀

Date List 24/1876

On Sight

Place Waring

Time ~

Mars

In favor of Crt Fallin

Acct of " "

(v06)

W H Mars

over

Between 9 and 10
thousand dollars will do for
this one,

Mand



Wells Hill & Acker
St Paul
Minn^a

Duluth Feby 29/76

Messrs Hill & Ackers
St Paul) Gents

Enclosed please find postal from D W Jones Minneapolis ordering a car of Blora. You instructed me a short time ago not to ship him anymore left coal and I await your instructions in reference to this order. There is an order on the books for a car and when that is filled there will be less than three cars loads left.

Very Respectfully
A C Jones



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