

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1876 JULY 11 - 21

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

Minnesota Hospital for Insane,

STEWARDS OFFICE.

Saint Peter, July 11 1876

Wm. W. Allen
St Paul Minn
Gents.

Enclosed please find
my check #265 Second National
Bank St Paul to your order for
Eighty Dros ²⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars,
(\$ 82 ²⁵/₁₀₀) in full of bill herewith, in du-
plicate, which please receipt and return to MY
address.

Very Respectfully,

J. M. Anger,
Steward.

7300
11592
578
8050
8625

as to whether it can object to go there. These two
boats will probably take the novel from here as they consider more
at \$2.25 to 2.75 cheaper than coal at \$4.50. The Manifest
and burner coal but now she is using more. There is I should
think 240 or 50 tons
of the N F coal left.
They have not brought
any up lately
Bill & Mary Respying
across

Dear Sir

Will & Acker
St Paul) Gent

We loaded
 3 cars of Pease for you today and this
 finishes the nine cars and also is the
 last of the Pease. The Luer Pump came
 to hand. Ship the 5 bbls of coal to Ash-
 land on Prop Manistee this A. M. If you
 charge for drayage, I would state it cost
 us 50%. In reference to coaling boats, I
 would state that the Asia & Sovereign are
 the only two that burn coal outside of the
 Sarna Line ~~Masters~~. Mr. Fairbanks has se-
 cured the first named, and Navel's boats, they
 take on enough belm to last the round trip.
 It is just as convenient for the Asia & Sovereign
 to coal at the N P docks as to go to Minie's
 or the N T dock. We had everything ready
 to coal the Sovereign the last trip, but the
 the N T Co offered it at a figure sufficiently

Minneapolis July 11/76

Wesley Hill and Acker

Dr Sirs

According to memoranda
Mr J. L. Cullen is by your order
Apr 11th Pay of Demerol 7 ed. 14.70
8 1/4 " " 17.32
Apr 12th " M Lind 4 1/4 " " 10.80
" " " Powell 7 " Mx 9.10
" " " " 11 3/4 " " 15.27
" " " P Jordan 7 1/2 " Sept 8.25
" " " T Lyden 1 1/4 " Mx 1.65
" " " " 1 3/4 " M 4.20
" " " T McNeely 7 1/2 " Can 10.50
91.79

Also has Chivalles order
for amt due Chivalles on
wood Apr 11th

119.70

211.49

over

This I believe to be all his
Credits for Apr

When Mr. Veeley gave me his
name he gave it to Junior

Yours Truly
J. Marsh

Marsh

Chas. E. Boardman,
Attorney & Counselor at Law,

Marshalltown, Marshall Co., Iowa,

July 12 1876

*Messrs Wells Briggs & Co
St Paul Minn*

DEAR SIR:-

Your *afe* for \$ *178⁶⁶*

payable to *Harding Mahaska Coal
Company*

has been left with me for
immediate collection
and was due long since.
Your immediate attention ~~when due~~ will save
costs.

Yours Truly,

CHAS. E. BOARDMAN,
Attorney.

☒ Please Present this Notice when you call to Pay.

*P.S. Am advised you claim
shortage, but will not be able
to make the claim good*

Duluth July 12/16

Miss Hill & Acker

S. Paul) Gents.

Mr. Griggs

requested his cargo of ~~stone~~ per Prop Fairbanks to be kept separate so as to see how it would hold out in weight. When we unloaded ~~her~~, we had this object in view, but to keep it separate, it will deplete us of storage for a hundred tons or more of coal, so I thought I would not keep the cargo separate as dock room will be scarce, if you get much coal up. If I do not hear from you before the Smith arrives I will let part of her cargo go with the Fairbanks and ~~rearrange~~ in room.

Very Respectfully
A. Jones

JAS. J. HILL.

HILL & ACKER,

Successors to HILL, GRIGGS & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

G. S. ACKER.

DEALERS IN COAL, COKE,
OILS, SALT AND CEMENT,

62 East Third Street,

St. Paul, Minn. July 13th 1876

SOLE AGENTS IN MINNESOTA
FOR THE FOLLOWING
BRANDED
COALS:

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

Dear George

Enclosed you have Mr
Britt's letter in regard to rates over
the Levee and St. P. R.R.

You will see the trouble is that
all coal to points on the Levee and St. P.
R.R. coming via Milwaukee to St. Paul
to Minnesota must be unloaded at Levee
as the N.W. R.R. will not haul Milwaukee
St. Paul over their road

You can make rates based on the
Milwaukee St. Paul Tariff by way of the
Iron Division from Milwaukee

If you want any special rates
at competing points you can get
the agent of Mr. St. P. Ry to telegraph
Britt for rate

Yours
J. J. Hill

E. D. Comings.

OFFICE OF

W. C. Snodgrass.

Comings & Snodgrass,
Commission Merchants

Pearl and Second Sts.

