

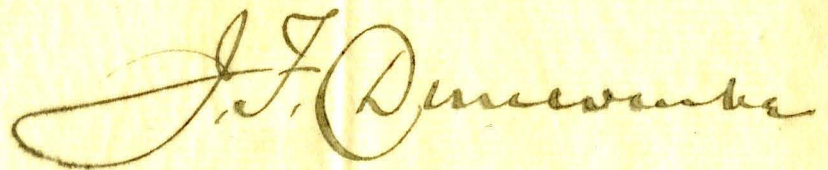
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present time it is the only thing that can be done to develop the matter and make it productive. I had Mr. Graves go and visit the property, and Mr. Browne showed him all the property and it was very satisfactory to him.

I am perfectly willing, if this arrangement can be carried out, to take for my share, bonds on the Mineral Ridge property, exactly the same character as yours, secured by first mortgage on the whole property or on that alone.

Of course I would not do this unless I felt sure satisfied that the project would be carried out and the interest would be paid. Please let me know immediately, and if you will consider such a proposition, I will come and see you, if you think it necessary, or, if you are willing I should go ahead on the plan designated in this letter, so state, and it will not be necessary for me to come and see you.

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "J. F. Duncanson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

40-42 WALL STREET,

NEW YORK.

P. O. Box 756.

April 8th 1892.

James J. Neil Esq
St Paul, Minn.
Dear Sir,

I beg to confirm my telegraphic advice of this date that I have closed with Messrs. Clark, Dodge & Co for your 'Mortgage' bonds at 90 and accrued interest less 1% Commission.

I found that the market was very quiet on these bonds. Morton, Bliss & Co have an unsold lot that cost them about 85%. Kuhn, Loeb & Co have some left and J. K. S. & Co when asked by me to make an offer replied that after consulting their friends they could not see their way clear to it. I tried A. W. Kidder & Co, and while they are anxious to deal with me on any bonds, found that the situation regarding these was so hazy that they could not venture to make a bid. I think under the circumstances of the market's having a plethora

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of these bonds, C. D. Lee's offer was a very fair one. I have an idea that they took them largely with the 3% interest in view - to hold and not to sell just now.

After I had closed with them they sent me word that they would like the bonds today. I delivered them as they requested, viz: Bonds No. 1 to 375 inclusive and received the following amount which has gone to your credit.

375,000 Bonds @ 90%	337,500
Int Jan'y 15 th to Apr 8 - 2 mos 23 ds @ 5%	4,322.93
	<hr/> 341,822.93
Less Comin of 1%	3750.00
N.Y.	<hr/> \$ 338,072.93

Unfortunately the delivery was made too late today to take up any of your loans. Tomorrow is Saturday and on half holidays it is the practice here neither to call nor payoff loans. I shall therefore have to carry the money over to Monday with the exception of \$10,000

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which I paid J. A. T. Leo for ap of Senator
Pettigrew. I have not had money in hand
to pay this before and arranged with them to honor
Mr P's drafts and charge interest on them to me
until the 10000 was paid to them. I have required
an interest statement and will pay them whatever
is found due.

I have not advised Tod the Bonds are sold
and shall not until they come to me to buy
some.

Yours very truly,
Wm. C. Nichols

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THE ARGUS

FARGO, N. D., April 18, 1892. 189

W. A. Stephens, St. Paul.

Dear Sir: I do not know whether you get the Forum or not, but I will enclose you a slip from today's issue so that you may see the style of attack he is now making. I have heard that Edwards dropped \$3000 in poker during his eastern trip, but cannot vouch for the truth of the report. The check given his foreman for his week's salary was thrown out of the bank last Saturday or Monday, but was afterwards made good. The Forum is generally understood to be hard up, but it still runs.

Very truly yours,

Geo K Shaw.



Fargo Forum.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1892.

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While the publishers are and always have been Republicans—Farmers, Democrats, Prohibitionists, Independents, Catholics, Protestants, Knights of Labor, Pharisees, Priests, Levites, or—anyone else—can have their say in The Forum, so long as their language is proper, and responsibility is fixed.

The Forum is a newspaper, and its platform broad enough for every Dakotan to have his or her say, ever claiming the editorial right to speak its own mind.

Local communications will have attention. Write only on one side of the paper, and leave room at the top of the first page—two inches or more—for headlines—which will be put on at the office.

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A. W. EDWARDS.
H. C. PLUMLEY.

Republican League Convention.

A convention of the republican clubs of North Dakota is hereby called to meet in the city of Grand Forks on Tuesday, the third day of May, 1892, at 11 o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing four delegates to represent the State League in the National League convention, and for the election of officers of the State League for the ensuing year.

