

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1891 DEC. 29-31

FOLDER NO.

JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY LINE.

SEE MAP ON BACK.

MILEAGE.			
Great Northern Railway, (Formerly St. P., M. & M.)	- - - - -	2,806	Miles.
Eastern Railway of Minnesota,	- - - - -	73	"
Montana Central Railway,	- - - - -	227	"
Duluth, Watertown & Pacific Railway,	- - - - -	70	"
Willmar & Sioux Falls Railway,	- - - - -	147	"
Total,	- - - - -	3,323	"

Two Pacific Coast Routes.
The only Line Through the Great Reservation.
The only Complete Train Service
To Great Falls, Helena and Butte, Mont.
Palace Sleeping Cars.
Apartment Sleepers.
Free Colonist Sleeping Cars.

L. W. CAMPBELL,
GENERAL AGENT.
W. J. BYRTH,
TRAVELING AGENT.

OFFICE OF GENERAL AGENT,
232 SOUTH CLARK ST.

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CHICAGO, ILL. December 29th, 1891.

W. A. Stephens, Esq.,

Room 57 Great Northern Building,

City.

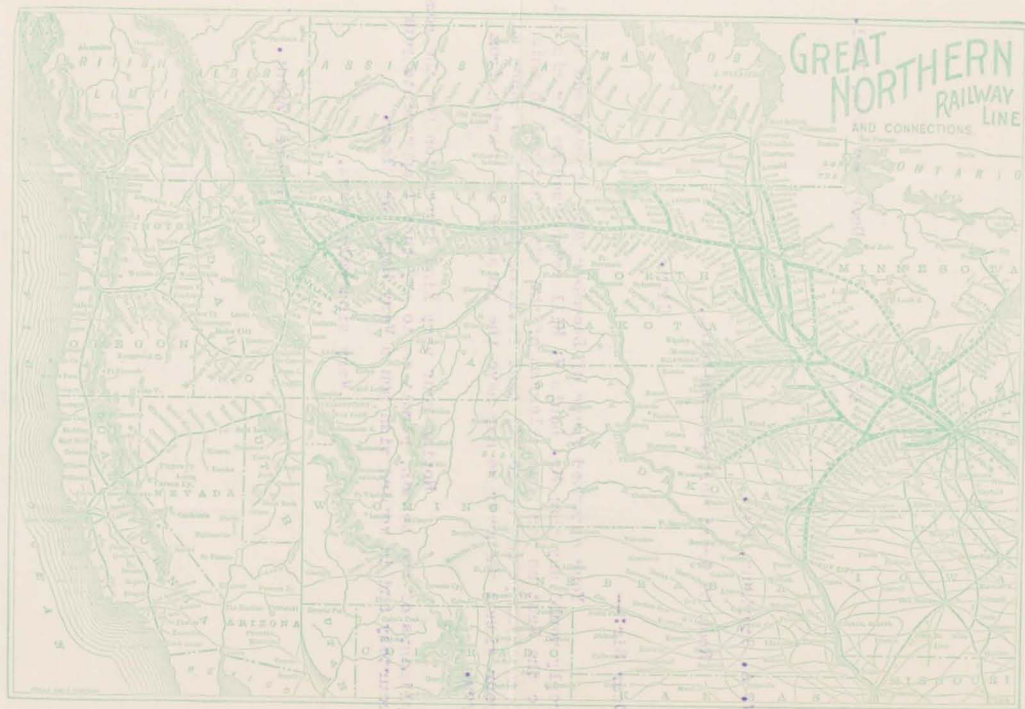
Dear Sir:--

Your esteemed favor of December 28th at hand and in reply would say that Mr. Louis W. Hill reimbursed me for his trip to the East as per your telegram of the 26th inst and in this connection permit me to say that it is my pleasure to carry out your wishes whenever we may have the pleasure of hearing from you.

Noting your very kind expression for the compliments of the season, permit me to say that I appreciate your courtesy and in return wish you a Very Happy New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

General Agent.



THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ST. PAUL.

St. Paul, Minn. Dec 29 1891

To James F. Hill Esq

A

*meeting of the Board of Directors of this Bank
will be held at their Banking House, on
Wednesday the 30th inst.,
at 11 o'clock A. M.*

E. H. Bailey

Cashier

OFFICE OF
YOUNG, NYE & TAYLOR,
Attorneys & Counselors at Law,
902-904-906 Guaranty Loan Building,
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.



Dec. 29 1891.

Charles H. Babcock Esq.

My Dear Sir,

I think Mr. Stephens
must, in the press of business, have
overlooked my bill. If convenient
please remind him - the close of
the year calls for money &
straightened accounts -

Very truly yours

A. H. Farney
Dear Mr. Stephens -
Enclose above without comment.
I trust you will see to it.
C. H. Babcock.

J. W. Burdette
President

C. W. Weston
Secretary

Harvey Wickes
Attorney



COR. JACKSON & 4TH STS.

The Saint Paul Trust Company

Capital \$250,000.

St. Paul, Minn. Dec. 30, 1891.

