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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
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Fargo, N. D., January 6, 1892.

Samuel Hill, Esq., Minneapolis.

Dear Sir: I mail ~~you~~ you herewith a copy of the Helena Journal, which is now set up by machinery. I wrote several letters to Mr. Stephens about the advisability of purchasing a set of Mergenthaler machines for The Argus, but as you may not have seen the letters I will go over the ground again. The machines cost \$3000 apiece, and I suppose it would cost about \$1000 to get five machines, the number needed by The Argus, here and set up ready to run. They can be rented for \$500 per year for each machine, and the first year's rental can be applied on the purchase of the machines within eight months. The New York Tribune, which has used these machines for four years, claims a saving of 60 per cent. on composition. As the composition bill of The Argus will run about \$12000 a year as we are running now, the saving at this rate would be over \$7000, and it would give us a much cleaner and nicer looking paper. Another advantage would be that we could discard plate matter altogether and fill up with original and selected matter adapted more especially to our field.

But if you do not wish to go to such a large expense to fit out The Argus, we can buy a new press of type for about \$2000 in addition to what I could get for the old material. A new press I can get (by taking a second-hand one refitted) for from \$1500 to \$2500. About \$5000 would fit the establishment up nicely with a new press and new type, and it is necessary to have them if we are to make a good showing. If we should buy machines we would not need any new type except possibly \$500 worth of display fonts.

I think it would be advisable to organize The Argus into a stock company and get prominent citizens here and throughout the state to take stock--at least nominally. Edwards is making some impression in his attempts to excite prejudice against The Argus by claiming that it is a "Jim Hill" and corporation organ. I would make the capital stock \$100,000, put half of it in the treasury, and place the rest at par. The Argus will have cost at least \$50,000 by the time it is on a paying basis and fitted out with a satisfactory plant. This matter of stocking ought to be attended to at once. If we could have a board of seven directors with ~~two~~ three besides myself citizens of Fargo, and two prominent men in the state, with yourself as the other, we might counteract Edwards' virus.

I must say this is the most peculiar community I ever resided in. There is an atmosphere of suspicion and distrust and cynicism that beats anything I ever saw. They never give a man credit for a good motive, but invariably place the worst construction possible on whatever he does or says. The business men seem to be governed by prejudice more than by business motives--at least in their patronage of newspapers. I think it is all to be traced back to the Edwards spy and blackmail system. This has made the community suspicious and afraid of each other. You can hardly ever meet a man who will give you a frank opinion or whom you can trust. The constant fear of attack through Edwards' newspaper has bred a habit of reticence that is unusual.

Very truly,
Respectfully,
S. K. Shan

Minneapolis Minn Jan 6 1892
James F. Hill Esq
The annual

Meeting of the Stockholders of the
Commercial Bank of Minneapolis will
be held at their Banking office on
the 12th day of January 1892
at 3 o'clock p m

O. C. Merriam
M Cashier

Saclo:

25. St. James Place
London S. W.

6th
Jan'y 1892

My dear Mr. Hill,

The enclosed letter from
Baring Bros & Co speaks for itself.
I have replied to it that I would
write to you as they request; but ^{that}
if what I heard about the relative
merits of the Alberta and Sand Coulee
coals, for steam purposes, when I
was in the North West last Sept^r,
viz: that 2 tons of Sand Coulee coal,
for steam purposes, were equal to
3 tons of Alberta coal, be true, I
was afraid there was but a small
chance of your being able to use
Alberta coal for the operation of
the line west of Assiniboine.

I am afraid, from the statements
just published, that the Alberta ^{is}

- L. J. J. H.

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is in a very bad way and that
our friends, the individual members
of Barings and Glynn's, and other
private friends have lost their
money. But they sinned against
light, and have only themselves to
blame.

Yours always.

Mount Pleasant

J. J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul
Minnesota

London 4th January 1892

The
Lord Mount Stephen.

Dear Lord Mount Stephen,

At the request of Sir Alex. Galt, we write you this letter.
You are aware that we are largely interested in the
Alberta Railway & Coal Co., and the Report just issued by
the Company shows plainly that considerable effort is required
to develop this coal business in Montana.

We think your influence with Mr. Hill and the Great
Northern Railroad could greatly serve us, by procuring from him
a contract for 150 or 200 tons daily for say two or three years.
We understand Mr. Hill is extending his line from Fort
Assiniboine direct to the Pacific - and crosses the Alberta Railway
about half-way between Great Falls and Lethbridge - for the
service of this line, Mr. Hill can scarcely propose to supply coal
from Sand Coulee, as he can certainly procure a better and
cheaper fuel from the Lethbridge mines -

Will you have the kindness to interest yourself in this

transaction, and thereby greatly oblige

y^r very truly,

Barney B. Thwing

T. J. HYMAN.

360 Grand Central Passenger Station,

CHICAGO, JANUARY 7, 1892.

