

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1876 SEPT. 14-20

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

Meper Hill & Acker
St Paul
Minn

Dr Sir

Please send me your
lowest rates on Blooming & Stove
Coal. I shall want several
car loads of Stove Coal

Yours
S. F. Prior

Norfolk 27th
Sept 1876

Blank No. 2.

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

No. 111

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the Message Blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.
A. R. BREWER, Secretary. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

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Dated, St Paul Minn 14 Rec'd at Western Union Building,
BROADWAY AND DEY STREET.

To E. Nichols Sept 14 1876

41 Adams

Pay interest Coupons on one
hundred and twenty thousand dollar
loan due first Sept eighteen

Seventy five

John Warner Pres't

Spaid 1457 Sh No Via chgo
from

Office of Post Quartermaster,

Saint Paul, Minn. *Sept 14th 1876*

Messrs Neil & Acker
Saint Paul Minn.
Gentlemen

My Circular letter of the 11th inst. is
inviting proposals for 170,000 Pounds of
Lehigh Coal ^{propanath} is modified so that bids
will be received for best Micksbarre or
Lackawanna Coal also.

Respectfully

W. H. Hammond
1st Lt. Col. Infy.
A. A. C. M.



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Mr Richmond Wis
Sept. 14. 76.

My dear Sir & Co.
St Paul Minn
Gentlemen

Enclosed herewith
please find an Chk on First
Nat Bank Madison It is \$95.00
in full for "See Lows" Stone
Coal" recd this morning.

Please acknowledge recd
of remittance & return

Yours Resp
J. B. Little & Son

We have recd the Lumber
of the Coal. but presume
it is See Lows please
send Lumber receipted
J. B. Little

Duluth Sept 15/76

Mess Hill & Co

{ Proud }

Quits

We finished loading the last of the Gas Coal early this afternoon. We will put the screenings in a tung pile out of Mr. Chase's way and will await your orders as to the disposal of them. Have not shipped you any grate coal lately on account of being pushed with work. It is quite a help to us here, to have you order coal in the manner you did the Egg & Grate. It looks as if we would have some dry weather here and if any of your grates are short, we could give you a better grade of coal.

Very Respectfully
A. Jones

MULFORD & MARCHANT,

No. 5 Nicollet House Block, Washington Ave.,

DEALERS IN

All Kinds of Wood and Coal,
Minneapolis, Minn., Sept 15th 1876

Wm. H. Tack

Gentlemen

The bills for
Coal have been received but
the prices are not correct
Please send us corrected bills
and oblige

Yours

Mulford & Marchant

OFFICE OF

PETER THOMPSON,

DEALER IN

Dry Goods, Groceries, General Merchandise

—AND—

FIRST CLASS FARM MACHINERY.

Worthington, Minn.

Sept 15th 1876

Wm. H. & A. Lewis

Greene

Please give me your
lowest figures for one or more
Carloads of "Lackawanna" Coal
in Cash, and oblige

Yours

Peter Thompson

OFFICE OF

THE Anthracite Coal Association

221 Main Street,

C.M. UNDERHILL,
Genl. Salesman

Buffalo, N.Y. Apr 15 1876

Hill & Scher

St Paul Minn,

Sir,

Please
Send me your affidavit -
of the terms of Atkinson's
proposition to you for hard
Coal this season. I am
obliged when I defend my
course before our Committee
who meet on the 25th in New
York - Give all the details
of the proposition fully
if particularly. Robert claims
that the whole story you
have told me was a fabrication
& while I know that I am
right yet I require the affidavit
to put me just right before our
Committee - Would Col. Briggs
object to giving also a separate affidavit.

to the same thing? From C.M. Underhill

OFFICE OF

ISAAC STAPLES,

SEEDING STEAM GANG SAWMILLS

FLOORING, MOULDING,
SIDING, LATH & SHINGLE
MILLS.

Millwright, Minn. Sept. 16th 1876

Prof. C. H. & Co.

St. Paul Minn.

Gentlemen

At what price will you
deliver us Truck at Duluth
1 Car Good Blossburg Coal

Yours
Isaac Staples
Printer

Mound city, Hampshire Co. Vt.
September 15th 1856.

