

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1892 JAN. 28-31

FOLDER NO.

JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER



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., Jan. 28, 1892.

W. A. Stephens, St. Paul.

Dear Sir:

During the past three months I have written to you and to Samuel Hill several times in regard to the need of a new press for The Argus. The need is becoming more imperative every day. The old press we are using is going to pieces fast. I would not be surprised to see it break down any day and leave us in the lurch. Then The Argus would be in a bad fix. Some time ago I obtained figures on a number of second-hand presses that would answer our purpose. A week or so ago I obtained a figure on a new press, the fastest single cylinder machine that is made, a press the list price on which is somewhere between \$5,000 and \$6,000. As an inducement to put it in it was offered me for \$2800 and the old press. I consider this the best offer I have had. The



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THE ARGUS

FARGO, N. D.,

press is the Babcock "Dispatch" press. It is sold by the Minnesota Type Foundry in St. Paul. You can see the manager of the concern there any day and ascertain particulars. This is a machine that would last for 25 years with good usage and would be fast enough and big enough to do all the work of the Newspaper Union.

I would like to impress upon your mind the necessity of taking some action about a new press immediately. You have invested over \$25,000 here already, and this whole investment is jeopardized by the lack of a reliable press.

Very truly yours,

Geo. K. Shaw

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY LINE.

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LOCAL FREIGHT OFFICE.

W. F. MYRON,
Agent.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

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H. G. Stephen Esq
President's Office
Lead Ore

I actual Mounds of goods
delivered to the Esq Co. and although we
are not very well posted on what
constitute a "Set" I think that we have
delivered 100 Boxes more than I get orders
& deliver. At 7 o'clock on the
Morning of Jan'y 18th they sent down
for 100 more boxes and as I knew
that they were turning them up to the
house I took it that it was
ok & deliver. I have requested
Mr Morgan Brown to get the order
from you to deliver the balance and
hope that it is all right

Yours Truly
W. F. Myron
Agent

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY LINE.

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LOCAL FREIGHT OFFICE.

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

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Dec. 29. 91. 68 Boxes Batteries
54 " "
15 Crates Glass Jars
2 Boxes Appliances
Jan. 4. 92. 2 Crates G. Jars
" 18 " 24 Boxes Batteries
24 " "
26 " "
26 " "

Recap

222 Boxes Batteries
17 Crates G. Jars
2 Boxes Appliances

C. A. DAIGH,
Pres't & Gen'l. Manager.

A. B. SIDLEY,
Secretary.

MORGAN BROOKS,
Treasurer.

ST. PAUL.
134-1/2 6th Street Hotel Ryan.

DULUTH.
409 West Michigan St.

CHICAGO.
931 Rookery.



AGENTS FOR

National Transformers
& Dynamos.
Partridge Carbons.
Packard Incandescent Lamps.

St. Paul, Minn. Jan 28/92

W. A. Stephens, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly send us an order on the Great North-
ern Ry. for the delivery of the remaining 480 cells for Mr. Hill's
plant and oblige,

Yours very truly,

THE ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & SUPPLY CO.

By *Morgan Brooks*

Treasurer.



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THE ARGUS

FARGO, N. D., Jan. 29, 1892.

W. A. Stephens, St. Paul.

Dear Sir: Enclosed find statement, which is substantially correct, except that we have not dropped the worthless old territorial blanks from the inventory. I will state here that the operations for January will show a much larger proportionate deficit, as advertising dropped off "with a dull thud" after Christmas. It cannot be expected to revive much before March.

Very truly yours,

New York Security and Trust Company,

NO. 46 WALL STREET.

New York, *Jan'y. 29th* 1892

James J. Hill, Esq.

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

A stated meeting of the Board of
Trustees will be held at the office of this
Company on Wednesday, the *3rd*
day of *February*, 1892, at 1 o'clock.

Yours truly,

JOHN L. LAMSON,

Secretary.

New York Security & Trust Co.

