

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1876 OCT. 27-31

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

OFFICE OF

W. M. VAN EPS.

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Drugs,
And First-Class Farm Machinery.

DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF PINE LUMBER.
PROPR DELL RAPIDS FLOURING MILLS.

Sioux Falls, D.T. Oct 27 1876

Wm. Hill & Acker
St Paul Minn
My Sir

Yours of the 20th is at
hand. I don't really under-
stand by your letter whether
you have an Agent or not
at Lu Verne. But I thought
from the reading of same that
you had. It would be much
more convenient for me
if you have, as I could
then send one, two, five or
as many tons there after
Coal at a time, as I might
be able to get at a time to
go from there, and as I
have no one there, but the
Rail Road, to attend to my

business. They would be liable
to steal more or less, if unloaded
by side of track without
anyone to look after it.

I would list "right-away".
"Providing you have an agent
at Lu Tene".

One (1) Car load Mountain
Bank and two (2) Tons
Blacksmith-Blowing Coal
Please let me hear from
you as once and very
much Obliged

Yours Truly
J. W. Van Epps
S. B.

St Cloud Oct 27 776

Mrs Hill & Acker
Espant

Gent

Please Ship Me

Two Ton Stone Coal as soon as you
can. I fear there may be other
changes in R & E matters. Which
may be the worse for me. I will
pay you for the coal soon.

Yours Very Truly

P. L. Gregory

MANUFACTURERS OF

Steam Engines,
Iron and Brass Castings,
Millwork and Repairing,
Fanning Mill Irons,
Stoves and Hollowware,
Breaking and Cross Plows,
Shovel Plows and Cultivators,
Rotary Gang Plows,
Jack Screws, Sugar Kettles,
Sled Shoes, Bolster Plates,
Pump Shafts, Boys' Wagons,
Twir Irons, etc., etc.

OFFICE OF

J. F. STEVENSON & CO.,

IRON AND BRASS

Founders and Machinists.

St. Cloud, Minn., Oct 27 1876

Prof Hill & Acker

Gentlemen

Will you
do us the favor to write us
if our explanation of our appt
was satisfactory.

Respectfully, yours

J. F. Stevenson & Co



GEO. E. LORING & CO.,

DEALERS IN

Lumber, Coal, Lath, Shingles, Blinds, Doors,
SASH, MOULDINGS AND PAPER.

GEO. E. LORING.
M. A. MOORE, —

Lemars, Ia Oct 27/1876

Messrs Heill & Acku

St Paul Minn

All you going
to ship that load. is so thick!
I have been disappointing my customers now
for several days & if you are not going
to ship it please inform me.

Yours truly

Geo E Loring & Co

Danforth Oct 21/16

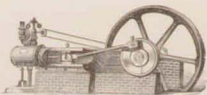
Miss Hillier

Dear Miss Hillier

The Smith
arrived at noon today with stone coal &
oil. Today's report of coal fills all the
orders of Mr W. W. W. except the
last one of 15 cars. There is ~~also~~ one car
in that lot

Very Respectfully
A. G. W.

ST. PAUL STEAM ENGINE WORKS,



DEPEW, HOWSON & CO.

St. Paul, Minn. Oct 17th 1876

Still & Co.

We have patterns for your Dry
Wheel would be pleased to furnish you
hereafter - We remain

Yours Respt
Depew Howson & Co

OFFICE OF

JAMES COWIN.

DEALER IN

LUMBER, COAL, WOOD & GRAIN.

Bigelow, Minn., Oct 21 1876
Messrs. Hill & John
Sext, Paul
Minn.

Gentlemen: Car 1696 received
also bill of lading, charging \$6.00 amount of
of coal and freight. The R. R. Company sends
in a bill of \$6.00 for freight. We will pay freight
in sum of full amount to you and you pay it
I trust you may have special rate for shipping
I have taken the liberty to write.

Please answer soon.

Yours, James Cowin

9503
6624
4579

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

Division.

Milwaukee

Station.

October 28 1876

Messrs Deere & Co.

St Paul, Minn

Gentlemen

Receipts for Deere & Co. will be received and placed on dock subject to your orders.

I have on hand 15 tons from the Deere & Co. which I will send to St Paul for you to day - it is in the way - must to put another kind of coal where it lies.

Truly Yours

Wm. H. Deere

Atty Gen

Brandy
in city R.R.

