

Chicago, Ill. Dec. 25th, 1892.

J. J. Hill, Esq.,

Pres't Great Northern Ry.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Morse has just handed me a telegram, which he assumes was sent with your approval. It reads as follows:-

"St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24th, 1892.

"Jay C. Morse, Pres't Illinois Steel Co.

"Am advised by wire matter making some progress in New York. Heavy stock bonus offered for money. If you have not succeeded in the East, think plan proposed evening before you left will be entirely successful. Parties ready to act on moment's warning.

"Grover."

Mr. Morse and myself will go to St. Paul Tuesday night, and see you Wednesday morning next. In the mean time, if it is necessary or in your judgment wise for safety, please make the purchase of the securities you and he talked of; please do so for us. We will carry out such agreement as you think best to make, simply asking you to act for us in your own way. Will you please telegraph Mr. Morse at his house, No. 297 Ontario St., tomorrow some message indicating you have received this letter, and any new thought it may give you, should there be any, or any action you should have taken under this authority. We know pretty well the New York negotiations, and it is by no means certain that it may not be hurtful to present owners. It may prove very deceptive and unfortunate to the western parties who may



favor it, if carried out. We feel sure that neither Mr. Rockefeller or any standard parties are interested, although their names have been freely quoted for effect.

I join Mr. Morse in thanking you for the friendly interest you have and are taking.

Yours truly,

*KK Porter*

PERSONAL.



COPY.

December 25th, 1892.

R. L. McCulloch,  
Helena, Montana.

Letter received. You may accept Clark's  
letter for me if you think best.

Jas. J. Hill

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

Dec 26 1892

Dear Sir,

You will, I trust, be patient with me - if I ask you to remember your kind promise to come to my aid. I will need to receive another installment of your bounty to-morrow (Tuesday) so as to meet obligations maturing Wednesday. Please let me know whether you desire to see me at your office, & send me a note by your secretary.

Very truly

J. Hill.

J. Ireland



Delano, Minn Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 1892

James J. Hill

President, Great Northern Railway,  
St Paul, Minnesota

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
Received  
DEC 28 1892  
G. N. RY.

Dear Sir:

When at your Office last week, you told me to write to you, and state what I wanted, so I shall try to do so.

Since that time, I have received an answer to a letter I wrote regarding the stumpage on some land about 12 miles from here in this County.

And I have bought the same at 35 cents per cord, this is very cheap, others pay as high as 75 cents per cord for Maple Woods. I shall not move to Rice County now, because this makes it easier for me, with less expense. The wood is Maple & Oak very little soft wood. We intend to do our own work or at least most of it, as we are 5 of us in the family to go at it.

In order to get the necessary equipment, we need the small sum of \$300<sup>00</sup>, and ask you to advance it to us. Could not give you any security except a note. And as the wood does not commence to move until about September first next year, would like to have



a years time to pay it in.

It is impossible for me to get it here, because my credit is not good enough for that amount, and my independent standing heretofore politically as well as sociably has created a feeling against me, which I shall probably never overcome.

This is my reason for leaving this County at some time, in all probability as soon as I have got this wood cut and sold, in order to get some means to start in another place.

I have always managed to get along in an honest way, and managed to make a comfortable living.

But my political career in this county has proved unsuccessfully to my financial standing, and I have never been able to get my head above water since. I have struggled for the last 3 years without success, but think that I will be able to make enough out the above deal, to give me a new start in life.

I have the will and the strength yet, if I am getting along in years, and hope you will kindly give me the lift, and you greatly oblige your old friend  
Fred Braudes.



Ordered one C.M.  
Dec 17/92

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