

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1891 NOV. 24-29

FOLDER NO.

JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN  
ORIGINAL ORDER

Gilbert & Taylor,

ARCHITECTS.

649 Endicott Building, St. Paul.

CASS GILBERT.  
JAMES KNOX TAYLOR.

Nov. 24, 1891

Mr. W. A. Stephens,

G. N. Office Building, City.

Dear Sir,-

Your request for specifications for Green Houses at hand. I turned over to you yesterday the general specifications for the work. There was no separate specification drawn for Lauer Bros'. work, as Mr. Hill did not wish me to make a contract with them. All the work on the Green Houses was to be furnished under specific orders as the work proceeded and the charges of the same to be made in accordance with the schedule of prices, of which you have a copy. Please return the general specification to me as soon as you are through with it.

Yours truly,

*Cass Gilbert*

Architect.

*Original*



Mr Jas J. Hill  
St. Paul,  
Minn.



IRVING & CASSON.  
Cabinet Makers and Decorators,  
150 BOYLSTON ST.  
(Old No. 60.)

Boston, Mass. *Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>* 189*1*

We have shipped to-day from the factory,  
via *A. Y. & C. Co. Ex. Dept.*  
*4 Chairs*  
*1 Sofa*  
in *5* crates, *Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>* bundles.

Very truly,

IRVING & CASSON.

DURAND-RUEL,  
16 RUE LAFFITTE  
AND  
11 RUE LE PELETIER,  
PARIS.

45  
NEW YORK OFFICE,  
315 FIFTH AVENUE (Cor. 32d STREET).

Nov. 25th, 1891.

*ackd. Dec 11/91*  
James J. Hill Esq.,  
Gt Northern Ry,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I send you to-day by express a box containing the Third  
Volume of the Spitzer Catalogue. I also send one as usual to Mr. Robert  
Casson, 150 Boylston St., Boston, on your part.

I arrived in New York two weeks ago and hope to have the  
pleasure of seeing you soon.

Yours respectfully,

*André Ruel*



Winnipeg Iowa Nov 25-91  
Chicago's Coal and Fuel Co  
Dear Sirs

We have some  
10000 of good coal lands  
seeking a purchaser  
We have a lot of mine  
coal in two veins, near  
towns of H. Weber & C. H. Hart  
these lands are only 10 miles  
from this city. These lands  
can be had at a bargain  
if taken soon and if you  
want anything of the sort  
it will pay you to come  
and investigate them please  
let me hear from you soon  
and if you do not wish to  
invest please mind this  
avenue to come on that

does want a good  
paying investment  
one that will double in  
one year and treble in  
two years we have  
Pottery Clay of the finest  
quality. Roof is good  
Coal will ~~be~~ equal to  
Colorado Coal as you see  
that we have a bargain  
at \$4.00 per acre you  
can take 4000 acres and  
heart if you wish  
hoping to hear from  
you. I remain yours  
truly J. W. Brown



Form No. 1.

# **THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.**

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THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

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RECEIVED at St. Paul, Minn. 9369 Nov 25 1891

Dated Sioux Falls S D 23  
To Hon James I. Hill, G. H. Bldg

Have just heard from Senator  
can you meet me at  
your office tomorrow morning  
ansr.

S. L. Tate



German American National Bank

St. Cloud, Minn.

J. H. Gault, President  
W. H. Gault, Vice President  
C. DUEBER, Cashier

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 1891

James J. Hill

St. Paul

Dear Sir: 50 shares of the Minnesota Stock of the Silverware Co  
has been subscribed. At a recent meeting of the directors the  
whole amount was called, payable by December 1. All has been  
paid in except yours. At request of officers I enclose your  
Certificate for 50 Shares with request that you forward  
check for the amt \$5000.

Sincerely Yours

H. Gault



Inclusions subject to  
Market Changes

# Barclay Manufacturing Co.

Daily capacity 500 Bbls

Brands  
Red River, The Baker's mark  
Orange, The Family use  
Sunshine, Patent  
Crown, Kent, Straight

Fergus Falls Minn Nov 27 1891

S. S. Breed Esq

St Paul Minn

Dear Sir, I wish you would come to Fergus Falls & get the question of your rights as to the water settled. We have complained to Mr Brown of the Wright power about the malicious use he has been making of the water & yested we notified him that we would write you & insist on our rights hereafter; You have leased us the power & you must protect the rights & if I were your people I would settle this question of water so there would be no further need of any interference. You have one of the best cases & can make short work of it. Therefore we pay further rental we want to see that the rights we have leased are protected & we get what we pay for, this must be attended to. As we have lost all we intend to by this interference & it is your business to attend to it.