Messrs. Hall & Baker

Sir,

Your of 12th inst is at hand enclosing statement of $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ up to Sept 9th which I find correct except that you omitted bill of Pascal Smith of Sept 8th for $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ the which please to charge to me. I am working very hard to get the goods in good shape. They were in a fearful condition but I hope to get through about the middle of next week. I have to clean, scrub and make more than half of all the goods but am creating order out of chaos. I think I shall like it here. The people seem to be very kind to me and I am on the best of terms with the folks about here.

I need many old Chaska acquaintances
and have secured the support of some
of the leading gentlemen. If I only had
that horse, so that I could get among
them, when we are going to send it
it is such bad going that I can not
get round on foot. In time I hope
to build up a good trade but it will
take time, but by perseverance and honest
and pleasant intercourse with the people
I trust and am pretty sure of success with
God blessing. I find lots of goods here
which are pretty hard to sell, but I
hope to run them off. Collections are
very slow and trade dull, owing to the
bad condition of the roads and the
farmers are busy thrashing. Since
Mr. Acker closed the books I found
over \$150⁰⁰ old bills owing in the
neighborhood for flour which should
have been charged to me, but I will
put it on the books here. Mr. Acker said

he would send me that small safe and
the old money drawer, he must have forgotten
it, please hurry them up, as there are a good
many strangers round here thrashing etc.
When will you send the wagon & horse?
I see on the settlement Mr. Acker
allowed 2⁵⁰ for the wood at Wapzetta.
I have been figuring and find that you
can not put it there for 50 cents. I prepared
an account on purpose to show the actual
cost, of heating you will find it exceeds
that sum considerably, especially if more
accidents happen. Mr. Armstrong called
here the other day and said that
he gave the time book to Mr. Acker
please to send it, as I need it to settle
with the men. I am watching wheat
very closely and will make the best
arrangement possible, to net the most
gain. Please send me one bag of 5 penny
mail right away. About a week from
tomorrow (Saturday) I shall come down

to move. I am afraid I shall see
a very severe and hard time next
winter, but the future beyond, seems
to be bright. There seems to be a good
deal of hard feeling about Mr.
Armstrong round here. He treats the
people very rough, they say, and they
dislike him very much. The people
seem to be much pleased about the store
being to be closed on Sundays. I had
a notice posted for over a week, and
every one in from the country very much
approves of it. I will be pleased to receive
any instructions from you & rest assured
that all your wishes shall be carried
out to the letter.

Yours etc
Wm C. Smith

Fishers Landing Sept 15th 1876

Mrs Hill & Acker.

Saint Paul.

Gentlemen

I shall need soon a car
load of Coal. (screened Egg.) for my own use
will you please write me your bottom figure
for same, & oblige

Yours truly

F. J. Mers

OFFICE OF W. J. SANDERSON,
MANUFACTURER OF



For Steam Yachts, Printing Offices, Cheese Factories, &c.
21 CHURCH STREET.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept 16 1876

H & A
Gents will fit out a
suitable wheel for you as
I judge that you strike the
stones at Batton. I will
have it ready to ship by the
time you receive this

Yours &c

W. J. Sanderson

Duluth Sept 16/76

Mr Geo Sucker }
S Paul } Dear Sir

I have drawn

on you for \$150⁰⁰ to meet expenses at
this point. The draft was in favor
of Savings Bank here

Very Respectfully
A. Jones

OFFICE OF THE
Pennsylvania Coal Co.,

(TRINITY BUILDING), 111 BROADWAY.

JOHN EWEN, President,
GEO. A. HOYT, V. Pres't,
ED. H. BEIR, Sec'y & Treas. }
THOS. RODGSON, Eng'g,
19 Oak Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

New York, Sept 16 1876

W. Heill & A. Kew

The ~~Pittston~~ *Buffalo* Coal mined by this Company will be
delivered at

during the month of *Sept* at the following
Prices per Ton of 2000 lbs., subject to the usual conditions
of sale and shipment. The Company reserves the right to
advance prices at any time, except upon orders entered prior
to such advance, and orders sent in will not bind the Company
until accepted.

LUMP, . . .	\$ <i>4.00</i>
STEAMER, . . .	\$ <i>4.00</i>
GRATE, . . .	\$ <i>4.00</i>
EGG, . . .	\$ <i>4.00</i>
STOVE, . . .	\$ <i>5.-</i>
CHESTNUT, . . .	\$ <i>4.40</i>

TERMS CASH.—Payable in New York city funds within
fifteen days from the date of shipment.

GEORGE A. HOYT,
VICE PRESIDENT.

