

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1876 SEPT. 1 - 8

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

[Sept, 1876] [2]

Messrs Hill & Acton
Saint Paul Minn

Sirs-

Has the coal
been shipped. yet if
not I shall have to
get it from Milwaukee
for the time that I
have to put it in will
soon expire. There is
a Mr Slacum here
that deals in coal
same that I used to
furnish his coal.
and he wished you
to send him 2000
of that coal if you
can send it for 625-
an 2000. He is all-sound

and will guarantee the
money will be ready inside
of thirty days) - -

Will tell me the freight
from Chicago on Coal
is \$48, per car is that
so. In regard to the
Ransom I don't know
but my little about his
financial affairs for the
than he is a string
energetic fellow, - -
(This is Confidential)

If you & wife the Nat Coal
please & wife to
(Harry Shoeman)

Please let me hear
from you by return
mail + Olliver
J. T. Royce

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Rushford Minn. Friday 18.
Friend Will I have
wrote you two letters
and have not heard
from you I wish you would
please answer this and
oblige will and tell
will how that protest
was decided in regard
to Jeff C

James W. Johnston
Rushford Minnesota

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Wm. H. Hill & A. K. Hill

Dear Sirs

I received your bill of coal
outward saying it is very poor
I think there must be some
mistake about it
your bill says Gas \$34.68
freight bill from London
says Gas \$83.22

I had to pay freight of
these barrels to get in
I think I didn't get the right
ones

Yours Truly Wm. H. Hill

E. R. Hill

Manufacturers of White Lead and Zinc Paints.

JOHN F. WEARE,
—DEALER IN—
Paints, Oils and Colors.

148 Lake Street.

Chicago, Sept 1st 1876

Messrs Hill & Acker
St Paul

Gents

I regret we have not been favored by your trade this Summer as I had anticipated. Reduced Oils have gone with Carbon to a high figure not anticipated by the most sanguine for an advance - We are holding our Reduced Olive Oil at 19¢ F. O. B. Parkusburg W. Va but the gravities of Pine No 29° & 30° have not been affected much at present - No doubt as soon as the nights become a trifle cooler say by the middle of Sept the R. Rds will almost all begin to buy Pine Oak Oil - we would like very much ~~later~~ to supply you this coming fall & winter with West Va & Signal Oil and would make a figure for the next 2 weeks - F. O. B. Parkusburg or here - viz 29° Pine Oak Parkusburg 22¢ P. Oak 30° 22¢ Dela here 29° Can Load Lots 24¢ 30° 22¢ New York Manhattan Signal Oil here 69¢ Hoping to hear from you soon I am for Tr. C. J. Wilson

Indefinite Oil sent for Camden

M. C. NELSON,

(Successor to H. W. VanSickel.)

—DEALER IN—

FARM MACHINERY,

COAL, FLOUR & GRAIN.

Sibley, Io., Sept 25th 1876.

• Messrs Hill & Acker

Gentlemen

I feel ashamed that I have not
paid You for Coal before long,
but it has been almost impos-
sible to get any money, but is now
is the Farmers get their threshing
done so I can get some collected in.
I shall send You the amount, I would
like very much, if You would send
me another Invoice I am intirely
out, and You shall have Your money
all at once some time this month

Yours Truly

M. C. Nelson

F. Dodge & Co.

J. W. Farwell

C. W. Seafold

Pioneer Oil Co.

SUCCESSORS TO

Merchouse Oil & Wax Co.

Refiners and Manufacturers of

Carbon, Headlight and Lubricating Oils.

Rooms 1 and 2,
No 343 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland, O. Sept 3 1876

Men Kill & Acker

St. Paul, Minn -

To enable us to arrange
matters between ourselves and predecessors,
we are compelled to ask you for state-
ments viz - (since your statement Aug 18/75)

Of all Oil sold -

Of all Oil, paid for or remitted to us

Of all Oil, on hand,

We are pushed in the matter of settling the
old accounts and cannot do this until we
get these papers from you.

If there is anything due us we would
be glad to get it, for you know
we are always in a chronic state
"hard up" financially

Truly Yours

Pioneer Oil Co.

Sent
Oct 8/76

Z. K. MALLERY

S. S. MALLERY.

Office of MALLERY BROS.,

EXPRESS & DRAY LINE.

—DEALERS IN—

WOOD, HARD & SOFT COAL.