Republican clubs will be entitled to representation on the basis of two delegates at large for each club and one additional delegate for every twenty members or major fraction thereof.

The president and secretary of local clubs and all the officers of the State League are ex-officio delegates to the convention.

E. H. SANFORD,

Secretary.

HARVEY HARRIS,

President.

☞ If it should be Blaine after all. Then what?

☞ The cold snap of last night "healed" the muddy streets this morning.

☞ Thirty years ago yesterday and today it was just a little muddy at Shiloh!

☞ Hans tried his best to get on the campaign committee, but the republicans wanted Johnson—and they got him.

☞ Seeders were at work on the Helendale farm Thursday. The water is rapidly disappearing and the farmers are cheerful.

☞ School lands sold today as high as \$38 an acre. And sold to farmers adjoining, who wanted to extend their possessions. How is that for North Dakota?

☞ Fargo is alive with country people today buying school lands. Martin Tamberg wants section 36 in Kinyon—"for the boys." He paid for The Forum today.

☞ Judge McConnell has called a term of Traill County court at Hillsboro for May 10, and Steele County for May 24, at Sherbrooke. Petit juries are being summoned.

☞ R. H. Johnson of Dickinson, is spoken of as a delegate to Minneapolis from the Sixth congressional district, Col. Kingman from the Third and Colonel Plummer from the Sixth.

☞ In an interview as reported in the New York Press, Hans is quoted as saying: "I want you to particularly understand that stock raising in my state is one of the most profitable industries, etc." "My state" are good.

☞ Republicans who believe more in the success of the party and its tenets, than in self-agrandizement and boodle, should get to the front. Here in Fargo we have had a lot of traders and traffic-

plied by the state superintendent contains many names of prominent educators, but Senator Worst is one especially qualified because of his experience, ability and fine elocutionary attainments.

☞ The inventors of this country have not only paid the expenses of the United States patent office, but \$4,000,000 of their money is now lying idle in the treasury, where it has year by year accumulated as the surplus earnings of that office. And yet, if one of those inventors, says an exchange, or anybody else, has need of a printed copy of a patent granted he can not get it. Why? Because lack of room to store and arrange these copies has compelled the commissioner of patents to stop furnishing them. Congress is really the culprit in this case, for it has neglected to authorize the patent office to spend a portion of the money to its credit in getting room enough to transact its enormous and constantly increasing business.

☞ The call for the county republican convention does not make any reference to the fractional township south of Fargo, township 139, range 48. There are several families there and they usually vote in the Third Ward of Fargo. The county commissioners have divided the Fourth and the Fifth wards into two precincts each for the fall election. It does not matter as much for the present convention, but when the convention is called to nominate county officers the representation should be by the precincts which are to vote at the coming election.

☞ The republican party of North Dakota has rapidly drifted under the control of the Hill interests in the Great Northern railroad. Hill owns The Fargo Argus and pays its bills. Col. W. E. Dodge, the attorney for the Great Northern railroad, is the manipulator of every revolt and bosses the bolters and the political buccaneers who are always against the party unless controlling it. Dodge furnishes railroad money to buy heelers and the republican party is made subservient to the dictations of the henchmen of Jas. J. Hill, who is a democrat, said to be seeking a place in the cabinet of the next president, expecting the same to be a democrat. It might just as well be taken into consideration now, as at a later period—are the tried and true republicans of North Dakota, ready and willing to be worked and voted in the interest of Jas. J. Hill and the Great Northern railroad? That is the vital question now before the party workers. It is the people at large against the machine, and the machine owned, run and conducted by the railroad. Will the people submit or will they rise up in their might and throw off the yoke of the railroad and declare themselves as they are—free and independent republican voters? There is strength enough in the party to clean out and trample under foot the buccaneers who have undertaken to carry things with a high hand, if the voters will rise in their might. It is the boast of the adherents here in Fargo that Dodge made Haggart "lay down" two weeks before the city election, promising that the Great Northern influence would send John back to the senate this fall. If it's untrue it's a libel on John, but names of a number of citizens are given, who claim such a trade was made. The last time John was elected Jordan was paid \$500 to "keep still," and then got the p. o. for being a traitor to the party, as well as a boodler. Jordan was also paid a monthly stipend by the whiskey men to "keep still." Such traders are the kind of "reformers" that can always be found ready to serve Jim Hill and his railroad and so long as Dodge is furnished with Great Northern boodle so long will he manipulate the element which has so long disgraced the republican party. Is it not better to suffer defeat than to be lead into being a tail along with Dodge to Jim Hill's kite?

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E. J. Nichols



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