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UNION TRUST COMPANY BUILDING,  
NO. 80 BROADWAY.

New York, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1892

Lat L. Hill Esq Postre St Paul Minn  
Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of  
28<sup>th</sup> ult. with copy of telm same date -

I have been unwell for the past  
three weeks. and had partly lost the run  
of affairs. I met the Ex Com yesterday <sup>we</sup> ~~and~~  
over Montana matters fully - We were not  
able however to arrive at the result of last  
years operations, by reason of the delay in  
settlement of accounts between your Company  
& the Halls Smelter - As we understand the  
matter, the Smelter has paid the full charge  
of \$4. per ton, what you called the miners rate,  
and have not received the rebate agreed  
to be allowed the Smelter, viz \$1.50. per ton -  
I presume Eilers absence from Montana has  
caused delay in settlement, and that now



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that he is there to spend some time, I hope everything will be adjusted as regards the past, and that for the future our Company will only be required to pay over the agreed rate, or if this cannot be so arranged, on afe of the Miners rate, you will order your auditor or other proper officer to settle the account, <sup>monthly</sup> without unnecessary delay.

We have much trouble to get final account forwarded to this Office. and I want to leave our employees without excuse in future -

now as to resumption at the Gr-Halls Smelter. I have fully considered what is requisite to be done to resume work & I see no reason to apprehend future difficulty.

There are three interests to be considered first the Miners. They must see it to their interest to make liberal outburst of ores,

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To induce them to do this they must have  
reasonable rate made them for transportation  
& treatment of ores at Smelter - Of course  
the rates that the Rail Road Co may properly  
make, depends upon the tonnage or output  
So with the Smelter -

If we run only one furnace  
we ~~lose~~ money - If two, we about pay & run,  
at present charges - If we can directly run  
three - we may get a little upon our investment.

If we can later run four - we can lower  
rates for treatment.

So it is with the transportation  
It makes all the difference whether you load  
a train of 3 or 4 cars - or 10 - or 15 - (I would say  
this for your information) but it is part of my  
argument in favor of what I am about to  
propose. This is what seems to be a need in



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our present state - viz I suggest that you  
clothe your Genl Mgr - with authority to treat  
with the miners. Our Compy will instruct  
our G Mgr to meet him at 41 Halls - and that  
they two proceed to Richard & Barker for  
a conference with the miners. giving  
the parties interested full notice, so that  
the representatives more interested may  
have time to reach there. If you should  
think best to hold the "convention" at 41  
Halls. notify that place for the meeting -

The object of this assembling should  
be to take information as to what is needed  
to induce the miners to make a large output.

The Smelter is not worth running, unless we  
have ores enough to supply 4 furnaces.

With that ~~con~~age over your road, you can  
probably make a satisfactory rate, to meet

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the views of both miner & smelter -  
Now it seems to me that a "sliding  
scale" is the thing that is wanted. - This is  
the way to cheapen transportation & treatment,  
and this ought to cause the miners to do  
more business -

Will you not turn this suggestion  
over in your mind, and if you favor  
it issue the needed instructions. - If you  
will advise me that you favor my plan I  
will advise our Mgr to take steps to carry  
it out. - If you do not favor it, please  
make any other plan as seems to you  
calculated to promote our mutual interests.  
Meanwhile if the Helena Smelter can use the  
richart ores Elders wires about. please let  
them go to Helena, at a no. Pac - making rate  
equitable.

Very truly yours

W. S. Gurnee





Minneapolis, Minn. Feb. 4, 1892.

Mr. J. J. Hill,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Walter A. Wood Harvester Company, will be held on Tuesday, the 9th. day of February, 1892 at eleven A. M. at the office of the Company, in the Merchant's National Bank Building, in the City of St. Paul, for the election of a Board of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Since mailing you notice on Jan. 30th. the hour has been fixed at eleven A. M. and published in the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Daily Globe, Daily News, and Despatch, Feb. 3rd. 1892.

Yours Respectfully,

*W. Barrett*  
Secretary, Pro tem.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

40-42 WALL STREET,

NEW YORK.

P. O. Box 756.

February 7<sup>th</sup> 1892.

