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
JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

[1876, June] [?]

C. H. Mead has been
to Lake and if want
him - write to Stillwater
says house to live in want
repairing

MARK H. IRISH,
PROPRIETOR.

◆  Madison Artesian Mineral Water on draught, fresh from
the well, *Free to all.*

PARK HOTEL,

Madison, Wis., [June 1876]

I hope that you understand me in the above request and will not on any account imagine that I do for a moment question the truth in every detail of all that you & the Capt. Ages told me - for on the other hand I do believe them in each & every particular. Will you please telegraph me Monday night whether Saunders is cognizant

of the facts and then
as you do.

Be assured that
I shall not by any
disclosure embarrass
you or Capt Rhoads -

Yours truly
C. M. Underhill

JAS. J. HILL.

G. S. ACKER.

HILL & ACKER,

Successors to HILL, GRIGGS & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

DEALERS IN COAL, COKE,

OILS, SALT AND CEMENT,

62 East Third Street,

SOLE AGENTS IN MINNESOTA
FOR THE FOLLOWING
CELEBRATED
COALS:

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

St. Paul, Minn. June 1st 1876.

Dear Mr Hill

I was sorry at not having seen you before I left - as I wished to speak to you on the coal question - I know that a big trade will be done in that article in Manitoba & I want to have the first hand in it if possible - I will feel obliged if you will let me know immediately on your return the lowest price you will deliver coal at Winnipeg per Ton - Please quote the different kinds then if you are agreeable to my plan I will at once solicit orders in Winnipeg - These orders I will take in the form of a contract from responsible parties only binding themselves to take the coal and pay for it on its arrival

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The whole question rests solely on whether I can prove it to their advantage to burn coal in place of wood & therefore you will require to place it at the lowest figures as a commencement. You will probably be able to make better terms for freight than anyone else. I think I may be able to get a good order out of the government & that I can induce Storekeepers to burn coal so as to preserve their goods from cold at night. I would press the matter well so as to get my hand in in the trade & you know from experience I can sell goods when I make up my mind to do so. Of course I know you would not want

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St. Paul, Minn. 1897

to make any bad debts and
I would be very careful in
dealing only with good parties.
I do not wish to handle the
coal and would prefer that
all monies be paid into Mr
Swinford who will then deliver
the coal. I propose this as I
wish only to act as agents in
the meantime so that if you
wish to go into it please state
what Commission you will
allow me. I don't care if it
is small to commence with.
I think if you go into this you
will find it the commencement
of a big business. Please
write me fully & if you like
send me the form of a
contract you would like

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Pittston and Elmira.

parties to sign when ordering -
As no orders have been yet
given for coal I am in time
to get them all if you send
me the necessary information
& power to act. Please remember
me to Mrs Hill - I would like
if you could let me earn
the \$20 I got from you when
strapped. You don't know
how pushed I have been
ever since else you would
not feel hard towards me
for not repaying. If you don't
go into the coal I will be
able to repay you the \$20
next month. Thanking you
for your many kindnesses & hoping
to hear from you immediately on
my return home I am Yours and Alex Burr

C. H. GRAVES & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WHEAT, SALT, LIME AND CEMENT.

DULUTH, MINN.,

June 1 1876

Mess Hill & Acker

Gentlemen

Please give us your lowest price for
Blasting Coal for ten tons on Dock.
We want some right away. Also
price of Oil by the Car Load.

Yours &c
C. H. Graves & Co

100

Duluth June 1/96

Mr Geo Sacker

St Paul) Dear

In settlement
with Mr Gordon this day I gave a draft
on you for \$452⁷² on account cargo Prop
Duluth,

682 tons 60¢ 409.20 The \$45⁵² was the
Hoisting &c 43.52 amount agreed upon
by Mr Saunders & Mr Gordon. You will notice
that 15¢ per ton has been held back and
I suppose you have an objection to it being
that amount instead of 10¢ The figures
were Mr Gordon's. Shall I send you the
receipts for freight or shall I keep them
and file them away separately.

