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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

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JOSEPHUS PLENTY, President & General Manager
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GENERAL OFFICES & WORKS, 143-155 Randolph Ave. Jersey City, N.J.
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THE PLENTY HORTICULTURAL & SKYLIGHT WORKS.

Sole American Agency of the "HELLIWELL"
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Jersey City, N.J. *W. C. Hornum, N.Y.*

*Cass Gilbert Esq
Scarvin*

WITH 11-16-91

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We propose to erect the superstructures and heating apparatus for the range of greenhouses to for Jas J. Hill Esq as per plans and specifications and accompanying specifications for the sum of eleven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$11,700.⁰⁰)

or using wood sash bars and glazing roofs with 6-8 glass 14" x 24" with putty instead of Helliwell system (specification the same in all other respects) for the sum of Ten thousand one hundred dollars (\$10,100.⁰⁰)

We have provided ample boiler capacity to heat the greenhouse should it at any time be required to do so, or the boilers can be added to at a small cost of additional sections to heat even more feet of glass surface should the plant be increased. Trusting we shall be favored with your order for the work which will receive our best attention

Yours respectfully
THE PLENTY HORTICULTURAL AND SKYLIGHT WORKS.
Joe Plenty, Pres.

Gilbert & Taylor,

Green-house: Estimate.

ARCHITECTS.

649 Endicott Building, St. Paul.

CASS GILBERT.
JAMES KNOX TAYLOR.

Nov. 16, 1891

Mr. James J. Hill,

G. W. General Office Bldg.,

City.

Dear Sir,-

The enclosed estimate for Green-house construction has just been received, amounting to \$11,700.00 for metal sash, or \$10,100.00 if wood sash is used. In accordance with your instructions by Mr. Stephens, I understand that you wish me to do nothing further with this work.

Yours truly,

*Wm. S. Hill
per. note C.G.*
C. H.
*You Sir we do
not want to the iron and
the work is already under
way with the City particular*
*Wm. S. Hill
Cass Gilbert
Nov. 18/91*



ARGUS BLUE LINE BLANKS.

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A. W. EDWARDS, President.
GEO. K. SHAW, Manager.

DAILY, SUNDAY AND WEEKLY.

THE ARGUS

Counting Room.

FARGO, N. D., Nov. 16, 1891.

Samuel Hill, Esq., Minneapolis.

Dear Sir: I have just settled up with the job office traveling man. He has worked for us six weeks, and his salary and expenses amount to \$192.26. He has brought in about \$300 worth of work in that time. Taking the cost of doing the work, it is a dead loss to us. There is no money in the job business. I think the sooner we lease it the better. I have discharged the man. There is no use in soliciting job work and doing it at a loss.

I send you this simply as a memorandum to guide you in making up your mind on the job office question.

This expense has to be paid in cash, and we are obliged to wait a long time for collections on the work.
Very truly,
Geo. K. Shaw.

and
Jan 16/01.

Eau Claire House.

PARKINSON & MCGILLIS, PROP'S.

Eau Claire, Wis., Nov 16, 1891

Mr. J. J. Hill.

St Paul Minn.

Dear sir.

I wish to take a trip to
Tacoma Washington, and to get
a ticket on ~~road~~ which I can stop
off at any or all towns along the
line for a few days.

Can I come and make you a
few sketches of some of your cuttle
for this pass through and return
to St Paul, I will make you
a satisfactory number of sketches
from which you can get cutts
5x7 ⁱⁿ for \$8.50 each.

Please kindly consider this
matter and let me hear from
you, I will do you good work.

Yours respectfully

W. A. Roberts.

President L.B.

W. W. GRISCOM,
President.

OFFICE OF
THE ELECTRO-DYNAMIC COMPANY
OF PHILADELPHIA.

No. 224 CHESTNUT STREET,

Philadelphia, November 16th 1891

James J. Hill Esq.,
Room 57,
Great Northern Railway Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of November 12th in reply to our letter of the
5th is at hand.

We have written Mr. Brooks to state that we shall be
pleased to give him the information he asked with the under-
standing that no responsibility attaches to us.

We are led to do this by the high praise which you give the
Company in question.