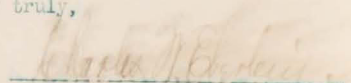
W. A. Stephens, Esq.,
Great Northern R.R. Offices,
St. Paul, Minn.,

Dear Sir:-

I have to-day received the enclosed letter from E. L. Titus, which I wish you would carefully read and consider. You will observe that he says it is impossible to place any more insurance on the Grand Pacific Hotel building. We are now considerably short on the \$20,000. required to be carried on the building. We do not wish to accept policies in Companies that are not admitted to do business in this State, and shall not do so, unless so instructed by Mr. Mill.

Please give me an answer to-morrow, if possible, and return the enclosed letter.

Yours very truly,



Secretary.

B. L. TITUS,
INSURANCE AND LOANS.
KEIFER BLOCK.

[WITH 12-30-91]

Moorhead, Minn., Dec. 23th, 1891. 189

C. W. Eberlein Esq. Secy.
St. Paul Minn.

Dear Sir,

After about ten days steady correspondence with all the insurance agents doing an outside business I find it impossible to place any more insurance on the Grand Pacific Hotel either in Moorhead, Fargo, St. Paul or Minneapolis, and am in receipt of a letter this morning from a prominent insurance firm in Chicago, saying they can place the amounts called for but are not sure that they can get admitted companies, and do not want to write the policies unless they will be acceptable to you. They guarantee me "A" I good companies which in case of a loss will pay their proportion promptly, and if possible will get you admitted Minnesota Companies. I am very sorry that I cannot get you better service but I have tried my best to place the amount otherwise but to no purpose. Please advise me if this arrangement will be satisfactory, and I will wire for the policies at once.

Yours truly,

B. L. Titus

P.S. Also please return to me at the earliest opportunity policy No. 39920 Grand Rapids which I wrote you on the 15th, had been cancelled by the company. The agent is writing me continually for the policy.



ARGUS BLUE LINE BLANKS.

GEO. K. SHAW, Manager.

NO C. O. D. PACKAGES RECEIVED. NO DRAFTS ACCEPTED OR PAID.

DAILY, SUNDAY AND WEEKLY.

THE ARGUS

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 30, '91.

W. A. Stephens, St. Paul.

Dear Sir:

Jordan of the Republican here shows almost
and to your interest
as much malicious opposition to The Argus as does Edwards paper.
Jordan should not be appointed postmaster if you folks can prevent
it. Neither should Plumley. Get a new man.

Very truly yours,

Geo. K. Shaw



JOHN M. PATISON, President
R. S. MUST, Vice-President
E. P. MARSHALL, Secretary

Agency of
The Union Central Life Insurance Co.
of Cincinnati.

J. R. CLARK, Treasurer
W. L. BRADY, Secretary
W. B. DAVIDSON, General Agent

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30, 1901.

J. J. Hill, Esq.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:- We hand you enclosed premium receipt on policy
#33422, for which we have received check.

Yours truly,

M. R. Watson
.....State Agent.



ARGUS BLUE LINE BLANKS.

GEO. K. SHAW, MANAGER.

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THE ARGUS

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 30, '91.

Samuel Hill, Esq., Minneapolis.

Dear Sir: Yours received. The list of outstanding accounts you speak of showed what was due Dec. 1st, and substantially all have been collected except the amounts due from the counties, which cannot be hurried. The counties will pay in their own sweet time. After Jan. 1st I shall push collections and try and get along without any drafts; but I do not imagine we can run all winter without any. Business has fallen off radically since Christmas, and will undoubtedly be quiet for some time. The business men here do not show as much disposition to sustain a first-class paper as I hoped they would. The old Fowles virus is at work all the time. "The major" is constantly making a personal canvass against the Argus, and it is a mistake to suppose that he has little or no influence here. He influences a great many, either through influence or fear.

I would like to see you some time and talk over the situation here and plan of campaign. There is no doubt that The Ar-

Collectable
friendly



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GEO. K. SHAW, Manager.

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THE ARGUS

FARGO, N. D.,

us' now is a more expensive paper than the field will warrant. But the question is if it would not lose its grip entirely if it were to let down. I think it would. In my opinion it will be necessary to run it at a loss until the field grows up to it. My experience has been that in starting a new paper or in taking hold of a run-down paper (such as The Argus was) the best business policy is to brace it up and run a good paper, even at a loss, until the business can be built up. When I bought the St. Paul Dispatch I ran it at a loss of \$800 per week for the first six months. Then I got it on a paying basis and sold it at a profit of \$20,000 over the whole cost. We are laboring under unusual difficulties here in having to encounter the active hostility of the Edwards gang. Before I took hold here I told you I thought \$5,000 working capital would float The Argus. I still believe it would, if Edwards had not started his new paper. Now I think it will take nearer \$10,000. About the middle or 20th of January I will have a statement made up showing accounts outstanding, current liabilities, and

WISCONSIN IRON COMPANY.

MINES AND WORKS AT WILDWOOD,
ST. CROIX CO., WIS.

STILLWATER, MINN.,

Dec 30

1891.

