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Tacoma, Wash. Sept., 10th, 1892.

Mr. J. J. Hill,

Pres. G. N. R. R. St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Sir:

The political situation of our State is such that there is an opportunity of the Democrats being able to elect the State ticket, and a fair probability of securing the Legislature, in fact if we can have your assistance along the line where your men are being employed there is no doubt but what our State will wheel into line, and that we will have a good administration. The Republicans in the main have been robbing various interests relative to the special funds naturally coming to a new State, and mis-management generally in regard to our public affairs has been the result.

I feel sure that the Democratic ticket can be depended upon for a great improvement in the management of its affairs, and the probability of bringing much more capital to this section of the Country, for the purpose of developing the same. Our resources as you know are wonderful, and under good management we will become one of the wealthiest States in the Union. The character of the men we desire to elect as representatives are such that they will not be antagonistic to the development of the same, either in Railroad corporations or otherwise.

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Knowing that you are straight forward in your matters and take a great interest in the success of the Democratic party, and for such men as you believe will be for the interest of the Country to fill the prominent positions, and not only this locality, but all others connected with our general government. I feel that you will assist us in carrying our people to a victory in this coming election. If I can have your assurance in assisting our Democratic friends along the line I have no doubt but what we will elect a full Democratic Legislative ticket from this County which is the strongest Republican County in the State. Your assistance will benefit in King, Snohomish and one or two Counties East of the Cascade Range.

The Democrats have nominated John E. McManus of Everett for the House, who is an upright straight forward man, and he has written me asking that I do what I can for his election, and also that I should write you regarding him. Another candidate is a gentleman by the name of Smith, in the Okanogan district, who is running against the former Lieut. Governor for the House, and is a gentleman who can be relied upon without being subsidized. He told me at the late State Convention, unless the Railroad men on your line cast their votes against him, that he certainly would be elected and it is of the utmost importance that Lieut. Governor Lawton should not be returned to the Legislature.

We went over the situation somewhat during our very pleasant trip over your road, and I have deferred writing you on this matter until our people here in the main decided what would be their act-

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tion in the coming campaign. If they carry out what they have already assented to there is no doubt but what the Democratic ticket will be elected, and we will have a Democratic Legislature, and a large majority seem to be very anxious for my election as United States Senator. Will you kindly say what you can do, and how you feel upon this subject at as early a date as possible.

Very truly yours,

(Dictated)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. M. Gigg", written in dark ink.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY LINE

EASTERN MINNESOTA RAILWAY.

GENERAL AGENT'S OFFICE.

W. C. FARRINGTON,
GENERAL AGENT,
DULUTH AND SUPERIOR.

Sept. 10th 1892.

DULUTH, MINN.,

Mr. W. A. Stephens

Room 57, Gt. Northern Bldg. St. Paul.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 9th inst.

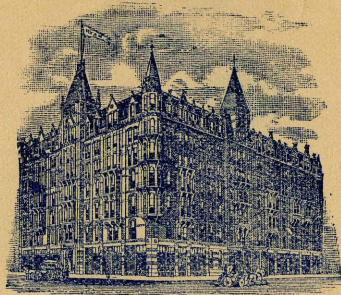
There will be no difficulty in making any arrangement you may desire to go East by way of Northern Line boats, and I shall take pleasure in seeing that you are properly taken care of. Do you intend to take your wife.²

It is a little too early yet to be able to tell you definitely what boats will probably leave the latter part of next week, it will probably be the North Star or Northern Queen, but I shall let you know about Wednesday just when to start in order to take the boat about Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

Yours truly

A large, flowing handwritten signature in brown ink, likely belonging to W. C. Farrington, the General Agent.

Gen'l. Agent.



HOTEL BRYAN
EUGENE MEHL & SON, PROPRIETORS.

St. Paul, Minn. Sept. 10th 1892

Dear Mr. Stephens-

The stock deal is off - The
last payment to Trust Co. is due on
the 16th inst.

We would like to make a loan
of say \$20,000. for one year, which
would pay off the note of \$12,000.⁰⁰
and take care of some other obligation.

Can you put me in commun-
ication with some one who would
consider making a loan.

Yours truly
Eugene Mehl



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