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St. Paul, Nov. 26, 1892

J. J. Hill -

Dear Sir: After due reflection I have concluded to address to you this note. On account of physical disabilities I do not feel able to sustain myself any longer in this community, where I have spent the greater part of my life. I make this statement with inexpressible humiliation, and confidentially to you.

I want to go to the Soldiers Home at Marshalltown, Iowa - It was in an Iowa regiment that I served during the rebellion.

A rigorous winter on, and no means to meet the necessities. A few articles of clothing and sufficient funds to pay my passage out of the city is what I need.

For your past favors to me, my heart is full of gratitude.

Very respectfully,

(443 1/2 Jackson St.)

E. Y. Shelley.

E. A. Mears—My men who are scattered around in different parts of the country report that it is impossible to collect much money, as the elevators without exception are entirely full and the blockade is as distressing as ever. Cars are absolutely unavailable and unless they are furnished before long the result may be serious enough to many people in the back country.

GEO. K. SHAW, MANAGER.

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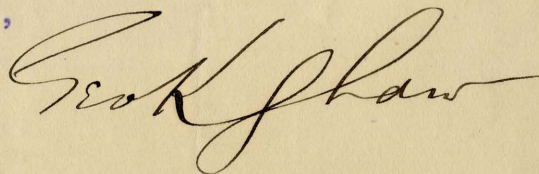
FARGO, N. D., Nov. 26, 1892.

W. A. Stephens, St. Paul.

Dear Sir: Some time ago I notified you that it would be necessary for me to draw for ~~for~~ \$1,000 on the 21st and \$1,000 on the 28th. The draft of the 21st was sent and paid, and the one of the 28th will probably reach you on Tuesday.

The enclosed utterance by a banker here agrees with our experience and explains to some extent while collections are slow in this country.

Very truly yours,



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Yale University Museum, November 28, 1892.

Dear Mr. Hill, -

I write to thank you most sincerely for sending to me the fossil palm leaf, which arrived in good order a few days since. It is a grand specimen, and most acceptable. I shall have it carefully prepared, and placed in the museum as a gift from you.

Your sons are both quite well, and like all the Yale students very happy over the foot ball victories.

With kind remembrances to Mrs. Hill, and hoping you will ~~make me a~~ longer visit next time you come to New Haven,

I remain, with many thanks,

Yours, very truly,

O. C. Marsh

James J. Hill, Esq.,

President, Great Northern Railroad.

Hotel
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Shattuck & Wood,
Proprietors.

PRIVATE OFFICE.

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Minneapolis, Minn., Nov 28 1892

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J. W. J. Hill Esq
President Get Ry
St Paul Minn

Dear

It has been reported that there is a prospect of a change being made with the Hotel Ryan St Paul and that you have considerable interest, if not in the Hotel proper, in the furniture of same.

For some time we have thought, if a favorable opportunity presented itself, we would like the Ryan, believing that if properly managed, it should command the best class of transient trade to your City, instead of its going to a family Hotel.

If we have been rightly informed relative to the above will you kindly grant us an interview at your convenience, we will refer you to Mr. Thos Lowry of our City by permission, also to any of our leading Citizens and the public generally as to our ability to conduct a First Class Hotel and as to our integrity we will satisfy anyone.

Very respy yours

Shattuck & Wood

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recd. Mrs. J. W. 3/92
Fairbault Nov 28. 92

My dear friend

I have been very ill and am still confined to my room. But I cannot forgo the pleasure of sending to you my congratulations upon the honors received from your fellow citizens.

In the early days of my Episcopate I drove my horses thru or some thousand miles a year over their Western prairies. and often rode for hours without sight of a human habitation.

Many a day dream came
to me of the time when these
prairies would teem with
abundance and in God's
manner to the starving millions
of the old world. In 1870
I was an invalid at Montrose.

A Holland banker waited
upon me, to ask about the
character of Minnesota lands
on the line of the proposed
St Paul and Pacific Railway.

He evidently thought them
worthless for their remoteness
from civilization. I told him
of their character - that some
day they would be the home
of millions - and if cultivated

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like Holland would feed the
entire population of the
United States. He told me
the road was not paying
its expenses - and evidently
thought I was a lineal
descendant of Munchausen.

I told him that it only
needed faith & courage to
work and wait and this
would become one of the most
valuable rail-road properties
in the country. I gave him
the names of Gen'l H H
Ledy - J E Thompson & John
L Merriam - as men in whom
he could trust implicitly, and
whom I knew would verify
all I had said. A few

years later you and your
associates, brought to completion.
the work they had not faith
to do. I need not tell you
the story which has been the
history of your life. You have
been permitted to do what no
other man has done alone.
Build a railway to the Pacific.
In thirty three years I have
been laboring to found schools
and churches. For without
God there can be no civilization.
But I rejoice in every thing
which adds to the material
prosperity of our beloved country.
I have faith to believe that
despite all the clouds around us
we shall be in the future as
we have been in the past.

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a people who fear God and
love righteousness. I rejoice
most that in your prosperity
you are the same James
Mill whom I knew thirty
years ago in the warehouse
by the river. And I also re-
-hieve that the untold blessings
with which God has prospered
your plans, make you feel
that your highest joy is to
use wealth as a wise steward
of a Heavenly Father.

Assuring you of my love

Your old friend:-

H. B. Cheimble

Mr James J. Mill.



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