Yours truly W. H. Barclay



November 27, 1891

C O P Y.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, between Walter P. Warren, Dudley Tibbits, John W. Griswold, Howard H. Burden, J. Russell Parsons, and other stockholders of the WALTER A WOOD MANUFACTURING COMPANY, of Hoosac, New York, representing the majority of the stock of the said Company, parties of the first part, and JAMES J. HILL and W. R. MERRIAM, of St. Paul, Minnesota, on behalf of certain citizens of St. Paul, parties of the second part.

WHEREAS, the Wood Company is engaged in the manufacture and sale of agricultural implements, and is willing to dispose of its right to manufacture and sell such implements in the territory, in the United States, and Canada, west of the meridian line forming the western boundary of Ohio, following the Ohio river from the said Western boundary to the Mississippi river, and thence to the Gulf of Mexico, including the good will of the business and the right to use all patents which may now or at any time hereafter belong to or be controlled by it, on basis of cost of such future patents;

AND WHEREAS, it is intended by the parties hereto, to organize a company, having its principal office at St. Paul, with a capital stock of not more than \$2,500,000., for the purpose of carrying on the said business in the said territory;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED:

1. A Committee of five persons shall forthwith be appointed for the purpose of appraising the value of the use of the good will and patents of the Wood Company in the said territory West of the Meridian line, and of all appliances and other property which may be necessary for the proper carrying on of the new company's business. Two of the members of this Committee shall be appointed by the parties of the first part, two by the parties of the second part, and a fifth by the persons thus appointed, in case the four so appointed cannot agree. The valuation of the Committee shall be final; and capital stock of the new Company, representing, at par, this valuation, shall be issued to the

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Wood Company, in full payment therefor. The Wood Company shall thereupon execute and deliver to the new Company an instrument properly securing such rights.

II. The parties of the first part shall subscribe and pay for \$750,000. of the capital stock of the new company, and the parties of the second part shall subscribe and pay for the same amount of such stock. The said stock shall be taken and paid for at the time and in the manner required by the new company.

III. The new company shall be entitled to take, as its corporate name, the corporate title of the present Wood Company or such other title as may be determined upon by the parties in interest.

IV. The new Company shall have the absolute right to engage in the same business in its territory which may, at any time, be carried on by the present Company; and each Company shall forever have the right to use in its own territory the patented inventions of the other Company.

V. A Committee of six persons shall be appointed, with full power to carry out the terms of this agreement, three of such persons to be appointed by the parties of the first part and three by the parties of the second part.

This instrument executed at the City of New York this twenty-seventh day of November, 1891, shall be subject to the ratification of a legal vote of the stockholders of the Walter A. Wood Manufacturing Company and the parties represented by said Hill and Merriam before the same shall be binding on either of the parties hereto.

Dudley Tibbitts,  
Walter P. Warren,  
J. Wool Griswold,  
J. Russell Parsons,  
Howard H. Burden,  
William R. Merriam,  
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Walter P. Warren,  
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J. Russell Parsons,  
Howard H. Burden,  
William R. Merriam,  
James J. Hill.

## RISTIGOUCHE SALMON CLUB.

*New York, Nov. 28th, 1891.*

*The annual meeting of the Ristigouche Salmon Club for the election of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the Hotel Brunswick, corner of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-seventh Street on Saturday, December 12th, at 4 o'clock p.m.*

*Copies of the Treasurer's and Superintendent's reports and the report of the nominating committee are enclosed herewith.*

*Notice is also given that Mr. John S. Kennedy has under contract the purchase of the entire property of Lord Mount Stephen on the Matapedia and Cansapsical Rivers for \$35,000, and will at the meeting offer the same to the Club upon the same terms, and that should the Club decide to avail of his offer, a motion will be made that the issue of five (5) extra shares be authorized, two or three of which to be used in the purchase aforesaid, and the balance in the purchase of such other pieces of property as may be considered expedient.*

