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FARGO, N. D., April 7, 1892 189

Good Shaw

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

Dear Sir: Enclosed find statements as requested. Will send the trial balance books showing the accounts in detail, in a few days.

The bill for the car-load of paper bought in January will have to be paid in this month-about the 20th. I paid a freight w. v. v. bill on said car of over \$300. The freight from Watertown to St. Paul is charged back to the carriers paper concern, leaving a balance of about \$1300 to pay them. There is probably paper enough still on hand to last about three months. This paper was bought on 90 days' time or 3 per cent. off for cash, and the price per lb. was about one cent less than the price we allowed the bank for the paper on hand at the time of purchase. I wrote to Samuel Hill in January asking him if I should draw for money to pay for the paper and get the 3 per cent. discount, or let the time run: He replied that he had forwarded my letter to you, and hearing nothing from you and having no money to pay the bill, I have let it run. As I stated above, it will have to be paid this month.

Very truly yours.

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#### THE WAR IS ON.

Fargoites Make a Kick at the Argus.

They Say That It Has Openly Indorsed the Application of Lynch Law in That City.

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 31.—[Special.]—There is much indignation expressed here this morning over the course of Geo. K. Shaw's Fargo Argus, in sending out sensational and untruthful accounts of what is described as an attempted lyching. Last night two men were arrested on suspicion of having done the shooting of a man named Curfman on Thursday. They are confined in the county jail, and last night about a dozen men got partly full at a Moorhead saloon, came over to Fargo and created a little disturbance by shouting and yelling in the jail windows. None seemed to be armed and nothing was attempted to be done except to express their feelings in this way. In an editorial this morning Editor Shaw gives this demonstration the seal of his approval, and intimates that he hopes to see lynch law inaugurated.

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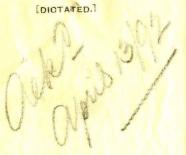
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Fort Bodge, Towa, April 8, 1892.

J. J. Hill Esq.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir: --

When I saw you at St. Paul, I did not know that there was any suit pending, relating to any portion of the Clyde Coal Company lands. Mr. Browne tells me, however, that the Clyde Coal Company has not been made a party to that suit; that he only has been sued. It is possible that to some extent this may embarrass any efforts made to dispose of the property.

I have visited Chicago and I am inclined to the opinion that by putting the Mineral Ridge Coal Company property and the Pilot Mound portion of the Clyde Coal Company property in together, that the parties with whom I have talked, could furnish \$75,000 to build a railroad from Pilot Mound and down to the river and to open two coal shafts on the property and to build the necessary houses &c.for opening the mines, and thereby get the mines in working order, so as to make it profitable. In this way, the coal would be brought out on our railroad to Pilot Mound, and an arrangement made, which has already been talked over, to use trackage from Pilot Mound to Dayton on the Northwestern road. The only way that this can be done is to bond the property all together, or bond the 1200 acres, including the railroad and the improvements which this money would make. for sayHill, 2

\$175,000, and the Mineral Ridge at \$100,000, 6% bonds, payable in twenty years; these bonds to be secured by first mortgage on all the property, either including all in one mortgage or making separate mortgages, one mortgage to cover the Mineral Ridge for \$100,000 and the other to cover the 1200 acre Pilot Mound property, with the railroad and the improvements which the \$75,000 would place upon the property for \$175,000,1eeving the Milford and other property to be disposed of to raise the other \$25,000 necessary to make up the \$200,000 to the Clyde property.

The gentlemen with whom I have been talking, say that they would be willing to take preferred stock and a portion of the common stock which would be issued under this arrangement for the \$75,000 to be advanced for the purpose stated. I am of the opinion that this project could be carried through, provided you would be willing to take the \$175,000 of bonds, secured on the 1300 acres of Pilot Mound field, and on all the improvements, railroad &c. as above stated; the intention being to make the improvements all on this Clyde land, and for the present not make any improvements on the Mineral Ridge. It seems to me this would be better for you than the way the land now is, and I think that in this way the mines would be developed, your security increased and you receive some profit in the interest on the bonds.

It is the further intention in this project, if you will consider such a proposition, to set aside as a sinking fund, some amount of money for the redemption of the bonds.

Will you consider such a proposition? I believe at the

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