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to Mr. Kelly*

45-47 WALL STREET  
NEW YORK.

26th. April, 1892.

My dear Mr. Hill:--

I have not written you earlier, as I understood from you when you were here that you were going to the Pacific Coast, and would not get back to St. Paul until the 28th. inst. I write now to say that I am making all my arrangements to leave, if possible, for the Pacific Coast on Friday afternoon, the 6th. of May, and I see there is a train that leaves New York by the Pennsylvania, and Ft. Wayne roads, at 6.30 P.M. on that day, and reaches Chicago at 9.30 P.M. the following day. I should like to go by that route and by that train, spend the Sunday in Chicago, and leave on the Monday morning following, either by the Northwestern, or any other line you may think best to Omaha, and there take the Union Pacific Railroad for Portland, stopping enroute at Salt Lake City to see the place and rest; my object being to reach Portland at latest by the evening of Saturday, the 14th. May. From Portland I propose to go to Seattle, thence by your line to Vancouver, the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, thence back to Seattle in order to take the Northern Pacific Railroad from that place to Spokane Falls. I presume we could not reach there before the 18th. or 19th. of May, and from what you said



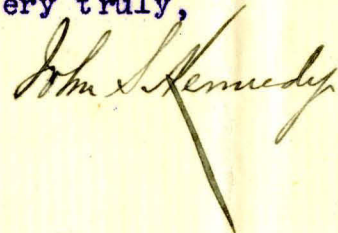
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I conclude that your track will be laid to that point by that time, and trains running so that we could then return by your line, stopping enroute at Butte and Great Falls.

If entirely convenient, I would be greatly obliged if you could send on your car so that I could take it at Jersey City, as Mrs. Kennedy and two of her Nieces will accompany me, and I will be obliged if you will inform me whether you will arrange with the various lines for transportation of the car, or whether you would like me to do so.

As the time when we propose to start is now not far distant, perhaps you will be kind enough to communicate with me by wire, and should anything occur to prevent my carrying out the plans which I have made, I will in like manner at once advise you by wire of any change that circumstances may compel me to make, but I hope and do not expect that anything will interfere to prevent me carrying out the programme as I have here stated <sup>it</sup> to you. Should you have any suggestions to make regarding any change of plan or route, I beg that you will not hesitate to do so.

Yours very truly,



James J. Hill Esq.,

St. Paul, Minn.



62 rue St Didier Paris  
April 26<sup>th</sup> 1892

CARL GUTHERZ STUDIO.

Dear Mr Hill.

I hasten to inform  
you that the magnificent  
collection of "Spitzers" 33 rue  
Villegust Paris is soon to  
be sold, up to this time it  
has been the object of the owners  
to sell it as an intire,  
but now they have decided  
to let it go by lots, and I  
think there is a magnificent  
chance to obtain a number  
of fine if not priceless things  
for those who wish rare



and choice objects of art -  
such as Tapestries - Furniture,  
Arms and fine old Mantles  
Bronzes - carvings in ivory  
and wood - stained glass windows  
and objects in fine glass wares  
Polissi pottery and antique Terra  
Cotta - enamells - Cethers work  
The choicest of old altar furniture  
in fact a collection of choice art  
objects that has taken many  
years and fine taste and money  
to bring together, and which as  
a whole is truly wonderful, and  
excellent in every detail.

If you wish to procure some  
and fine things, I think this



will be a very unusual occasion as I  
am informed by good authority That The family  
must dispose of them even for want of means  
to keep it together - I am yours most  
Respectfully Carl Guthe

Artistic Painter  
Brother in Law of Genl. M.D. Flower  
St Paul -

for further particulars address  
Monsieur R. Duseigneur, Conservator of Collections  
Spitzer.

P.S. I shall be pleased to do anything I can for you  
to assist in securing art treasures for you. C. G.

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d'Amerique

Via Southampton



Mr James M. Hill

Summit Ave

Saint Paul

Minn

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FROM  
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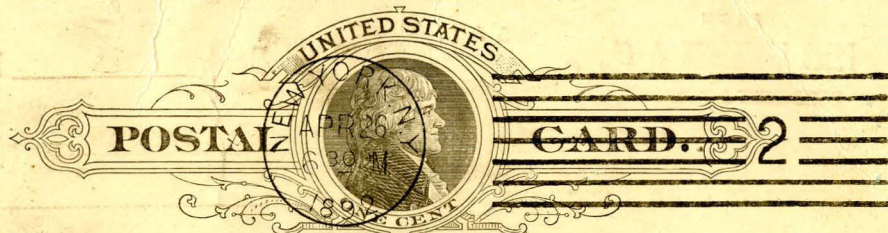
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# THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

OFFICE: 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING.