Very Respectfully
A C Jones

Duluth June 1/76

Mess Hill & Acker
S. Paul } Gents

I spoke to Col
Graves yesterday about cargo of DW Rust
and as soon as Col Griggs ^{returns} will give it
the attention required. Would you mention
anything about weight? It was weighed up
in a net & frozen condition. C. H. Graves Co.
want to know what you would sell ten (10)
tons of Bliss for, when it arrives. When there
was quite an amount here I asked \$800 per
ton. The statement of yesterday shows an
amount of Brockfield coal on hand not
here. This is caused by reason of the amount
used by the boats not having been entered.
I did not get the receipts until after the
boats had departed and will enter when I
collect. There has been so much fog on the lake
for the last two days that I cannot report
what progress the two boats in the ice have
made. There is not much wind blowing
and is quite warm and has rained very

Very Respectfully
W. C. June
Money, all of which should be forwarded.

Homwood Hall.

June 1st 1876

Messrs Hill & Ocker,

Gentlemen,

London notes
signed in settlement and you
will please return old notes and
received Account, and very
much obliged.

Yours Truly,

Wm. J. Smith

OFFICE OF

D. W. Jones,

Dealer in

Coal, Wood and Oil,

Cor. Nicollet and Washington Aves.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dec 2nd 1876

Mrs. Hill & Acker
St. Paul

Dear Sir,

Will you be kind
enough to send me an itemized
Bill since our last settlement
and oblige
I shall be down in few days
as soon as I get through
collecting the first of the
is the Golden opportunity here

Yours Respectfully
D. W. Jones

Hudson June 3rd 1894

Hill & Acker

Dear Sir

When your Machinery comes
let me know and I think
I can come up and help
you a few days
please send me the balance
on the bill for I shall
need it before I go up
to the lake

Yours Truly

J. Batsfelder

MARK H. IRISH,
PROPRIETOR.

Madison Artesian Mineral Water on draught, fresh from the
well, Free to all.

PARK HOTEL,

Madison, Wis. Nov 2 1876

J. J. Hill Esq

Dear Sir,

I have just
occurred to me that unless
Saunders advises Heastrom
of the matter we discussed
yesterday I might possibly
seem to act hastily in abruptly
announcing to Heastrom that
the necessities of competition in
St. Paul demanded such prices
(which I shall of course have to
tell him), unless he should be
thoroughly satisfied himself as I
am that those terms were made
to Capt. Rhodes, he might tell
Sayre & Co our boarder that
he doubts me or my source of
information - I therefore suggest
that you get Saunders to write

to H. telling him as much as
is consistent, at least enough
to convince him that I have
not been credulous in the
matter (if you choose) Saunders
may say to H. that you and
Capt Rhoads, have made me
the depository of all the particulars
but that my bosom has been
cooked up, as it were, with
a pledge of secrecy &c &c -

Anything you have a mind to,
in short - I would like to
know if Saunders knows all
those things & is satisfied ~~of~~
so that he would not ever
hereafter bring me to disgrace
by intimating to Eastern Shippers
a suspicion that I was too easily
convinced and threw away money
uselessly -

Duluth June 3rd/16

Mr Geo Sacker

S. Paul

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 2nd to hand The \$6³⁰ you are charged with, are for 42 barrels furnished Messrs for lump coal shipped McKechnie McWalter & Co Winnipeg May 19th. In the duplicate report sent you, the amount is mentioned but not in the report sent Messrs H & A. My reason for this, I supposed you charged them a certain figure for the coal and I charged the M & W barrels to you, not knowing whether you would put it at that figure to them or more. I only partially understood matters now. My impression on leaving S. Paul was, that I was to send a report to whoever in the post ~~was~~ coal and send you a duplicate of the same and that you would charge them, the same way as I did last year, but from your letter I should judge a different arrangement had been made. I should judge that this point was an agency and that I was to charge it with the amount sold, dollars & cents I am speaking

of, and credit it with 25¢ per ton supposing it to be a commission, such things as M T Btls to be charged to ~~expense~~ expense. The last winter I sold coal to the US Custom House & Signal Office, delivering the coal in their bins to them, up stairs. I put the coal to them at a figure covering the expense, charging coal @ with the extra expense and crediting with the full amount received. What I want to get at is this. Do I charge extra ~~expense~~ labor as in the above cases to labor @ here or do I charge it to the Pool. The Pool gets the benefit in the extra amount received for coal & I should think ought to be charged with it. I should also think M T Btls should be charged to the Pool or the parties getting them. You mentioned in yours June 2nd to draw on the parties for whose @ the coal is received for labor in unloading & freight. Suppose I have an extra amount of funds here. Do I use it for this purpose or if ^{see}, I am not going to need it for the general expense here, shall I send it to you. The Prop City of Duluth

is a little doubtful at present, I will not send you the
exact report until I hear from you. Very respectfully
Yours
C Jones

is a case of this kind, \$9⁹⁹ being furnished
from funds here for unloading, I would pre-
fer to send you money if at any time there
should be an accumulation here liable not to
be used soon, Will it be necessary to
send you a duplicate report of the shipments
when they go forward, You did not men-
tion about sending a trial balance every
month, but I would prefer doing it.

