

30 Nassau Street,

KUHN, LOEB & CO.

New York Dec. 29th 1892.

My dear Mr. Hill:-

I have your very interesting communication of the 26th inst., which I have read carefully.

I shall now dismiss the Canadian Western project which has been brought to my notice, as I only intended going into it if it could be of use to the Great Northern.

The explanation which you make as to your Company's position concerning its competitors and transcontinental rates, is not only interesting, but so clear that I cannot see how it will be possible to assail the position which you have taken. When you say, you will not accept rates high enough to permit your competitors to carry traffic around three sides of a square on equal terms with your line running over one side of the square, you have put the whole case in a nut-shell.

Northern Pacific securities have had another sharp decline, and there is such a growing distrust in the ability of the Company to maintain itself, that I am afraid this existing distrust alone will before long force it into a receiver's hands. Undesirable as this will be from every point of view, I can hardly see how it can possibly be avoided. I believe the time is near when we should carefully confer as to what position you should

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take in a reorganization of the Northern Pacific Co., of which, if you find it desirable and judicious, you could, in my opinion, gain control.

I have said to Mr. Nichols that it is our intention to turn the option which we have on \$1,125,000. Willmar & Sioux Falls Bonds, into a firm purchase right after New Year, as I thought this would somewhat relieve your mind as to finances. I shall arrange this matter with Mr. Nichols, and you need not give yourself any further concern about it.

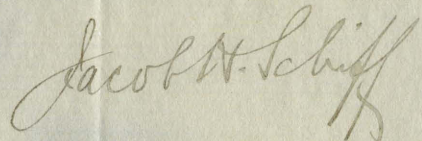
I am sorry to learn that you are making "some progress" only in removing the trouble which your shoulder has been giving you, and I do hope that you will not take the matter lightly. Please let me know from time to time how you are getting on in this respect.

I thank you very much for your kind wishes of the season, and both on behalf of Mrs. Schiff and my children, as well as myself, I sincerely reciprocate the same. You know my feelings towards yourself and your family, and it is therefore hardly necessary that I specify my wishes.

Believe me, dear Mr. Hill,

Yours most faithfully,

James J. Hill Esq.,
GREAT NORTHERN RY.CO.
St. Paul, Minn.





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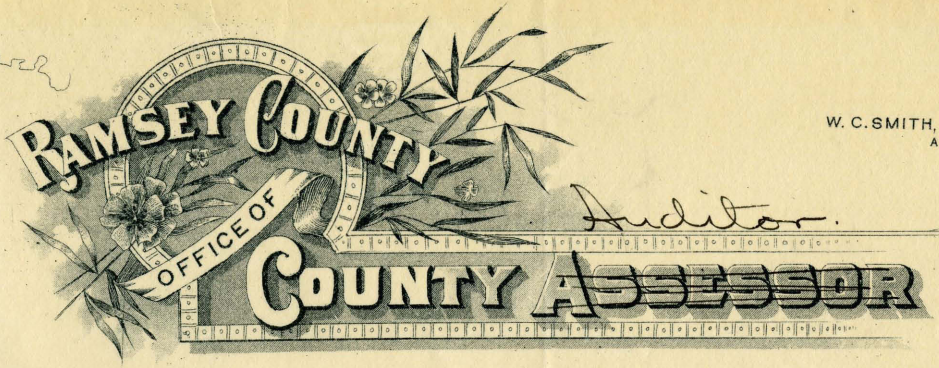
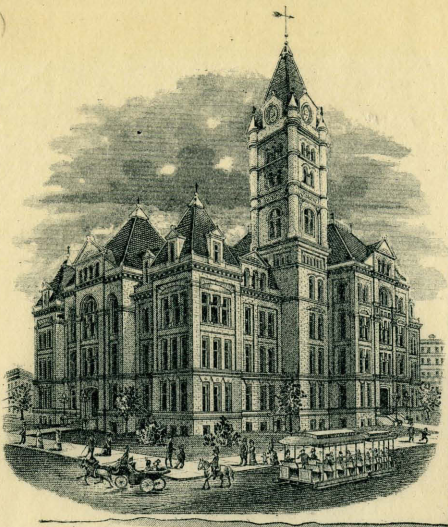
St..Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 26th, we take pleasure in sending you on approval two Satsuma Vases; if not perfectly satisfactory, return to us; we think this by far the better way, as it would impossible to describe them, so you would know whether they were what you wanted or not; kindly understand if not perfectly satisfactory they can be returned, and if you will give us an idea of what you want we will see if we have not got them in the store, or we will write to Japan for them.

Respectfully yours,

W.



W. C. SMITH,
ASSESSOR.

St. Paul, Minn. Dec 29th 1892

Hon. J. J. Hill.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor
to inform you, of your appointment by the
Board of County Commissioners of Ramsey County
as a delegate to the Good Roads Convention
to be held at the Chamber of Commerce, in
city of St Paul, Jan'y. 25th & 26th 1893.

Please signify your acceptance at
as early date as convenient

Respectfully
Wm. E. Kain
County Auditor.

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The Treasurer of Clay County, Minn.

H. P. STRATE, Treasurer.

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Moorhead, Minn., Dec. 29th 1892

S. S. Breed Esq
St. Paul Minn.

Dear Sir: Enclosed
please find Rpts. of Tax Assignment.
The deed is entered and the Register
will send you the bill.

Very Respt.
H. P. Strate

St. Joseph's German Catholic

Orphan Asylum,



199 WEST NINTH ST.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 27 1892

Mr. J. J. Hill

Respected Sir,

Your kindness of Christmas was duly
appreciated, and the little Orphans
return their heartfelt thanks for the same.
With best wishes for the New Year.

We remain
Sincerely Yours
Mother Benedict

^{and}
Little Orphans

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,

National League for Good Roads,

45 Broadway.

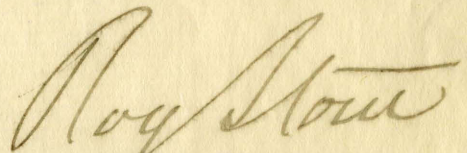
New York, December 30, 1892.

Dear Sir:-

I have your favor of December 12th and am glad to note your interest in the matter of good roads and your desire to aid in the work. You remark that the "organization should come from the farmers and the men in the country, where the roads are required." We quite coincide with this opinion, and our work is intended especially to promote organization among the farmers. This can be done, however, only by a temporary central organization, as the farmers would never originate anything by themselves. If you will look at the Constitution of the League, you will see the scope of our plans, or more readily, perhaps, from the printed documents headed "IN reply to numerous inquiries" (herewith inclosed) We have been so anxious to promote this organization among the farmers that we have assiduously cultivated the grangers, and with such success that our work is now fully indorsed by the National and Local organizations of the Patrons of Husbandry, and many of their active workers are our special agents and champions. I inclose a resolution passed by the National Grange at a late meeting.

Nearly all of the Western and Northwestern Railroads have responded to our request for the services of their agents in the work of forming local leagues. I send you another copy of our circular letter, and trust that with the above information you will be disposed to give us all the help possible on your lines. Some of the Railroads have issued special circulars to their station agents to assist informing local leagues - notably the A., T. & S.F.. I send you also some newspaper clippings from the Times, Tribune and World showing the latest news of the League.

Yours very truly,


General Vice-President.

James J. Hill, Esq.,

President Great Northern R'y,

Saint Paul, Minn.



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