46 Wall Street,

*Charles F. Fairchild, Pres.
William H. Appleton, 1st Vice Pres.
William F. Strong, 2^d Vice Pres.
John L. Hanson, Secretary*

New York, Jan. 29th 1892

Dear Sir:-

There will be an election of President, Vice-Presidents and Executive Committee, at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 3rd, 1892.

Yours truly,

JOHN L. HANSON,

Secy.

L. W. THOMAS,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

AND PROPRIETOR OF

THE WEBSTER COUNTY

Abstract, Loan and Land Office.

Over Post Office.

Fort Dodge, Iowa, Jan 29th 1892

Mr Hamilton Browne.

Hotel Grove Chicago Ill

Dear Sir. J. W. Brundage offers to
lease SW 4 13-87-28 at \$150 ⁰⁰ cash
payable for 1893. and he allowed to
remove his improvements or he is the
occupant or He will buy the land at
a fair price and you receive the
mineral He names \$20 ⁰⁰ an acre or
a fair price he has no acre planned

J. W. Hutchinson - occupant offers to take
a lease of SW 4 13-87-28 at \$30 ⁰⁰
for 1892 payable for 1893 to be used
for pasture purposes and 5 acres of
plow land. The pasture is not at
all good or the land is largely timber
and brush.

If you have other lands for sale
or lease would like to sell a lease
for you.

Yours truly
L. W. Thomas

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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.

Received From	Time Received	SENDER	RECEIVER	TELEGRAM.	SENT TO	TIME SENT	SENDER	RECEIVER
24 ad	1:30 p	J. P. O.		TIME FILED, M.				

FROM

Sopaul

TO

James A. Hill

DATED

28 189

AT

Lafayette

Message received re all well.
Mr Kennedy party dined with us last
evening re leave for New York tonight

Mary Hill

"Instruct to forward"

Form No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only on conditions limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message. Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the Company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of Unrepeated Messages, beyond the amount of toll paid thereon, nor in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

This is an UNREPEATED MESSAGE, and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

NUMBER

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RECEIVED at St. Paul, Minn.

M. Standard Time

5:55 PM

1892

Dated

New York 19

To

J J Hill

Miner

Cables

Supply

Bonds

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Breathers

What shall I reply

E J Nichols

Form No. 2.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Receiver's No.

Time Filed

Check

SEND the following message subject to the terms
on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

To

Mrs. Stephens

Jan 17 1891

Your telegram of today to Hamilton
Bureau Fort Dodge Iowa
reundil vero party norvin
city.

W. H. T. Co.
☒ READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT ON BACK.

Iroquois Club.

Chicago, January 30, 1892.

Dear Sir:

The regular monthly meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday, February 2, at 8 o'clock P. M., at which the annual reports of the Treasurer, House Committee, Finance Committee and others will be read

Resolutions on the death of Malcolm Caruthers, Claude J. Adams, John B. Carson and Henry McKey will be read.

A proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws will be voted upon.

Report of Committee on coming Banquet will be read.

Respectfully,

JOS. F. LEAMING,

Secretary.

Form 2.

THE NORTH AMERICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

CONNECTING WITH POSTAL AND UNITED STATES TELEGRAPH COMPANIES, AND MACKAY-BENNETT OCEAN CABLES.

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H. A. TUTTLE, General Supt.

C. M. LORING, President.

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Received at *1234P* *1/30 1892*

Dated *London*
To *Hill Manitoba Railway*
St Paul.

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about posting derivation indelible design nursery
bea there grammatic humorously amuse squalid
intercommunication teas which cannot amusement in absence
instructing Oycophant fame Cable shared misconduct
he can situated*

Minneapolis Trust Company

330 HENNEPIN AVENUE,
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.
CAPITAL \$500,000

*Real Estate Loans, Safety Deposit Vaults,
Acts as Executor, Trustee, and Guardian.*

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MINNEAPOLIS
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C. G. GOODRICH
R. B. LANGDON
P. B. WINSTON