Proprietors of the ALBERT LEA ICE HOUSE.

Albert Lea, Minn., Sept 4 1876

Messrs Hill & Becker

Dear Sirs

Will you please send
us your price list for
this month we will
want to order a car or
two soon

Also state how soon
you will rise on it

Yours truly
Mallery Bros

Albert Lea
Minn

650
490
11.40



D. B. SMITH,

DEALER IN

Agricultural Implements,

CARRIAGES AND COAL.

Austin, Minn., Sep 7 1876
Hill and Acker
Lints

I have not bought
my Coal yet and would buy
of you if you will sell me as
good Coal and as Cheap as other parties
I want my Coal by the season
Give me prices on tract here
freight 4.50 from Milwaukee
time 60 days I want the price
for the season to March 1st 1877
Should want 2 coss Lehigh Lump
the balance about equal each of
stone and but would at least get
 $\frac{2}{3}$ of it before Dec-1st
Respectfully D B Smith

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. *Sept 5 1876*

Mr Isaac Barr
Hagerville

(Denoia)

Yours of the 2nd
at hand - We will see Mr Marsh
at once and learn about what you
claim - We have of course to be govern-
ed by our man who bought the wood
and according to his report we have
paid for every stick delivered to us. Still
if we had had any more wood without
paying him, we are always ready to do
just what is right - We have bought
wood on the lake for six years and have
never had any trouble and in the future
we hope not to have any - As soon
as we hear from Mr Marsh we will
write you again

Yours truly
Hill & Acker

Office of J. C. N. COTTRELL,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN

HARDWARE, STOVES AND TINWARE,

MAIN STREET.

Keeps full stock of Iron, Steel, Nails, Paints, Oils, Glass,
Plows, Belting, Packing, Tin Plate, &c.

Fairbault, Minn., Sept. 3rd 1876

Dear Mr. & Mrs.

St. Paul

I have not yet
got my Coal & would like
to get your lowest figures for
several Car loads of Lac. Coal
delivered here

Yours truly
J. C. N. Cottrell

Duluth Sept 5/76

Mess Hill & Acker
& Paul } Gents

Yours favor of the
14th to hand and contents noted. The Mill
arrived last night with a cargo of Willow
Bank and the Smith & Northern came
in this A. M. and I understand the Duluth
is due tomorrow or next day with 100 tons
I Lump for you. ~~We will~~ not be able to
unload the Northern and screen and load
~~the coal~~ it at the same time. I am very glad to be
able to get them unloaded. We will do the
best we can, but I do not see any show for
loading cars until the vessels are unloaded.
In reference to the screens to be used, I would
state there is three 18 in screens one 38 in,
one 1³/₄ inch, and one 2¹/₄ inch. These sizes do
not embrace any you mentioned - inch and
inch & quarter. On the other gas coal, they were
all used except the 2¹/₄ inch - The 1³/₄ we used
by setting it nearly straight. The 18 in are

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not stout enough for screening the coal. We
used them pretty hard on the beach, but I think
we can manage this cargo without damaging
them very much. From observations on the screen-
ing of the last, I should ~~think~~ the size you
mentioned, made of stout, would be what is
required. The ~~Warthorn~~ had oil & Coke so
we will not be able to handle any of the Gas Coal
until tomorrow. I have not seen it yet but
the Captain mentions it being dirty. It will
take to Friday to unload and possibly longer, as
there is every indication of a storm, so that we
will not be able to do anything towards load-
ing coal until Saturday. I will write you how
we get along. Please advise me whether you
will use these screens here or send others. If you
send others have them made stout, of good iron
and fastened well

Very Respectfully,
KAE Jones

The First Division of the St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Company,

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

J. B. Ford,
Treasurer.

St. Paul, Sept. 5th 1876.

My dear Henry:

I wired you from Chicago to send Camp Litchfield letter to the latter at the Grand Pacific Hotel. & to telegraph Litchfield when it was sent. From this you will know that I found L. at Chicago, & I had a terribly long & exciting interview with him which almost made me ill. He had heard of the rescission - and had come to Chicago to meet Becker & his lawyer Bigelow, both of whom were also at the Grand Pacific.