*A full attendance at the meeting is urgently requested, and also that the latter part of this notice be treated confidentially.*

*Yours very truly,*

ARTHUR D. WEEKES,

*Secretary.*



*New York, Nov. 25th, 1891.*

*The undersigned, appointed at the last  
meeting of the Ristigouche Salmon Club as Nomi-  
nating Committee, respectfully suggest the following  
names as Directors :*

*JOHN L. CADWALADER,*

*WM. HALL PENFOLD,*

*JAMES C. McANDREW,*

*FRANK THOMSON,*

*ARTHUR D. WEEKES,*

*SAMUEL THORNE,*

*FRANCIS BARTLETT,*

*HEBER R. BISHOP,*

*JOHN S. KENNEDY,*

*FRANCIS L. HIGGINSON.*

*WM. HOYT SCOTT, Chairman,*

*CHARLES P. HORTON,*

*ROBERT GOELET,*

*Nominating Committee.*

WINTHROP YOUNG, Pres.

O. C. MERRIMAN, Vice Pres.

H. P. BROWNE, Cashier

L. D. MANN, ASST. CASHIER.

## The Commercial Bank of Minneapolis.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$ 1,000,000.

CAPITAL PAID IN \$ 200,000.

UNDIVIDED PROFITS \$ 25,000.

*Minneapolis, Minn. Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1891.*  
*Hon J. F. Will*  
*Bault Paul*

Dear Sir:-

There will be a meeting  
of the Board of Directors of this  
Bank at their Banking Office  
on Monday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1891 at 3.30 o'clock

Your presence is particularly  
desired as business of importance  
will come up for action

Yours truly

Winthrop Young Pres  
M.

*Will  
has done  
7:15  
Nov 29/91*



gone to St Paul, without letting you know  
it? I will not pursue the subject  
further - I feared I had done some-  
thing to chill the warmth of what I  
was always so happy in considering  
our true friendship - Very soon, we  
can have a talk about it all -

My daughter has been ill & is ordered  
to the Country by Dr. Walker - To  
Lakewood, we mean to go, on Wednes-  
day next, for a week or ten days.  
Tomorrow & Tuesday, I am not free, but  
if you will dine (all alone) with me  
(as many as will come) on Monday  
next, at 7, I shall deem myself  
highly favored.

I saw notice of J. J. H.'s arrival  
yesterday; and was surprised, after  
the letter referred to, to find that you

[November 28, 1894]

149 WEST 57TH STREET.

My Very Dear Friends -

I cannot tell you how much  
my feelings were mashed, when I came  
home, to learn from Mrs. Mary's letter  
of the 22<sup>nd</sup> telling me that Mary  
Samuel had been here a fortnight  
or, then, under the care of Dr. Walker.

No card nor any word had been  
left here to let me know of the  
dear little woman's presence in  
our town.

I went, at once, to see Dr.  
Walker: but was unable to find  
him -

Would it not have seemed  
strange if I or my daughter had

too, here at the Albemarle.

I shall see you, in the course of Sunday. This note is sent to prevent you from making any other engagement, for Monday.

With love to the Rail Road Magnate & the Children. Affectionately, your ancient friend

J. P. M.

Saturday Evening  
Nov 20 '91



EDITORIAL ROOMS.

THE ARGUS.

SUNDAY.

DAILY.

WEEKLY.

~~E. G. TWEED~~

GEO. K. SHAW, MANAGER.

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA, Nov. 29, 1891.

Chas. H. Babcock, Minneapolis.

Dear Sir: Yours enclosing draft for \$1,000 received. I am glad that the parties interested in The Argus ownership have manifested sufficient interest to ask for some kind of a statement. I will gladly furnish any information they want. That is what I am here for. When they get it I hope they will quickly determine what they want to do with The Argus. If they will put in the machinery and material necessary to handle the business in good shape I will guarantee to make it a grand success. The business is here, but we are not in shape to handle it satisfactorily.

Today's Argus is not as good or as big as last Sunday's. The week was broken by a holiday which made some difference, and it is too expensive handling a sixteen page edition with our worn-out and insufficient material.

Very truly yours,

*Geo K Shaw*



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