James J. Hill, Esq.,

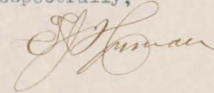
President, Great Northern Railway Line,

Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir,-

The failure of a letter to reach me, which I expected, will prevent my leaving here for Saint Paul tonight. I will either wire you tomorrow, or go to Saint Paul tomorrow night, and see you there Saturday, prepared to give you final answer, unless I get wire from you tomorrow stating that you cannot see me Saturday.

Yours respectfully,



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GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

40-42 WALL STREET,

P. O. Box 756.

NEW YORK.

James J. Neil Esq.
St Paul. Minn.

Jan 7th 1892.

Dear Sir,

I had cable message from Mr. Skinner yesterday advising remittance of £ 1181. 7. 3. "being balance due Will on interest etc". I presume that £ 1000. of this is the Par. Co interest due Jan 1/92 but for the remaining £ 181. 7. 3. I shall have to await advice. The Bank of Montreal paid me this amount yesterday, viz; £ 1181. 7. 3. @ \$484 1/4 - to your credit \$5720.25. I had Deraud Ruel \$6000. on account of the \$20000. which I have your instructions to pay him. These instructions arrived after I had made disposition of the January collections and it has hardly cleared north while to borrow the remaining \$14000. as there is some \$9000. coming in on the 15th from the Motor & Coupons. I will borrow on the 15th enough to pay Deraud Ruel in full.

Yours very truly,
Chas. D. Nichols

KUHN, LOEB & CO.

30 Nassau Street

New York Jan. 7th 1892.

Dear Mr. Hill:-

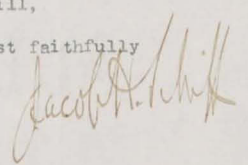
I wrote you last on the 14th ulto., and have since not had the pleasure of hearing from you.

Our Russian Refugee Committee has at various times asked me, whether I could not furnish some more detailed information about the settlement which is to be started through your kind intervention, near St. Cloud, and I have promised them to write to you again upon the subject.

We are now preparing for the spring, and, as I have said before, we want to be certain to select the most promising families for the Minnesota settlement; but to be able to do this we should know now how many families we are to send out, and at about what time they ought to arrive at their destination.

Trusting that it may be in your convenience to make an early reply, and with my repeated thanks for the trouble you are taking in the matter, I am, dear Mr. Hill,

Yours most faithfully



James J. Hill Esq.,
c/o Great Northern Ry. Co.
St. Paul, Minn.

STUDIO
OF
SAMUEL A. BALDWIN,
180 EAST THIRD STREET.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 7, 1892

Mr. James J. Hill,
Great Northern R.R.

Dear Sir:

My organ builder
Mr. Frank Roosevelt has a competent tuner
in Chicago who has charge of the Auditorium
Organ and other of their organs in the west,
and he desires to make arrangements for the
care of our organ at the Peoples Church.

In order to do so he must secure a
number of other organs in the vicinity.

I thought that possibly you might wish
to make some such arrangement by which your
organ would receive the best possible care.

The contract offered contemplates a thorough
tuning once in two months, at a cost of
\$25.00 per annum for an organ the size of
yours.

The man from the Century Co. in Minneapolis
whom I recommended to Mrs. Hill as the best
available, I do not consider a thoroughly experienced
workman, in fact we have recently discovered
some damage he has done to our organ at
the Peoples Church, through either carelessness

STUDIO
OF
SAMUEL A. BALDWIN,
150 EAST THIRD STREET.

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St. Paul, Minn., _____ 189__

or ignorance.

Am at your service if there is any
further information you desire, or if you
wish to do anything in regard to the matter.

Yours very truly,

Samuel A. Baldwin.

[January 9, 1892]

NEW YORK SECURITY & TRUST CO.

46 WALL STREET.

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the New York Security and Trust Co. for the election of Trustees whose terms expire the third Wednesday in January 1892, will be held at the Office of the Company, on Wednesday, the 13th, inst

Polls will be open from 12—1 P. M.

JOHN L. LAMSON, Secretary.

Trustees of 3rd Class whose terms expire January 13th, 1892.

CHAS. S. FAIRCHILD,	JAMES STILLMAN,
WM. L. STRONG,	S. G. NELSON,
C. C. BALDWIN,	JNO. G. McCULLOUGH,
JOHN KING,	JOHN W. STERLING.

*Recd. Secretary
Jan 9 1892*

W.L.S.



[January, 1892]

Minnesota Driving Club.

The annual meeting of the members of the Minnesota Driving Club will be held at the rooms of the Twin City Jockey Club, on Wednesday, January 13, 1892, at 8 p. m. A full attendance is requested, as six directors have to be elected and the yearly report of the Secretary and Treasurer will be made. A proposition from Twin City Jockey Club to amalgamate both clubs will be handed in.

THEODOR BORUP,

Secretary.

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

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on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

St. Paul Jan. 10th 189 *2*

To

Mr. J. Warren Andrews

*Can you be at Mr. Hice's Summit Avenue
this evening about eight for an hour
or so*

Mr. James J. Hice

READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT ON BACK.



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