I can't begin to give you any accurate or detailed account of what was said - nor would it be of any use now, but the general impression left upon my mind is this; that Litchfield intends to fight on the basis of the agreement, claiming that ~~these~~ landholders cannot be rescinded that he has the right to assume the interest of the outstanding bonds

and intends doing so: that the Trustees under the
agreement are personally responsible for the bonds
deposited in Amsterdam that they be held in
accordance with the terms of the deposit, as
stated in the document of acceptance of the
Associate Bank (you remember what Mr. May
said about this) which is to hold them under the
agreement 16 mos. from July 1st & that during
that time he can arrange to provide for the interest
of outstanding bondholders. Another word,
he proposes to bond by the agreement & make
the bondholders do so. I think Ripley Parker
himself is now preparing & conveying the
necessary documents to notify us of their intentions.
He says, he certainly shall not ask for or
accept the control of the company.

Please show this to Scott - I've been that
Otis has the papers in regard to Kenney's appt.
in Sildens' place. Thompson is going away for this
week, he says, to see or about or ask him to do, &
Kier has estimated his readiness to do the same.
So that will be all right. I am up to my eyes in
work already - but am going to run off up the line
for a day or two & try to get some out of down work

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The First Division of the St Paul & Pacific Railroad Company,

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

J. H. H. H.
Treasurer

St. Paul,

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with "Simp" - although the accounts are very discom-
ing for spent. I hope all are well - Give my
love to her.

Yours affly.

S. L. R.

Yankton St 9/6/96

Mrs Hill & Cooper

St Paul Minn

Gentlemen

Plus Shift to us at this place one
car of your best Blossburg Coal

yours Respectfully

Sylvester & Frazier

fulfill no delay
on coal as we are most out

Duluth Sept 6/76

Will & Acker
J. Pauls

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 5th Whand. We were obliged to load what briar hill was on the main deck to make room for the Stebb's cargo and I have held the car for some days hoping an order would come and today I ship it to G M Sawyer. The car may be heavier than you intended, but it is good coal. We commenced on the Gas coal before dinner, it looks fine and dirty, but this is accounted for, by being immediately under the hatch. As soon as you conclude not to ship screen the gas coal, it would be saving to let me know as early as possible as we could load it direct to cars and save a handling. The Duluth is with 100 tons of L Lump. We are getting along very well under the circumstances. We had a hard rain last night and a mist most of today, so that the

Coal is not in a good condition for burning. Very Respectfully,
W. C. Pauls

Shall we weigh
Mr. Pauls coal car -
before or after
R.R. Weighs

GATES A. JOHNSON,

DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF

COAL AND WOOD.

Saint Paul, Sept 6th 1876

Hill & Acker

Gentlemen

For about a month up to the 25th of last month I was out of the city most of the time and since that date I have been sitting as one of the Board of Equalization from 9 1/2 am to 5 P.M. This has given me no time to look about and see if I could make any arrangement to settle the note due you. I hope as soon as I get through on the Board to be able to arrange things satisfactory to you.

Respectfully
Gates A. Johnson

OFFICE OF

ANDERSON & ROYCE,

Dealers in

HARD & SOFT COAL

WOOD, FLOUR AND FEED.

Office on Bridge St.

Austin, Minn. Sept 6 1876

Hill & Acker
St Paul
Sents

Please give
me your lowest figures
on all Coal in bound
Cars at Milwaukee.
We have got to have
4 Cars of Egg Coal very
soon. Let me hear
at your earliest conveni-
ence & Oblige

Yours very respectfully
H. E. Anderson

E. D. Comings.

OFFICE OF

W. C. Snodgrass.

Comings & Snodgrass,
Commission Merchants

First and Second Sts.

Sioux City, Sept 6th 1876
Messrs Kell & Acker
St Paul Minn

Dear Sir

We succeeded in making
a trade with the Gas Co for their
seasons gas. They dont want over
2 cars a month, and along in Oct
or November they will take 4 or 5.
They are willing to buy on the night if
it goes down they get it and if up
they pay it. Send two cars
one to get here by the 15th and the
other by the 25th - This will be the
way they will want it right along.
Have you shipped the car of
Gloss yet? Hurry it along right quick.

Yours truly
Comings & Snodgrass

(Put in car Gloss)

OFFICE OF

JOHN A. ARMSTRONG,

Dealer in Wood and Coal,

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept 6th 1876

Mrs. Hill & Acker
Gents

Enclosed find
Freight bills paid to the Milwaukee Road
on 11 Cars of logs amounting to \$450.25
My report of Sales for the month of
August on act of pool —
Also Bill & Voucher on act of
Lake business —

I was Compelled to draw
on you today for \$500. to pay freight
for my 6 Cars of logs and also 6 Cars
of logs that Wale used.