The situation here in respect to vessels is
about the same, Those in the ice do not
seem to have made much headway. The Fre-
mout, Manitoba & Mary Gosh which are
here loaded, started at noon yesterday. After
trying all afternoon and last night returned
this morning. They could make no head-
way to speak of. I think both sailing vessels
are in the ice, The one with the Oles &
the other with Plummer Hill. It is raining
and possibly may soften the ice, so the
Fairbanks at least may get in. Would rather
not have three vessels at once, as later

Duluth June 3/76

Wep Hill & Acker

(S Paul) The Fairbanks
with 1000 tons of Store for Gof in yester-
day morning. He started on Sunday with
three gangs. The engine works well, better
than I expected it would at first. The
Sailing vessels still in the ice

Very Respectfully
A Jones

H. S. LINES,

DEALER IN

Agricultural Implements, Farm Machinery

WAGONS, PLOWS, GRAIN AND COAL.

Sibley, Iowa. June 3 1876

Hill & Acker

St Paul

Gents. Enclosed please
find \$25.⁰⁰ for which please
give us credit - will send the
bal. in a very few days -

It is very hard work to get
money here - we have plenty of
goods notes on hand, but no
money.

Yours Resps
Wood & Lakin

1876

Winnipeg June 3rd

Messrs Hill & Acker, St Paul

Sents

Yours of the 20th May
came to hand all right and have
delayed answering until the
Draft came to hand, we have
paid it to-day. Thanking you
for the prompt despatch of eval
we remain yours

Respectfully
J. Hector McMillan & Co
Winnipeg

West Wisconsin Railway.

MORTGAGE TRUSTEES IN POSSESSION

CASHIER'S OFFICE.

Mr. H. Killip Hudson, Wis. *June 9th* 1876.
St. Paul

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the amount to cover the account specified in the annexed forms of receipt. Please **SIGN, DATE**, and return the receipt and duplicate forthwith, and greatly oblige,

Yours respectfully,

W. H. S. WRIGHT, Cashier.

Yonkton St June 5 # 76

Mess Hill and of cpe
St Paul Minn

Gentlemen

I enclose draft for 114 Dollars
on coal acc

in regard to soft coal we don't think that
we can handle it from St Paul as the
freights is so steep on coal
we are selling the basall at 10 dollars
we have not sold any fort Dodge coal
for the last year

it does not pay to sell the basall at
10 as we pay 2.25 at mines and 70.75 a car
for 10 tons

Will write you again in a few days
I shall be glad to see one of you
down our way this fall

yours Respectably
S. J. G. L. S. & H.

WM. VAN EPS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN

Dry Goods, Groceries, Provisions, Notions,

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

Drugs, Medicines, Wines, Liquors, Etc.,

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

W. & Co's THRESHERS.

ALSO DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF PINE LUMBER.

PROPRIETOR OF THE DELL RAPIDS FLOURING MILLS.

Sioux Falls, D. T., June 5th 1876

Wm Hill & Acker
St Paul Minn
Dr Sirs

Enclosed please find
Twenty five ⁸⁴/₁₀₀ dollars, to cover
my account. Yours Truly
Wm Van Eps

OFFICE OF
W. L. SCOTT & CO.

Wholesale Dealers in

Gas, Steam & Grate Coals.

Abby & Vincent, Erie Pa.

Send all Telegrams via W. U. Line.

Erie, Pa. June 6th 1876.

Miss Hill & McKee,
St Paul Minn.