Yours truly,



President. Electro-Dynamic Co

Vice President pro tem, Accumulator Company

Stenographer. *ea*

Form No. 1.

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335P M. Standard Time

11/16/1891

Dated *Licence falls* 16 via *Minneapolis* 16
To *Hon Jas J Hill* Great *near by* *books*
St Paul

Will arrange for partitions some cars will hold four others
two wire round trip passes for two men that accompany
them this should be a special train

Pellegrino T. Tate

THE JOHN BERGSTROM ORGAN MFG. CO.,

BUILDERS OF PIPE ORGANS.

Church, Chapel, Concert and Chamber Organs,

Office, 205 Temple Court. Factory, 1627-1629 S. E. 5th Street.

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J. L. BROWN, Vice-Pres.
O. P. BOW, Secretary.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov 17th 1891

James J. Hill Esq.,

St Paul

Minn.

Dear Sir:

I am interested in above
Co. and am desirous of seeing all the principal
Organs of our cities in competent hands for tuning
and regulating -

I thought perhaps you might like the change
of your organs to be left to this Co., by a yearly
arrangement. The "reeds" etc, subject to atmospheric
change, could then be always used, and the

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Minneapolis, Minn., 189

Organ, generally, be always in fit condition.
Mr Bergstrom's record in San Francisco has been
an unbroken success for thirty years and
I can guarantee his work in every way.

Yours very respy

J. Lewis Brown

Organist Ch of the Immaculate Conception and
Prof of Music St Thomas Aquinas' Seminary.

Minneapolis, Minn, November 17/91.

Mr Jas J Hill,
G N Ry Bldg,
St Paul, Minn

Dear Sir: A special meeting of the directors of the Minneapolis Trust Company will be held at the office of said Company, Room 100 Kasota Block, Minneapolis, Minn, on Thursday the 19th day of November, 1891, at 2 o'clock P M, to fill vacancy in this board caused by the death of Mr H G Harrison, and to trans-act such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Very truly yours,

Clarkson Lindley.

Secretary.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

40-42 WALL STREET,

NEW YORK.

P. O. Box 756.

Nov: 17th 1891

Dear Mr. Hill:

I wired you this morning regarding transportation for car from Great Falls east with Mr. Geo. Clark and family. I understood that Mr. Clark's brother and some Boston people are going on the trip. They will not be at Great Falls under a fortnight or three weeks but I wired in order that you might make the arrangements before starting for the East as from your last letter I thought it possible that you might be on your way then before this letter reaches you.

Transactions are quiet at present. The only notable changes since my last letter are the following in Manitoba

3000	George Stephen	}	3000 to John W. Stirling, London
400	J. W. Mansfield		
100	Lord Mount Stephen		
130	The City Property Investments		Limit Capital Ltd. to Mr. Bankers.

In Great W. Ltd

5000 John W. Stirling, London to Lord Mount Stephen.

Agoson the track of a matter yesterday of which whole way prove of some interest to us, and according to

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GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

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ascertain further facts regarding it. You may remember that Henry S. Ives had an office in this building as the President and of our floor. He has given this office up within a week and moved elsewhere. On the 10th inst. ^{in charge of such office in this building} Mr. Savage called on Mr. Ives to make arrangements for sale of Ives' office fixtures to a new tenant. While talking with him he noticed that Ives held in his hand a considerable bunch of stock certificates, all of which appeared to be of the same kind and the top one was St. N. Rfd. Mr. Savage is quite positive of what he said. I find that Ives' brokers now are Rickley, Lee & Johnson. I understand that a man by the name of Sitwood, who is known on the Stock Exchange as the "Blunder" is connected with B. L. & J. and that he (Sitwood) is a great bull on Great Northern. Of course no one knows with any accuracy what Ives' means are at present. I hear that he has got a man by the name of Parse, a banker of Olean, N.Y. backing him now much as Stagnier did formerly. I do not think Ives' connection with Stagnier has ceased for Stagnier and frequently to be seen going to Ives' office in this building.

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NEW YORK.

P. O. Box 756,

It will be rather interesting to find out just what Lee is doing, and I have put my friends Chas. Schley on the track and in the Exchange they may make some discoveries. Lee can do us no direct harm, but his notoriety is such that even an indirect connection with him might be injurious. It might be possible to squeeze his stock out if we can get accurate information as to how he stands.