Sioux City, July 13th 1876

My dear Mr. Hill

St Paul Minn

Sir - Our informant
Mr Young says he
is ready to contract
for Coal for winter
use - wish you would
give us your figures
on that store
& note delivered here
the freight to be paid
by us upon Receipt
of our goods
Comings & Snodgrass

\$	W	Est
14.15	14.25	12.00

West Wisconsin Railway.

MORTGAGE TRUSTEES IN POSSESSION

CASHIER'S OFFICE.

Chas. H. Nelson Hudson, Wis. *July 12th* 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.

Duluth July 13/16
Miss Hill & Acker
S. Paul) Quits

The Annie Smith & Northman arrived early this afternoon. I do not know whether we will be successful in getting all of this cargo of Grate in the space we allotted for it. The Northman is an unfinished Propeller and her deck is just even with the deck so that it is hard work to confine her cargo to a narrow space. I was in hopes the Annie Smith would have the Grate. We will try hard to get it in the space.

Very Respectfully
A. C. Jones

Saint Paul ¹⁸⁷¹
Hill & Acker

I send Eric
I will get you some money
the 15th of this month
& that is the best I can
do I expected to bad it
last ~~week~~ month I am
awful hard up this summer
but I will pay you as
fast as possible yours

Truly
W. L. Storrell



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



Wife Hibt Actent.
Commission Merchants
St. Paul.
Minn.

East Orange Jan 7/1876.

Sir,

What is your lowest figure on
con late of Stone Coal. On truck in
the Park. Yours Respectfully
"Dialer in Same" W.R. Plummer.

Minnesota Hospital for Insane,

STEWARD'S OFFICE.

Saint Peter July 15 1876

Miss Kitt & Acker

St Paul Minn

Onto.

Your favor of 12th inst
received. I concern the \$5.00 and herewith
send my chk for amt (\$4.00) but beg
leave to submit your original bill from
which that sent was copied.

The copy was made by an assistant
who reported the extension correct
and contrary to usual custom I
did not verify. I send corrected
Vouchers for signature and also the
incorrect ones to be destroyed

Very Truly Yours

J. J. Jones
J. J. Jones

E. D. Comings.

OFFICE OF

W. C. Snodgrass.

Comings & Snodgrass,
Commission Merchants

Pearl and Second Sts.

Sioux City, July 15 1876
Messrs Hill & Acklin

St Paul Minn
Gents — Enclosed find
AT Bill for car 1356
Blows — We send you
sample of quite a lot
of coal found in this
car — We sold the coal
in part of it to the Laundry
and they come down
this morning with this
sample & say they can't
get a good heat with
the coal — I looked at
the car & find quite a
good lot of this kind in
it — Please explain why
this thursess yours &c
Comings & Snodgrass

E. D. Comings.

OFFICE OF

W. C. Snodgrass.

Comings & Snodgrass,
Commission Merchants

Pearl and Second Sts.

Sioux City, Sep 11 1876
Mep Kell & Son
St Paul

Dear Sirs

Let us know by return
mail your best figures on No 1st
Coal delivered at Lutherne Minn
and at this place. We are in
correspondence with a party
and if we can make satisfactory
arrangements can sell him
a large amount this season—
You may send a car of No 1st
here as soon as possible & oblige

Yours truly
Comings

Wanting to
good for
addition
Can't get rate

HALL HOUSE

W. G. FOSTER, Proprietor.

Albert Lea, Minn. July 16th 1876

Dear Parker

Since leaving home I have made Hamington where I took an order from Kesham Bros for 1/2 car of Lump + 1/2 car of Pith. - McKee Bros whom I expected to say there about hard coal are at Castle Rock will have to communicate with them by letter at Fairfield we will get an order for two cars of Blast and two cars of hard coal. Parker to whom we paid last fall have not come on hand. Two of them were out of town which is the reason that I could not get the order but it is in such shape that we will receive their orders. I got skunked in Fairbault. My man had been there three days before and filled the blacksmith's furnace men up. Had a talk with Cattell the hardware man who handles all the hard coal said there and made him prices which were lower than Chas. but could not get his order then. he however said that he would let us know this month whether he would

give us the order, will want 5 Cane of ash and
5 of Blaes. Price to him as follows, at Milwaukee
Ston 7.5¢ Ash 7.5¢ Blaes 5.1¢ - their rate from
Mil is 11.0¢ per car of 11 tons - tariff rate is
\$5.11¢ I think we will get this order -

at Oshkosh there will not be over ten tons
of ash used, not enough for anybody to bother
with it. The only concern there that is good
for anything is Sawth & Haver & Mainpr of
agr Lumber, and they have been buying of Swanberg
of Milwaukee, I found I could not touch
them although I gave them lower prices. They
won't leave them, they say because they have
always treated them well and because they are
owing them, and they won't change as long as
they do. I think I might have said this if
Sawth had been out of town. Haver was inclined
to give me an order but Sawth would not
agree to it. The balance of the blacksmiths
are a poor set and not worth trusting.

At Austin are two concerns that deal in Coal
using together about a thousand tons of ash
and about two hundred of Blaes. They have
both been buying of Becker & Myers of Milwaukee

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HALL HOUSE

W. G. FOSTER, Proprietor.

Albert Lea, Minn.