James J. Hill Esq  
St Paul. Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have today borrowed from the Chase  
Bank for your account \$175,000 on demand, interest  
to be fixed from month to month as the loan runs.  
I have given as collateral \$175,000 St. M. & N. Consolid 6%.  
No. 9751/9850 and 9901/95 with note signed by me  
as attorney for you.

I have loaned to the Great Northern Ry Co \$200,000.  
on demand, rate of interest to be adjusted same as  
above. Have taken their note to your order with  
\$270,000 W. & F. 1st 6% as collateral. These bonds  
remain, for convenience, in the Company's vaults as  
I have hardly room for them in yours. Entries on the  
Company's books here will show that they are regu-  
lated for your benefit.

I enclose circular just received about Leary's bonds.  
The understanding is that on this issue the Company



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40-42 WALL STREET,

NEW YORK.

P. O. Box 756.

bonds are to go first and then the holdings of the outside parties pro rata. If you desire you can come in for your share of the surplus sales on basis of 92½ cent. net to you. Please advise me what you desire to do.

I have just put a pin in on the back of these bonds and they may do something in them.

I have done nothing more in the "Loos" as I could not get my price and think it better to wait awhile. I note what you say about the stock and income.

Yours very truly  
Wm. T. Nichols

P.S. As Lawrence draws I will make similar arrangements to above.

C O P Y.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

40-42 Wall Street,

P.O.Box 756.

New York, February 4th, 1892.

James J. Hill, Esq.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I have to-day borrowed from the Chase Bank for your account \$175.000 on demand, interest to be fixed from month to month as the loan runs. I have given as collateral \$175.000 St. P. M. & M. Consold 6s No. 9751 /9850 and 9901/75 with note signed by me as attorney for you.

I have loaned to the Great Northern Ry Co. \$200.000, on demand, rate of interest to be adjusted same as above. Have taken their note to your order with \$270.000 W. & S. F. 1st 6s as collateral. These bonds remain, for convenience, in the Company's vaults as I have hardly room for them in yours. Entries on the Company's books here will show that they are segregated for your benefit.

I enclose circular just issued about Lowry's bonds. The understanding is that on this issue the Company's bonds are to go first and then the holdings of the outside parties pro rata. If you desire you can come in for your share of the surplus sales on basis of 92 1/2 & int. net to you. Please advise me what you desire to do.

I have just put a firm here on the track of these bonds and they may do something in them.

I have done nothing more in the "Soo's" as I could not get my price and think it better to wait awhile. I note what you say about the stocks and incomes.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Edwd. T. Nichols.

P. S. As Sawyer draws I will make similar arrangement to above.



J. L. NASH.

T. E. NASH.

E. H. ROSSIER.



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The Highest Market Price Paid for all Kinds of Grain.

Grand Rapids, Wis., Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1892

J. J. Hill Esq

Post Great Northern Railway  
St Paul Minn

Dear Sir

We labor under so many disadvantages  
here in procuring wheat and marketing our products  
we have about concluded to move our plant  
Is there any good milling openings on your line?  
We prefer a water power if possible. Our machinery  
is all modern and with a few additions would  
have a capacity of 500 Bbls per day.

Yours truly,

J. E. Nash & Co

The writer while Genl Supt of Railway Mail  
Service during the Cleveland administration  
met you once or twice and upon this slight  
acquaintance addresses you

J. E. Nash



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., Feb. 4, 1892.

W. A. Stephens, St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir: Yours of 2nd received. I have about concluded an arrangement with the newspaper union by which we will rent them additional space in the basement, which we can spare, and they will put in their own press. If our old press is relieved of the strain of the patent inside work, we may be able to tinker it up and make it do. We shall have the advantage of another press in the building in case ours breaks down.

In regard to the petty annoyances of which you speak, they do not disturb me now. They irritated me a little at first, but I have gotten used to them, and consider the source. The thing that breaks my heart is that The Argus cannot be placed on a paying basis. I feel the losses we are incurring as much as if they were my own, but they can't be helped. There is not enough business here at present to support a decent daily paper. The other papers are losing as much in proportion as we are; they are doing no better





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than The Argus, and that is the only consolation. It seems to me that if the pressure is kept up Edwards will have to let go one of these fine days. We are forcing him to get out a better paper than he can afford, and unless he has got resources which we know nothing of, he cannot last forever.

I will be pleased to call on you in St. Paul as soon as possible. I am running with rather a short force now, and it is difficult for me to get away.