Gentlemen, We enclose
herewith B/L of cargo your ship coal ~~is~~ to
fill your order of May 22^d. It was
consigned to Mr Saunders in error, but presume
it will make no difference, as we understand it
to be a sort of joint account, yet it were doubt-
less better to keep each separate. Please advise
whether your orders will come separate, and
whether they should so be treated and oblige
yours truly

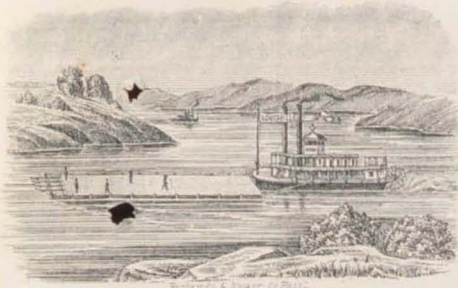
W. L. Scott & Co

We have not insured cargo-

E. W. Durant

R. J. Whuler

A. T. Jenks



DURANT, WILSON & CO.
OFFICE IN
Staples Block
LOGS LUMBER BOUGHT & SOLD ON COMMISSION.
RAFTS DELIVERED AT ANY POINT ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

Stillwater, Minn. June 7th 1876

Wm H. Hub & Co
St Paul Minn

Gentlemen

Your favor mentioning
Enquiries I have forwarded to Capt R J Whuler
Master of S. B. Louisville requesting him to
reply. Mr Thomas, ^{was} Employed by Capt Whuler
as 1st Engineer on the Louisville and is the
proper person to answer in regard to Thomas
I suppose Mr Thomas is a competent
Saw Trust worthy Man, but as I go about
^{books} our, but seldom do we feel that we I am.
Sufficiently acquainted with him to Reply
as to his Capability

Very Respectfully
E. W. Durant

Duluth June 7/16

Mr Geo Stecker
S' Paul

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 5th to hand. I have made out a coal report and trial balance and make reverse entries to bring things under their proper heads. You will notice the Pool is credited with 54^{59} Salts, instead of 77^{89} as was put in lead pencil in the return you sent to me. The difference is accounted for in this way. $\$17^{00}$ belonging to Coal &c of last year and $\$6^{30}$ belonging to MT Sal &c. There was $\$36$ outstanding the 1st of May and the coal it represented was brought in the coal statement of April, so that the 1st of May would show what coal was in the dock. I will keep this separate as Coal &c and will in no way come in the sales belonging to the Pool, so that it can be disposed of, in whatever way you wish.

[6-7-76]

with coal. I do not know what the other has. There is only
one car of Blos on the track for you of any other order
I have sent. I have not received them so I have misplaced
I think them.

Very Respectfully
W. C. Jones

I believe I understand everything. I cannot report favorably. The vessel with the Blos I think is less than three miles away, but we are enjoying a northeaster, so that navigation is as completely closed as in the dead of winter. Some of the ice has blown from the lake into the bay and it has grounded in 15 feet of water. I would have doubted a person's sanity if I was told this when in St. Louis. The engine worked better than I expected and I think it is in better order than when it arrived here. We averaged 45 tons an hour on the Fairbank and you can calculate on that, when the coal goes on the dock, so that this engine would easily hoist all the coal you would bring here, if you could only regulate the movements of vessels. There is three fair vessels in the ice now. Two I know to be loaded

OFFICE OF
S. PENDERGAST & CO.,

Dealers in

Hardware, Stoves & Tinware,

BUILDING MATERIAL, &c.

Sauk Centre, Minn., June 7th 1876

Mess Hill & Acker

St Paul

Gentlemen

Your notice of
dft of the 5th at hand - We cant conveniently
pay you at now - We consider the ap
not due until June 13th but should
we raise the funds & pay it now
how much will you discount? We will
have bank hold until we hear from you

Yours Truly
S Pendergast & Co

Fisher Landing June 8/76

Sir

I am sorry to give you so much trouble for that little bill, i send you the money on the letter, and i hope you will forgive me for my neglecting, and if my wife want some wood please let her have it, and send me the bill, and i will send you the money right away.

I am your truly

C. Rousseau

250
250
500

Hastings June 8, 1876
Miss Alice Stevens

Dear Sir

enclosed you will find a
draft for the amount
of your bill with thanks

Yours

M. A. Canning

Duluth June 8/76

Wm Hill & Acker
St. Paul) Quits

I send you a report
of a half ton of stove coal furnished the
L. S. M. R. R. at Rice Point for the sleeping
coaches. I am not going to mention about
the prospects of the vessels getting in. I have
written such discouraging news lately
about the lookout, that I am afraid
it will give you the blues. I think however
you would be willing to stand the ex-
pense of a telegram when the boss arrives
and will take that method of informing
you of the event.

Very Respectfully
A. C. Jones



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