CHICAGO, *April 27th* 189*2*

*Very truly  
made*  
Mr J. J. Hill

Minneapolis Minn

My Dear Sir

I beg leave to address you on behalf of the University of Chicago. You undoubtedly know something of the extraordinary development and promise of this institution. Through the munificence of J. J. Rockefeller, it will begin its work with large endowments, and we are not now seeking to increase these. But so far as provision for buildings, apparatus, books, and the many things required in the organization of a great institution is concerned, we are in the greatest possible need. So marvellous has been the expansion of the institution that the original provision made for its external material equipment is totally inadequate - The University opens Oct 1st of this year. The number of students who report themselves as intending to enter is already very large and increases



daily. It is certain that the attendance of the first year will reach a thousand.

A Chemical Laboratory and a group of dormitories are provided for. A large recitation building is now also going up but for this the funds are yet to be found.

In addition to these we need at the earliest possible moment, seven other buildings - a Physical and a Biological Laboratory, a Library building, a Gymnasium, a Chapel, and two dormitories, one for young men, and another for the young women. For the Chemical Laboratory S. A. Kent of Chicago has given \$150,000.

In addition to a previous greater gift Marshall Field of Chicago has now given us a subscription of \$100,000, conditioned on our securing (including his and Mr Kent's pledges) subscriptions aggregating \$1,000,000, by July 10th. We have resolved to make the attempt to meet the condition imposed by Mr Field, and secure this great sum in this brief time. It seems like a well nigh impossibility. - It will require extraordinary efforts, and it compels a resort to unusual measures. -



[4-27-92]

W. R. HARPER, PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY.  
E. NELSON BLAKE, PRESIDENT OF BOARD.

C. L. HUTCHINSON, TREASURER.  
T. W. GOODSPEED, SECRETARY.

# THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO,

OFFICE: 1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING.

CHICAGO, .....189.....

No ordinary efforts or methods will lead to success. It is an undertaking without precedent in the history of Education - But we need the funds and we must exhaust every honorable method in the effort to reach success. - We are building a great institution. Everything indicates that it will be one of the largest Universities in the World. Our students are coming from almost every state in the Union. We expect to find the greater part of this \$1,000,000. in Chicago - we are daily soliciting subscriptions in this city. But if we succeed in finding so great a sum in so short a time, we must have the help of friends outside of Chicago. We are seeking to build a great University in this important city, which will add materially to the influences which make for good throughout the country. -



We feel therefore that it is not improper to lay our case before a few men at a distance - It would create a most favorable impression and give a mighty impulse to the movement in Chicago - if it could be known that a few men of wealth in other cities and other states were willing to aid us. May I not ask you to give us a conditional pledge, in accordance with the subscription blank - enclosed? If we fail, your pledge will be null and void - If we succeed it may be paid in July or in quarterly installments during the coming year. Of course we should be glad to have unconditional subscriptions but this we do not ask. It would very greatly encourage and gratify us, if we could have your interest and help in this great undertaking - May I not ask you to consider our appeal and if possible to give us your aid - and greatly oblige.

Yours Truly.

J. W. Goodspeed.



[WITH 4-27-92]

# The University of Chicago,

OFFICE:

1212 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING,

CHICAGO, APRIL 20, 1892.

Whereas, The University of Chicago has undertaken to raise One Million Dollars, for the purpose of constructing buildings and meeting other contingent expenses incident to the organization of the University, and, whereas, Sidney A. Kent, has subscribed \$150,000.00 to said University for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a Chemical Laboratory, and,

Whereas, Marshall Field, in addition to his former contribution, has subscribed to said University \$100,000.00 on condition that, (including Mr. Kent's subscription, and including said sum of \$100,000.00 subscribed by said Marshall Field,) the full sum of One Million Dollars, shall be subscribed for the purposes above designated, by the 10th day of July next,

We, the undersigned, in consideration of the premises and of our mutual promises herein made, agree to pay to the University of Chicago the sum set against our respective names —Said sums to be payable only on the express condition that the full sum of One Million Dollars shall be subscribed for the purposes named above. The condition being fulfilled said subscriptions shall be payable in one year, in four equal quarterly installments beginning July 15th, 1892.

NAMES.	ADDRESSES.	AMOUNTS.	REMARKS.





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