Mound City Hardware Co Minn
Monday Sept 18th 1896

Messrs: Keell & Baker St Paul
Minn

Please to send me right away
1 bale American & Hamlet grain bags
1 " Minneapolis New York & " "
or else 2 bags of the best quality, we are waiting
for them. 1 moss bag of 8 p. nails
1 keg of 10 p. nails
1 lot of Coffee spence.

I beg to call your attention to invoice of O.H.
Berg Sept 8th 1 qt paint #32 & 1/2 qt paint #19
billed at 2nd p. qt. should be 2nd p. qt & 5th off.
also price of 1 paint brush 1st which seems
to me to be full retail price. also re-
invoice of R. Holluboff & Co 10 lbs. Tuberos-
smoking tobacco at 60^{cts}. I think there
must be some error in the price I should

it retails for 15¢ a bag of 4 oz.

I am coming down on Saturday night
to more. I received Mr. Mamara's
circular but it does not quote Cranberries
or ginseng. Please send me to Paul
quotation for dry & wet ginseng and
for Cranberries in 5 or 10 lb. lots. Please
to send that Horse & wagon as I am
losing much time which to me
is very valuable. I had a number of
invitations to see the Germans & I
can't get round on foot. I visited
some of the nearer farmers yesterday
and want to get round. Roads are
very muddy for foot passengers
it rains everyday & trade is dull but
I am busy yet to get the stock in
shape.

Yours respt

Wm. C. Lusk

Best regards to H. W. S. Esq.

A. ALDRICH & CO.

Coal Dealers,

LEMARS, IOWA.

Sept 18

1876

Wm. Hie. Leckner

Gentlemen we received your
notice of Mr. Leckner's intention to visit
Lemars but as yet have not seen him
is he coming?

Yours truly
A. Aldrich & Co

Duluth Sept 18/96

Miss Hill & Acker }

S. Paul } Quite

15th We heard Saturday night. The gas
Coal holes out in weight there should
be 96 tons of screenings. There appears to
be from 5 to 8 cans. The size is what
would pass through a 10 inch screen.
Did intend to make two large piles of
these screenings and promised Agent Chas
we would gather them up shortly. I thought
it advisable to do as little work as possible
on them until I heard from you, as the
same labor would put them in cans. If
you conclude to take them at S. Paul, please
let me know as early as possible. I shall have
them as they are until I hear from you, so as
to save as much labor as possible.

Very Respectfully
A C Jones

We pay \$2 1/2 per ton
from Sioux City to
Yanpston

6000
1100

900

Yanpston St Sep 18 1876

Miss Hill and Expts

St Paul Minn

Gentlemen

Your favor of the 7 inst is at hand
and the Blackfoot coal came through all right
We was feeling furstrate when we got your
prices on Hard coal and that no man had
tried to under sell us at that time
But now young of Sioux City
offers coal at Sioux City for 10 75 or
at Yanpston for \$15

and tells them not to buy untill
they hear from him again
if ~~any~~ ~~now~~ ~~one~~ under sells us we shall
~~not~~ ~~to~~ want about a 11 cars if not a 7 range
if young comes down any more what shall
we tell them in regard to prices

Also write
soon

Yours truly, Englester and J.

Eau Claire Wis

Sept 18/1876

Wm Miller & Son

Gents

I would like you to ship me
immediately 1 car load of Blozburg
Coal I was speaking to you in
St Paul about 6 weeks ago and said
you would deliver coal in Eau Claire
at \$10⁷⁵/ton I wrote to you a few weeks
ago and got no answer let me
know by return of mail

Yours Resp
P. Minnaugh

Duluth Sept 19/16

Miss Hill & Acker

S. Paul Agents

The Prop

A L Craig arrived last night with some of the Nut coal left by the Sumatra at the Sault last year. She had on 47358^{lb} as follows

Clean Nut Coal 22285^{lb}

L Lump 1238^{lb}

Screenings from Nut 3835^{lb}
47358

There was an order for some Nut and as this coal was dry and would screen well, we made use of it. Weighing the screened coal into the cars, pick out the L Lump and weigh the screenings. I understand the balance of the coal is to come by these propellers. Please instruct me what I am to do with it. What freight is to be paid, that is, if the freight is paid at this point by me? If the coal remains here,