W. H. Stephens Esq

Spr Yrs 28th Jan recd -

I have been trying see Mr
Hill for several days (related
to my matter - & into do
my son - value & return to
arrange same satisfactorily -

Yrs truly
S. M. McKinnis

Dictated to
STENOGRAPHER.

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31st, 1891.

PERSONAL.

Hon. James J. Hill,

St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir & friend:-

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your very kind favor of the 25th, and I note with interest all you say in regard to our action in Congress upon the financial questions. I know you can do great good, and it would have a very decided influence if, when you come East, you would run over to Washington and talk to a few of our friends. My belief is that we can steer clear of all of the breakers by a little activity on the part of gentlemen like yourself, who are not only factors in the Democratic Party, but without whom success is almost impossible.

There is a very conservative feeling here generally. The election of Crisp as Speaker was brought about because of ~~that~~ feeling. It is impossible to secure any legislation on the tariff or silver. The mere passage of the bills through the House of Representatives would only create an agitation and distrust without any possibility of becoming laws. The wise policy with men and parties is never to attempt the impossible. But if we attack the Republican position and indict them for their extravagance and unwise legislation, I think, with you, that success is assured.

Wm. L. D. Johnson



No. 3397.

First National Bank

Charles T. Hallist, President
J. C. Whipple, Cashier
Geo. J. Jorgensen, Cashier

Capital \$50,000

Doubt Lake, North Dak. Dec 31 1891

James J. Hill Esq.
St Paul. Minn.

Dear Sir:

at a meeting of Directors a dividend
of 4% was declared. I herewith enclose
check \$200⁰⁰

Very Respt.
Geo Jorgensen

Inv No. 72.

[WITH 12-31-91]

First Nat. Bank of Xents Lake

Last dividend received July 2/89

No. 7 - 5% - \$250.⁰⁰

Michigan City
N Dakota
Decr 31-91

The Hon^{ble} Mr. Hill
Dear Madam.

Allow me to introduce
myself to you as the Rev. Cassidy,
Pastor of this place and other
poor clergies on the line of the
Great Northern Railway -

Make this liberty of appeal
= ing to your Charity in aid of
a little Church we are endeavor-
= ing to build at Lakota the
County Seat of Nelson Co

Our people are few and
scattered and poor, yet willing
to do their utmost and still unable
Hence my appeal for money or
altar furniture, chalice, vestments

at your discretion. Whether
we are obliged to say Mass
in the Schoolhouse, and let
this season so inconvenient
Sometimes, when being so fine
Praying God to bless
you and all your in Christ
may I again respectfully
ask for charity in behalf
of an orphan so much needed
With the language of my
respect

I am Dear Madam
Yours very sincerely

James Kaasdy
The Honble Wm. Hille P.D.

J. W. Mason. C. L. Hilton.

Law office of
Mason & Hilton,
Fergus Falls, Minn.

December 31, 1891.

Dear Sir:-

I send you herewith my check for
\$5.00 being rent, this day collected, for Mrs. Green
house. This pays the rent to Jan. 16/92,

Yours very truly,
J. W. Mason.

Mr. J. J. Hild,
Fergus Falls,
Minn.
No. 101-102

OK J. J. H.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

40-42 WALL STREET,

P. O. Box 756,

NEW YORK.

Dec. 31st 1891.

James J. Neil Esq
St Paul Minn.

Dear Sir:

I enclose statement of your account to date
showing balance in your favor of \$1446.82 and I
enclose vouchers to cover as far as I have them.

I also enclose bills from freight & land & from
Harris Collamore & Co received by me within the last day
or two. If you will initial these and return them I
will attend to their payment.

Yours very truly
Edw. T. Nichols

ackd Jan 1
C. I. Carter, Treas.
E. H. Wilson, Cashier

John Jay, Vice President

WILLIAM W. WILSON

C. H. Bond, Asst. Cash.
W. B. T. Hayes, 2^d Asst. Cash.

Bank of the Republic

New York December 31st, 1891.

Jas. J. Hill, Esq.,

St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith Dividend Check #181 for \$400. in payment of the 73rd Dividend payable January 2d, 1892, on the shares of the stock of this Bank standing in your name.

Yours, very truly,

W. B. T. Hayes

(One enclosure.)



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GEO. K. SHAW, MANAGER.

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THE ARGUS

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 26, 1914

W. A. Stephens, St. Paul.

Dear Sir: Here is the best bargain in a press yet. The Taylor double cylinder is standard and just as good as a Hoe. This press is just the right size. Please preserve the letter. The Newspaper Union men are urging me about a press, and as the Forum press is now running I fear they will take their work over there if we do not order a press at once. Have you seen Debson yet? No. / on the list is the press we want.

Very truly yours,

GEO. K. SHAW



THE ST. PAUL TRUST COMPANY.

St. Paul, Dec. 31st, 1891.

Dear Sir:-

The regular Monthly Meeting of
The Executive Committee of The St. Paul
Trust Company (of which you are a member)
will be held at the office of the Company
on Wednesday the 8th day of Jany. 1892, at
10 o'clock, A.M.

Charles W. Eberlein,
Secy.

By

W. B. Eberlein



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