Mount city Min Oct 28/76

Mr. H. H. Baker

Sir

I arrived here all safe & found
business goods. I also found Mr.
Roe still putting up his camp.
I did not expect him for a month
yet but he is here & needs his goods.
Therefore please to send the following
goods at once they are all sold
already. Send to Maple Plain
Duplicate bill by mail to me
if you please. I also enclose
a payment notice for 3⁰⁰ which
please pay & have receipt returned
to me for which I amox stamp.
Auntling is up here trying to run
the loop through the new channel
to night, has not yet returned &
don't know what success he had

Our blacksmith says he want more
since he make those sets of chaps and
one a pair to Mr. Glavin. Wee get it but
strong. Get them here is done for
cheap.

1/2 barrel good sweet Cider
1 barrel good dried apples
1 ^{lb} C Sugar
1 chest good Japan tea to sell at 65 to 70.
1 barrel Trip Park
1 sack good Rio Coffee to cost from 22 1/2 to 25.
get good bean & dark color to sell
at 30¢.
1 barrel Beans
Soda Crackers.
* from Mayo & Clark
2 doz Hunts axes 4 to 6 if you can
2 ^{doz} Amusing Crescent axes same or get
1/2 doz double bitted axes
if you can not get 4 to 6
get the best you can
3 doz Newhouse Steel traps #1 \$3.60
1/2 doz subular Newhouse oil lanterns.
not engaged
* oblige Yours respt

Wm. C. Purdie



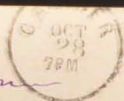
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Hill & Acker
St Paul
Minn.



Hill & Ackin

St Paul Minn



My One car of my
Coal still behind - what
is the matter with it - It is
getting rather late & I am
getting uneasy W.G.A.

ESSEX 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., Oct. 28 1876

Messrs Ball & Stokes
St. Paul
Drfis

The following

cargoes are on way here

Barge Northern	1309	tons	
" Garbarks	1200	"	
Boat Duluth	500	"	
" St. Paul	400	"	3409.

When you consider we have called for loads
on our contracts several times and you have
no arrangements in Buffalo for furnishing it also
that Northern waites three days before the
cargoes get loaded. I think you will agree with me
that your joint Telegram is a cheeky document
under the circumstances
We have carried 15756 tons

Yours Truly
John Gordon agt

FIRST DIVISION,

St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Co.

Minneapolis Station, Oct 29th 1876

Will W. Acken

St Paul

Genl

I am being
constantly pressed up by Mr
Armstrong to send in more
wood. but can do nothing
until Kellogg gets orders
from Mr Rice to load more
than an average of two
cars per day, which is about
what he is doing at present
Please see Mr Rice and
get orders for Kellogg to
load as much for me as
for G. W. J.

Respectfully Yours
H. W. Russell

Duluth Oct 29/72

Mess Hill & Acker
St Paul) Guts

in you through Savings Bank for
\$424²⁸ as follows.
Frt Bq Acker 653-654 424.45
+ chge .53

Also in Mr Acker for \$75⁰⁰ to meet
weeks expenses with. For reference to
the weight reported short in Yards of the
26th, there is no mistake in our weight
so far as I know. By referring back I
feel that ~~our weight~~ on Car 550 to West of
Holl is 500⁰⁰ short of railroad and the one
to Blackfield on Car 48 is 100⁰⁰ short of Rd.
I would state that in our weighing we set
the scale to a certain figure so as to put
in each ^{barrow} ~~at a certain~~ amount of coal
345⁰⁰. This amount is what a man can
wheel without spilling. The men keep
bating their bargains. They are accustomed

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buried in it and not places for the snow to lodge. The cost of un-
loading was a little over 10¢ per ton and they will be paying this over
25¢ per ton a good portion of the time. The charge of Mr. Tom an hour
to the bridge

This is the
best one here
you will
I have been
here
Very Respectfully
W. C. Jones

to this work and not liable to err. I have
watch them weighing and have checked
against them and have not found them
in any mistakes yet. I have also had Cole-
man do it with the same results. In
reference to W. M. Kenna car #1374 Oct 19th
being part egg, I would say I remember the
car by the store having been loaded from
G. J. Cargo. I am fascinated with the cir-
cumstances because I wanted the store loaded
from your cargo. There was no egg in the car.
Most all store has sizes some pieces that will
equal the egg in size. The car of store for
W. Smith, & C. L. Thomas ^{landed} was not weighed by
us (report of the 25th). I am in a measure to blame
for this. I would say we mistooked the Smith
by a different method and it is the next
thing to an impossibility to introduce anything
here, so that I was very anxious to have
the plain work and neglected to give car loading
the proper attention. I would state we have
the Smith's cargo in a shape for winter, our horses