Yours very truly,
Edw. C. Fitch

Chicago Ill Nov 17/91

Hamilton Brown Esq
Chicago Ill

You Probibly think I am neglecting
your interest ⁱⁿ not sending you the
Report before this. I would have
had it Ready Long ago if the Parties
Living on your Lands were not so
unwilling to giving me the proper informa-
tion Required. the most of them are
Compelling me to get the information
from Outside Parties Principaly them
that are at Enmity with each other
a few more days I will have it
Ready. I want to get it just Right &
Every thing in Proper Order before sending
it to you. the surface of the Sw quarter
on Sec 13 will bring ^{\$}30.00 per acre
& Ready Sale at that Mr Cory expects
to be in Chicago soon to see you

Your Hos acre Rice is an Eye bore
to the C & O RR & cool & the time is
drawing near when they will be
Compelled to make terms of some
kind for Possession -

Very Yrs
Jas Timmons

I am going to have a talk with
Miles & find his mode concerning
the Hos acre Rice I will write their
views in full as soon as I have seen
them.

JT



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Dear Sir:

The Forum is out. It is rather a weak and poor affair and isn't init with The Argus as a newspaper. Edwards makes an appeal to the public for sympathy on account of his les-ses. I will send you a copy if you are not here temorrow.

I shall probably need \$1500 this month, as collections are backward or tied up in the disputed mail. Shall need \$500 this week, and \$1000 next week. In December I shall probably need \$1000, and am in hopes can get through January without anything. Had \$2000 last month. I write this so that in case you do not come you will know our needs. We are getting out a great paper and capturing the town in great shape.

Very truly yours,

Geo K Shaw

BENTON & AMIDON,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.
FARGO, N. D.

JOHN D. BENTON. CHAS. F. AMIDON.

Fargo, N.D., Nov. 17, 1891.

Thas. H. Babcock, Esq.,
Kasota Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

As you are probably aware, we are having a little trouble in regard to the mail addressed to the Argus Printing Company. Major Edwards notified the Postmaster that he claimed all such mail and required its delivery to himself. Inasmuch as you bought out the goodwill and business of the Argus Printing Company, we considered that you were entitled to the mail and accordingly notified the Postmaster to deliver all mail to Major Shaw. This, under the regulations of the postal department stopped the delivery of all mail addressed to the Argus Printing Company until it should be determined who was entitled to the same. The department require us to submit proofs showing our right to the mail. We will therefore ask you to send us by first mail a duly authenticated copy of your bill of sale. Please be careful to prepare the certificate, as these Government departments are technical. Please give us the instrument as soon as possible, so that we can forward it with properly authenticated copies of the chattel mortgages and the report of the Sheriff making the sale. We think this will make out a perfect chain of title.

Major Shaw is doing well.

Very truly yours,

(Dictated)

Benton & Amidon.

TELEPHONE NO. 1017.

CAVAROC EXTRA DRY.



THE CAVAROC WINE CO.

IMPORTERS OF

Wines, Brandies, Olive Oil, Cigars, Etc.

202 DEARBORN ST.

CHICAGO, *Nov 17* 189*1*

*Mr. J. J. Hill St Paul
Minn*

Dear Sir

*We took the liberty to
draw on you at sight order of
the American Exch. Nat. Bank for
\$ 300⁰⁰. Amount our last bill?
Kindly give same your protection
& oblige*

Yours very truly

THE CAVAROC WINE CO.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY LINE.

After transmitting telegrams which in their judgment would have served the Company's interest if sent by train mail, or which appear unnecessarily long, operators are required to make a copy of them and forward to Superintendent of Telegraph. Operators will write all telegrams in ink, and enclose those for delivery on trains (except to trainmen) in sealed envelope.

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FROM *Mpes* TO *Wm A Stephens*
 DATED *NOV 17 1891* AT *Room 57 En Ry Bldg Depart*
Mr E. C. Whitney says Robinson
of Bardwell Robinson & Co will
leave here on 1345 train and go
direct to En office. Meet him at
Door Whitney thinks he is the
man you want You can tell by
talking with him
Daniel Hill



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