Very truly yours,

*Geo K Shaw*

OFFICE OF

The St. Paul Trust Company

St. Paul, Minn., February 4, 1892.

*James J. Hill Esq.*  
*St. Paul, Minn.*

Dear Sir:

Herewith please find check in  
your favor for \$ 2000.00, being four per cent.  
semi-annual dividend upon 500 Shares  
of the Capital Stock of this Company, standing in your  
name.

Yours truly,

C. W. EBERLEIN,

Secretary.



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H. A. TUTTLE, General Supt.

C. M. LORING, President.

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Received at 11:15 A 2/4 1892

Dated London

To Hill Manitoba Railway St Paul  
 Message received dumpy Blandish tripped  
 Masticating holders understand that sensation  
 indelible amuse. revolves exacter to bonds but  
 prolong junket outlying pet Cheerful lists.  
 halibut no chemical mortgage contain such  
 unnecessary furnishing were, do you think of  
 estimable compatible breather Estevan

Room 57,  
GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY BUILDING,  
SAINT PAUL.

Feby. 5th, 1892.

James J. Hill, Esq.,

Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith letter  
received from Mr. Henry W. Farnam, Yale Univer-  
sity, dated 26th ult. just received. I have  
shown the letter to Mrs. Hill as I thought  
she would be glad to see it.

Very respectfully,

*W. A. Stephens*



asked  
Feb. 1/92

Englewood Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 1892

Mr. J. J. Hill

I am in financial trouble  
and am selling tickets for  
a raffle for some of Mr.  
Alkins paintings would you  
like some tickets they are  
one dollar each, I shall sell  
as many tickets as I can until  
May, then notify all that  
have tickets when and where  
the raffle will take place

Respectfully

Mrs. J. A. Alkins

6415 Monroe St

Englewood

Ill.

OFFICE OF  
EDWARD P. BATES,  
228 W. Water Street.

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Syracuse, N. Y., February 5th, 1892

Mr. James J. Hill,

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 2nd, inst. at hand, this A.M. inclosing draft and statements as stated. I think you are in error in regard to several items in your statement, and that I am justly entitled to all that I claim, but the amount in question is so small that it is hardly worth very much argument on either side. I also take into consideration the pleasant relationship which has existed between us for three years and the uniform and prompt payments which you have made, and with all these considerations before me I receipt your bill in full as you request, and trust that should you desire any service in the future of a similar nature that we will be able to serve you. As to the copy of specifications would say, that Mr. Westbury had a set of his own, consequently had no use for those furnished Mr. Brody. In regard to the grates ordered will send them immediately; I also, inclose you Manufacturers circular, you can order direct of them if you wish, but you can buy of me at the same price and I will get a commission sufficient to pay me for doing the business if you order through me: further you would be more likely to save trouble and loss of time, also surer of



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getting right sizes if you order through me as I keep a record of all these orders, and can duplicate them wholly or in part. Would it not be well for you being so far away from the Manufacturers to have a full set in duplicate on hand, as there is no place to buy them except from the Manufacturers at Scranton.

Yours truly,

*E. M. Bates*

Dictated by E.P.B.



# Barclay Manufacturing Co.

Daily capacity 350 Bbls.

## Brands

Red River, The Link's use  
Orange, The Family use  
Sunshine, Patent  
Green Point, Straight

Inclusions subject to  
Market Changes

Figus Falls Minn. Feb 5 1892

S. Breed

211 Bld St Paul

Dear Sir. Enclosed find check. We should  
be very much pleased to have you  
people straighten out the water question  
it continues very bad & all on account of actions  
of parties above infringing on our rights Remy Barclay Mfg Co.



Form No. 1.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

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RECEIVED at St. Paul, Minn. 5:57 P. M. Standard Time

Delivered to New York  
A. A. Stephens to James K Hill  
Spaul

I wrote Mr Hill yesterday please see that contents are  
wired to him if he is absent on its receipt  
Have his message advising draft and will protect

E. J. Nichols

12/25/92

Mr. Stephen

If there are  
any good seats to be  
had I want two for  
Saturday evening the  
Burnhett entertainment  
Kavanaugh and Horton  
arrive in great  
distress about the time  
will you please  
have it paid also  
the McDonald one  
and charge Mary F. Hice





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