Northfield Minn Oct 30/876

Major Hill & Acker

Dr Sir

Please send me six

(6) Tins Hove One (1) Tin Nut Coal
& fill ~~balance~~ balance car with
good Blop Coal, at same figures
we agreed on the three cars rec'd
ship soon or possible & on or about
Nov 25th will remitt whole amt
due you. are

Yours

J. F. Prior

A. B. ROBBINS.

A. E. RICE.

C. F. CLARK.

Office of **ROBBINS, RICE & CO.,**
DEALERS IN

All Kinds of Farm Machinery.

Willmar, Minn., Oct. 30th 1876

Messrs Hill & Becker.

Gentlemen Please find
inclosed to pay my a/c for
car load Coal Lft on N. W. Nat.
Bank Minneapolis for \$1.⁰⁰
You credit a/c of Frat. Bldg. to St. Paul
the bill of R. R. Co. calls for \$23. adr.
chgs.

Yours Truly
A. B. Robbins

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

Division.
 Harmonington Station.
 Oct 30 1876

Messrs Hill & Acker
 Genls

I enclose
 Draft for \$156.⁹¹ to Salomon
 Coal Co. - The last Car
 No 1060 - was fully 1/8 screenings.
 I never saw coal sold that
 was so poorly screened - Should
 like to have you see it.

Yours -
 E. L. Brackett.

245,31
156 99
88,32
44 38
43,94

Wm. Acker,
St. Paul, Minn.
Gents,

Plumifera want what price you
can get for lots of best authentic lot
of chestnut size on the West Wis.
Co., for shipment to Hudson coast delivery
for. What price can you ex-
pect to get for Hudson?

Respectfully,

W. W. Perkins

Rice Falls,

Oct. 20, 1876

Durham City Oct 31 1876
Hill & Acker St Paul
I should like to know when
you would sail with me
that Carey & Butler claim
I have been writing to Carey
he will or not answer

Yours

P H Kegan

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

Division.
 Farmington Station.
 Oct 31, 1876

Messrs Hill & Acker
 Agents

I enclose
 first bills of the Bus Cars
 Coal. I intended to have
 sent them with the drafts
 but forgot it -

Yours
 E L Partridge

St Cloud Oct 31st /76

Friend A. C. C.

Please let D. D. D.

Know when you ship the
Coal - that in May I make
right all right

Yours Truly
J. L. Pryor

West Wisconsin Railway

Oct 3, 1876
 Eau Claire 1876

Miss Still and Acers

St Paul Minn

Gents

I have telegraphed
 you twice for six hundred
 and four dollars to cover
 freight charges on
 Coal sold Noah Shaw -
 you stated in your letter
 on this subject that
 you would pay it if
 I did not collect here -
 I could get Mr Shaw
 paper to raise money
 on were he at home -
 Please fix me to I can
 draw about amount by
 11 AM Nov 1st. From my
 arrangement with Mr Still
 I can reasonably expect
 the shipments coming

West Wisconsin Railway.

1877

Unpaid - By terms of
Sale & Conch demand
payment of Mr. Shaw
under 60 days.

This is last of month
and I don't work to
place this amount on
my uncollected since
the property is all
removed

Yours &c

E. L. Thomas



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



Hill ① Acken's
St Paul

Madison Oct. 31, 1876

Send us bid on contract
of blasture coal, best
quality only, we buy of the cheapest
man.

Estes & son



Detroit Oct 31/16

Miss Hill & Co.

Paris, France

Have drawn

on you through Savings Bank for \$99.93

as follows

Labor Bq. Carmichael \$11.20

" Prof. & Paint. Gas Coal 28.68

+ change 25

99.93

Have credited you with the amount less
the exchange. The Anna Smith re-con-

tracted ourselves. Had it been by contract

the cost would have been 65 cents or \$8.82

a gain of \$13.62. Sometimes we have to con-

tract by contract and other times hire the men

by the day or hour. Fortunately in most of
the cases we have been on the right side.

Very Respectfully

W. J. Jones



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