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will have to mixed it with the rest now
on the dock. If any more comes before I hear
from you, will weigh it as it comes from the
vessel. I should judge from what Col Gregg
mentioned, that the amount of dirt in the
dirt here had not been settled upon yet. ~~But~~
^{only} Would it not be advisable to take about
twenty tons, spread it on the dock let it
dry and then screen and weigh it. The
Coal has just been dug enough this season
to get ~~the~~ dirt out by screening. Had
a hard rain last night so that it will be
several days before the rest now on the dock
will do to screen. This is why, ^{will} not ~~take~~ the
dirt from the Craig

Very Respectfully
A Jones

Benj. Jones,

E. F. Parkhurst.

OFFICE
OF
Jones & Parkhurst,

WHOLESALE & RETAIL

Dealers in Grain, Coal Wood, Lime, Brick And
FARM MACHINERY.

Sheldon, Iowa, *Sept 19th 1876*

*Keefe Hill & Co
St Paul Minn*

Gents-

*We have
been out of coal several days have been
expecting the car we long got the bill
several days ago. Please send another
soon as possible so that car may not
come for several days yet*

Yours &c

Jones & Parkhurst

OFFICE OF W. J. SANDERSON,
MANUFACTURER OF

Steam Engines & Boilers,

For Steam Yachts, Printing Offices, Cheese Factories, &c.
21 CHURCH STREET.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept 19 1876
Friends Hill & Hooker

I have sent you
a good Sound 38" X 54. in place of
the one sent you last, for which
I do not charge you " the metal
leaked out of flask which made
it rough & unsound & I had the
one sent ^{now} cast to replace it with
I should not have sent it but
supposed you were waiting for it
& next cast would delay 3 days if
I should throw it out " I have
nearly Completed a new pattern made
Expressly for your Case Heavier &
much better adapted to towing
those sent are too light to strike on
anything with impunity but are
correct for deep water, will send you
casting as soon as possible & will
see that it is right before sending off
Yours &c W. J. Sanderson

West Wisconsin Railway,

E. Q. THOMAS,

Freight and Ticket Agent

Eau Claire Station, Sept 19th 1876

Miss Hill and Acker

St Paul Minn

Gents:

Telegraphed you
to day to ship two Cars "Globeburg"
one to P. Minnaugh and one to Hook
Cham and put into Shaw's Box two
tons Pittsburg Coal to be ground for
facings if you have it or can procure
at reasonable figures - I sold each @
95⁰ having taken four figures to be
930 and am very stupid in not
getting more on one at least.
Am negotiating for several Cars
above and not. Send me bills for
each by mail. Do your Customer
take your weights or what it will
go here on scales?

Yours Truly
E. Q. Thomas

OFFICE OF

HIXSON AND FISHER,
 DEALERS IN

LUMBER, SASH, DOORS, MOULDINGS AND PAINTS.

BUILDING PAPER AND FELTS, COAL, LIME, CEMENT, STUCCO, ETC.

Cherokee, Iowa, Sept 19 - 1876

My dear Sir

St. Paul Minn

Yours of Sept 15th giving quotations^W Lehigh's book was rec'd last Evening, but too late to secure our order, which we regret exceedingly when we first wrote you for quotations. We did not expect to want any Lehigh, but found by canvassing our town that the majority of our customers were determined to have Lehigh if it was to be had at reasonable additional cost. We rec'd quotations from several bliscage firms & also from Mr. Saunders of your place. Mr. Hiblock also gave us prices as ^{7.45} ~~9.00~~ ^{8.00} ~~10.00~~ ^{11.00} which was the best we had had up to yours of last evening; but they would not agree to accept our order for Lehigh at those prices after last week. We waited the last minute (hoping to hear from you) & telegraphed Hiblock accepting their offer Friday Evening last. We were in considerable quandary to know what to do, to accept Hiblock's offer or await your reply, & trust to your prices being as low as theirs. We had contracted the coal at 20¢ per ton on cost at those figures




HIXSON (S) FISHER,

DEALERS IN

LUMBER, SASH, DOORS, MOULDINGS AND PAINTS.

BUILDING PAPER AND FELTS, COAL, LIME, CEMENT, STUCCO, ETC.

Cherokee, Iowa.

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- the season was getting late & no time for further correspondence. We concluded it would not be safe to risk it, all other quotations being so much higher on which we get \$10⁰⁰ for our ratio - but think we shall get more the 2^d time. want the job back. We are sorry we did not get your last quotation in time, as we certainly should have given you the order even if the price had been the same. Besides the 5⁰⁰ for tax less would have put \$4⁵⁰ in our pocket & \$4⁵⁰ is a good bit of money at these close times. Trusting we may be able to deal with you in future & thanking you for your opinion as to the probable advance out, which with your experience should be better than our own. We are more acquainted with the ^{local} market than ourselves.