Clarence Lindley

Called Jan 30th 1892
11:15 PM



Fargo, North Dakota, June 31 1892

To the private Secy of J. J. Hill

My Sir: I address you as above for the reason that I am ignorant of your name and for obvious reasons do not care to make inquiries. I am confident, however, by reason of your position, that you can secure the ear of J. J. Hill as to that and this letter is sent to you. It is a matter of general knowledge that Mr. Hill controls or rather owns the organs of this city; and it is also apparent to the most casual observer that the paper is not a marvellous success in the way of a "dividend creator". The facts are simply these, Mr. Secretary: The present editor and manager — although perhaps a good newspaper man in a large city — is not in touch with the people or politicians of this city or state and will never make a success of the business or

paper + Colonel - or Major - Shaw is not a
resident of north Dakota - is not familiar
with the business men of the City or State -
knows nothing whatever of the politicians
of north Dakota - or their inside schemes -
and by reason of being such a stranger,
has no "pull" with the powers that are in
the ascendancy + He can take no conspicuous part
in the approaching Campaign, for the reason
that - he is and will be regarded as an
outsider - and the general public will
consider it presumptuous on his part to
assume to advise them or to criticize the
Candidates that will soon be placed in
nomination + There are hard, cold, stubborn
facts - but nevertheless true + Edward has
started an evening paper that is making
heavy inroads into a constituency that prop-
erly belongs to the Argus + He secures his patronage
from a class of people that have heretofore
been readers and patrons of the Argus +
Why is this not because the Argus is not
the better newspaper - because there is
no comparison between the two journals -
but simply from the fact that an outsider -
a stranger - one who has no friends here -
is directing the policy and business of
the paper + I have nothing against Mr Shaw -
do not know him personally - but do know
that this is the general sentiment of
the people as expressed in trading business
houses and on the streets of Fargo as well



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as other sections of the state. The afternoon paper the Republican has a strong following among the men who have for years opposed the Edwards gang, and I am told by men ~~who~~ ^{men} whom I believe know, that this paper (the Republican) has not been injured as far as the future of Edwards' personal following have stood by ~~him~~ ^{him}; the friends of the Republican have remained with it as the Argus is standing alone with no following save the general public who want to read a morning paper. Before joining any further I want to state that I have no interest in the matter other than desiring to see that blockading & scoundrel Edwards pushed to the wall. I have reasons to detest and abhor the man and would be glad, ay, delighted to see the scoundrel driven from the city.

and still, He is a dead beat and the
members of his family (I will accept
none) are quite as capable of bilking
business men as the head of the family
himself. I have not attached my signature
to this letter for the reason that I do
not want any publicity, but should
you desire to hear from me further
a "personal" addressed to A.B.C. which
published in the front-column of the
Argus will bear fruit - and if
necessary I would go to St Paul
to discuss the question with you.

Now, if you please I would like to
make a suggestion and believe that
the scheme is one that would prove
satisfactory if it can be accomplished.
If the Argus and Republican - both
daily and weekly - were consolidated &
placed in control of Jordan or some
other well-known politician belonging
and supported by the anti-Edwards
faction, it would be the strongest
concern in the Northwest. Then let the
office issue both morning and evening
editions - using the same type in each
like the Minneapolis Tribune does - furnish



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both editions for the present price of
the Argus - give advertisers the benefit
of two papers instead of one - and
there would be no room here for Edwards
blockmailing sheet. As it is now both the
Argus & Republican are running separately
at a heavy expense. By consolidating them
you would unite the business of the two
Concerns and the expense would not be
any ~~more~~ that heaver than those now en-
dured by the Argus. The combined circulation
of these two papers would make one
enormous list and the whole business
would be at once on a joint and
paying basis with a constituency and
a profitable looking that would be
felt in all parts of the state &
with such a newspaper The Forum

Could in no way complete and it
would be only a question of a
very short time when fully Edwards
would have to seek new & greener
pastures. I do not know that it
would be possible to accomplish
the business proposition outlined, but
could it be done, it would please
the majority of the republicans &
this section as well as myself.

Thanking you for your attention
and I am very truly yours

A. B. L.

Jan 31/99
A. B. L.



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