Yours
J. A. Armstrong

Send me price list of all kinds of coal
used in Cars — J. A.

Duluth Sept 7th

Miss Hill & Co

S. Paul / Quits

Have drawn on you through Savings Bank for \$94.²⁵ in payment of labor in unloading Prof Anna Smith (725 tons 15¢ - 94.²⁵)
We are getting along slowly on the Northerner. I hardly think we will get her out before Saturday sometime. The Smith unloaded about five this evening and tomorrow we are going to try and have a portion of those men work on the Northerner and the balance loading cars. I contracted the Northerner at 15¢ but the men threw up the contract and are working them by the day (\$2.00). Some days we have a full complement and others not, We will try and get her out at as little expense as possible.

Very Respectfully
A. Jones

Came Sept 7th 1876

Mr Hill & Acker
Trent

Enclosed
Please find check for \$1.60
to bal apc & pay for postage
used in statements.

I pay postage as it
has been simply a matter
of neglect on my part -

Hoping that this will
prove satisfactory I remain
Yours Respy
A. K. Deury

Office of the Pennsylvania Coal Company,

John Esau, Pres.
Gen. A. Hoyt, Vice Pres.
Ed. H. Moul, Secy & Treasr.

111 BROADWAY,

POST OFFICE BOX, 1071.

New York, Sept 7 1876

Wm. Hill & Acker
Gent St Paul Minn

We are now selling
our Pittston coal for
at Buffalo - as follows
Gravel Egg \$4.55
Stove 5 -
Chest - 4.70

Net Cash with 10% rebate.
As these prices are so very low
it is doubtful whether they
continue very long.

Truly Yrs W. Hoyt
W. Hoyt



Office of
F. H. Peavey & Co.,

GRAIN DEALERS.

Sioux City, Iowa, 9/8 1876.

What price
will you charge
us for one or
more cars load
cooled in the
city. Your early
reply will oblige
Respect.

F. H. Peavey & Co.

Duluth Sept 8/96

Miss Hill & Acker }
St Paul } Quits

Dear favor of
the 7th to hand and contents noted. I
had 21 cars put in this morning to load
direct from vessels. I had them send
two cars ^{no 1067-1075} by tonight express, so as to get
to St Paul as early as possible in order for
you to examine them and if they were not
satisfactory, you could telegraph me and
I would stop loading. This coal is as nice
as could be got direct from vessel without
screening. The intention was to load all these
cars today but the coal came so dirty
out of one hatch that I had them dump
on the dock and only loaded from two
hatches, so that we got about 16 cars loaded.
We will not put any more cars in to load
direct and if I see the coal comes to dirty
will discontinue and put on dock. I was
somewhat afraid, so I had the two cars

for a sample. It will do no good to telegraph as the
vessel will be at before a stevedore could sign and
they respectably

W. E. Jones

Hersey Minn.
Sept. 8th 1876
Messrs. Hill & Lusk
St Paul Minn.
Gents

at what price
can you furnish me No. 1
Stove Coal by Carload
please reply by mail at once
and oblige

Yours
Martin Heiser

• Stove Coal - \$12.00

\$11.2

J. C. Thorp, President.
W. Gilbert, Vice President.
H. C. Kings, Secretary.

Nicht Schultenburg, Treasurer.
N. C. Chapman, Asst. Treas.
St. Louis, Mo.



Eau Claire, Wis. Sept 8 1876
Messrs Nib & Aker
Gentlemen

Are you
ready to give prices on Coal, Nut
Stove & Furnace Sizing? We shall probably
not require more than I care. Perhaps
you & the balance of 10 cars in
Blossburgh - What can you furnish
2 cars of best Furnace Coal. Pa. or
Schuylk at, delivered in Madison
Wisconsin - The writer will leave
for the East next week & would like to
hear from you by Tuesday.

Eau Claire Lumber Co
J. H. Callahan



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

Wm. H. H. H. H.
Coal Dealers
St Paul
Minn

Miss Richmond, Miss

Sept 8th / 86.



Please advise in regard
to Car of "Stone House"
When will you ship?
Went it ^{at once}

J. Bauder & Son



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