Respectfully
L. Hixson & W. H. Fisher

OFFICE OF

ANDERSON & ROYCE,

Dealers in

HARD & SOFT COAL

WOOD, FLOUR AND FEED.

Office on Bridge St.

Austin, Minn. Sept 17 1876

Messrs Hill & Ackers
Saint Paul

I ordered by telegram last
night 3 cars Egg coal to
be shipped at once which you
probably received.

I have sold out all
my interest in the coal
trade to C. W. Ransom
after filling the school
order which I spoke to
Mr Ackers about. & will
send yours for the 3
cars in a very few days
after receiving them.

I gave Mr Ransom the
prices you gave me and
referred him to you

and the 3 cove of your fells and
to by his coal. He will
have just as large trade
an haul coal as he had
a fair trade of his and
taking ans together with
his will be a good trader.
If I continued in the
business should bought all
of my coal of you.

Pette & Meyer could not
make pices as low -
you had better write
C. W. Ransom at once
for I think you can secure
his trade -

Please write me as soon
as the coal is shipped.
+ Oblige
Yours truly

J. P. Royce

Pette & Meyer Shipped 2 Cows 1 Egg 1 Nut + 1

First Division St. Paul & Pacific Railroad.

PURCHASING AGENTS OFFICE.
~~SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.~~

E. B. FARLEY,
Purchasing Agt.

St. Paul, Sept 19. 1876.

Bill & Acker

city

Santa

We will not
want but four (4) of the eight (8)
cars of blossburg coal at present.
We have not got room to store
it.

Yours

E. B. Farley

— Rfa

OFFICE OF
Smith, Roundly & Co.,

335 and 337 East Water Street,

WILLIAM E. SMITH,
JUDSON A. ROUNDY,
SIDNEY HAUXHURST.

Menashaes, Sept 14 1876

My dear Sir
Mr Paul Mini
Gentlemen

Your favor of late
date enclosing list for \$95.
has been forwarded to us
here. Did not suppose that
you shipped over Lin (10)
Long as ordered, and
remitted for that amount.
As we are about leaving
for the East here but
time to day that upon our
return will remit the
balance due you
Sincerely & Respy
James J. Austin below



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

Miss Will & Acker
St Paul
Minn

Worthington Sept 20 1876

Dear Sir

will be ready in a
few days for an order
the person of whom you enquire
Mr. L. is not a coal dealer

Yours truly

W. L. L. & Co

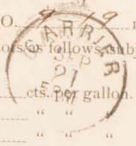




WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Hill & Asters
St Paul
Minnesota

PIONEER OIL CO.
Carbon and Lubricating Oils.

CLEVELAND, O.  1876.

We beg to quote you Oils in car load lots as follows subject to market fluctuations:

MICHIGAN LEGAL TEST, - - - - - cts. per gallon.
" " " Extra - - - - -
MINNESOTA " " 30 " " "

High Test Oils a specialty. Shall be pleased to receive your orders, which shall have prompt attention.

Yours Truly,

PIONEER OIL CO.

Duluth Sept 24/76

Miss Hill & Acker

S. Paul } Guts

Yours of this 18th
to hand. We will send you some Egg
Grate as soon as the weather settles and we
can get clean coal. Rained hard all
last night, so that we were unable to do
anything or hand coal today. We have
not had dry weather enough to enable
us to screen any coal ahead. I was
in good hopes the fall would be dry on
account of so much rain during the
spring and fall seasons.

Very Respectfully
A. Jones

EDER WARD, Pres.,
Detroit.

DULUTH ROUTE.

JOHN GORDON, Agt.,
Duluth, Minn.

Ward's Central and Pacific Lake Co.,

CONNECTING WITH

LAKE SUPERIOR, MISSISSIPPI, NEW YORK CENTRAL, HUDSON RIVER R. R'S.

DAILY PASSENGER AND FREIGHT LINE STEAMERS

Between Duluth, Buffalo, and all Intermediate Ports.

Duluth, Minn.,

Sept. 20/87

Messrs. Howe & Acker

Drfis

Yours of 18th

received and forwarded to Cap. W
with request that he replies

Yours Truly
John Gordon
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