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 pickers of them want their coal before October
 they have had prices made them by Swan Tin
 and Duane and are now waiting for Dickie & Myer
 man to come. I told them that if we got their
 order that we could deliver them their coal in
 Oct. but that we would ship entire order which
 they have promised to give if they did not get
 better price. One of the parties Anderson's wants
 price of Illinois coal on barge at Grand Crossing
 about 400 tons. I think I can sell same at
 this road east of Ramsey if we get it to Grand
 Crossing cheap.

At this place think I can sell
 about 15 cars of ash and 5 of black will leave
 tomorrow morning. From here I will go to Minn-
 hapo City and then take the road east to the
 river and be in Minn at Buff Minn Wednesday or
 Thursday. Will stop at Union on my way back.

Wm. J. Foster

Duluth July 17/96

Miss Hill & Acker }
S Paul } Gents.

I have drawn
two drafts on you today favor of Jno Gordon
Agent

710 ^{12⁰⁰} two Store by Anna Smith 65¢ 461.89
1082 ^{5⁰⁰} "Grate" & "Northmen" 65¢ 703.46

We finished unloading the Anna Smith
Saturday about 12 P.M. and the Northmen
at half past ten this morning, the first
are let at contract 15¢ and the other are
worked by the day at a cost of between
11 & 12¢. We'll draw on you tomorrow
for the labor. Would have had all orders
filled but there is a scarcity of labor here
just at present, so was unable to push
matters as I would have liked. We got the
Grate in the space allotted for it, but
it piles it up rather high.

Very Respectfully
AC Jones

He informed the Captain he would not receive the cargo but in
 instructed me to receive it for account of shipping and clean in the
 4000 for the freight or, unloading at "Blue" Dock. We will participate
 all goods by working
 a little later than
 even so.

Yours faithfully
 J. H. Jones

Duluth July 18/76

Will & Acker
 St Paul, Minn

I have drawn
 on you for \$220⁰⁰ favor of Duluth Savings
 Bank in payment of following.

Unloading by Annie Smith	710 tons @ 13¢	92.30
" " Northern		126.70
Exchange 19th yesterday	2.61 89	703.06
" " today	2.7¢ - 138 ³⁵	3.73
		<u>220.73</u>

He endeavored to contract the Annie Smith
 to a certain gang at 13¢ and they refused
 it and we took the same men and hired
 them at \$2⁰⁰ a day and unloaded 1082 tons
 from Northern at a cost of between 11 & 12¢.
 Men are scarce here. We had some trouble
 to put 3 gangs on the Brightie and receive
 three or four men for loading cars. They
 receive 25¢ an hour for labor on boats and
 they do not care for working on coal, when
 they can get other work. The Brightie
 arrived yesterday with 950 tons of Hocking
 coal for Griggs & Johnson. Ed Griggs has this at 10¢.

Duluth July 29/76
Messrs Hill & Acken
S. Paul) Quits

The Prop.
S. Paul arrived yesterday afternoon having
100 tons of L. Lump for you. We unloaded
it last night.

Very Respectfully
A. Jones

JOHN B. SANBORN &
CHARLES KING,

L. B. 151.

LAW OFFICE OF SANBORN & KING,

475 Pennsylvania Avenue,

Washington, D. C., July 21st 1876

Friend J. H.

I am in a bad fix at-
Brimack & my. office will be sold.
to satisfy a judgment of \$2500 & costs
against me on the 29th of this month.
Unless Hackett. succeed in getting
an appeal taken, before then - I have
written him to draw on you - for
enough - to prevent the sale if
he fails to get an appeal - & I hope
you will honor his draft promptly
I do not expect a decision here until
next week, & I do not think it is
best for me to leave here until a
decision is rendered. I have
spent quite a large amount of money
since I left - B. & am satisfied
with matters so far. Shall leave
here as soon as possible. I will

See you in St Paul probably the last
of next week. I give you particulars
I am hopeful - Genl S. is here
yet

Regards D. W. M. Robbins

Yours

Jack

Jack.

for each kind being too small to allow two vessels to lay along
the dock. If you can not get the next cargo by these two vessels, please
have us some smaller
here, the one we have
not come from Ash-

land yet

Very Respectfully
A. C. Jones

Still & Acker
(Paul) Gents

Duluth July 21/76

The matter
of Nut coal has not been forgotten, Mr
Graves has been away, I saw him this
afternoon and he informed me Mr Big-
low would be here Monday or Tuesday and
would try and settle the matter. Mr Gordon
informs me the Barge Annie Smith and
Consent Northerner will bring coal up regular.
The Northerner is an unfinished propeller
and when loaded her gangways are even
with the deck. We are obliged to work
between decks and so cannot build a
staging on her. We can unload a cargo of
Stove or Nut from ^{top} but cannot any Lignite
Grate unless you would wish the latter
kind at Paul. We cannot unload two vessels
at the same time having the same kind
of coal on account of the space allotted



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