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Protective Investments.

1/ 10/ 93.

Jas. J. Hill, Esq.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir: Referring to my respects of the 29'th ult., in reference to a rare opportunity for a most profitable land investment here, I beg to say that I am going to mail you three publications several days apart, each having a different office to perform in substantiating in a general way the various claims I have made in my letter, but none of the enclosures have been prepared for any such purpose--as will be apparent to you.

The FIRST accompanies this and is a folder issued by M. Theo Kearney in advertising his "Fruitvale Estate".

A word or two about the gentleman would not be amiss.

Eight years ago he had NOTHING--in fact, worse than that.

Securing an Option on a few Sections in Fresno County, he effected a sale and made a margin thereon. With this he bought the "Fruitvale Estate" from the Bank of California of this city, on long time terms, paying a little down.

He had it subdivided and commenced selling and improving.

The map will explain the present status.

There is not an acre of it better than ANY acre of our 70,000, yet he is selling it for \$150 to \$250 unimproved and I hear he purposes withdrawing it all from the market--having paid and having left now a property worth nearly or quite a million.

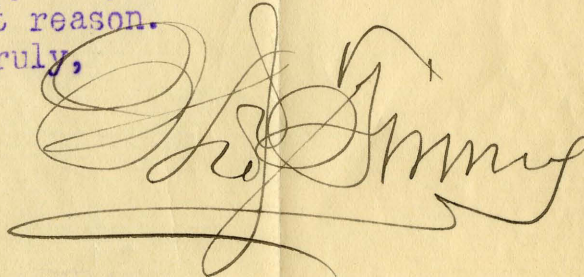
All this from NOTHING eight years ago, and by a man of no extraordinary ability.

The tract on which I have a Option is TEN times as large as the Fruitvale Estate WAS, hence to say that TEN times the results achieved by Kearney are probable, is to draw it mild, for Kearney being an extravagant man with big ideas and building a Chateau at great expense, these expenses would not be repeated--much less TEN times--in our proposition.

QUERY?:- If Kearney can make a million in eight years commencing with 0 and on a tract of 6,400 acres, what may we do with TEN times that much land AT LEAST AS good--and with a million and a quarter to start with? Another word HERE may be apropos:-

If--and when--you become sufficiently interested to desire to confirm beyond question my statements, I will then refer you to gentlemen in your city who know me and whose endorsement of me as a veracious man will be quite satisfactory to you. No use to invoke their kindly offices without sufficient reason.

I am, Yours very truly,





B. L. TITUS,  
GENERAL INSURANCE.

KIEFER BLOCK.

MOORHEAD, MINN., Jan 10th, 93. 189

S. S. Breed Esq.

Stb Paul,

Dear Sir:-

Your favormof the 9th, at this morning as per  
your instructions I hand policies #55397, Merchants of New Wark  
10i45, Mechinics Milwaukee, and 684270 British America each for  
\$1000 I will send you the other \$1000 you require tomerrew or  
næxt day. If net to much trouble will you kindly look over the  
policies in your hands on the Grand Pacific and send me a list shewg  
shewing the amount, <sup>names of</sup> numbers of polcies <sup>names of Cos.</sup> and dates when written, an  
early reply greatly oblige, I have been making some changes in my  
effice and some of the registers having been sent back to the  
companies I cannot tell how the insurance stands.

Yours Truly,

B. L. Titus



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23 Merchants National Bank Building.

St. Paul, Minn. January 10th, 1893.

Hon. James J. Hill,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Warren finds it impossible to be here in time for the meeting of Directors on 12th inst. and we have concluded to have the meeting adjourned from Thursday until Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. We hope you can be present at that time.

Yours respectfully,

P. S. Macgowan  
General Manager,

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Noting Mr. Macg.



DURAND-RUEL,  
16 RUE LAFFITTE  
AND  
11 RUE LE PELETIER  
PARIS.

NEW YORK OFFICE,

315 FIFTH AVENUE (COR. 32D STREET).

Jan. 10th, 1893.

Jas. J. Hill Esq.,  
Great Northern Railway,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to confirm my telegram of Saturday last, in which I announced to you that my father had just cabled us about the celebrated picture of Courbet, "Woman Bathing," better known under the title "La Vague," and which is reproduced in our Catalogue of 1873.

This picture was offered to my father for \$5000., and he wanted to know whether you would be willing to have it, this picture being of a superb quality and worth much over the price asked for it. Yesterday I received your telegram saying you did not care to buy it, and I sent your answer off to Paris. I believe my father will have no difficulty of disposing of it over there, as many persons consider that it is the finest example of figures painted by Courbet.

I wish to tell you, though I have no details whatever, that the Collection of Mr. Van Praet has been sold lately and that my father was the buyer. I have no information yet about that transaction, and wish you would keep it secret for the present. I do not know what the exact figure was, but can state that an offer of 2,600,000francs, which we sent from New York, was absolutely declined. The price must consequently be about 3,000,000francs.

As you saw in the New York Herald, Mr. Chauchard bought immediately afterwards the Millet, "La Bergère," and the Meissonnier, "L'



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"Homme à l'Epée," the price being according to the Herald 750,000francs for the two pictures.

I send you a new valuation which my father made before he decided to buy the collection. You will see that the pictures are valued much higher than in the previous list made several years ago, before the great increase in the paintings of the French School.

Of course I do not feel at liberty to offer any of these pictures at the prices named, as I have no idea of the final disposition to be made of the paintings. I understand that my father felt sure of disposing at once of part of the Collection to French amateurs; this is the reason that induced him to transact that deal.

I expect to get all the details in a few days, and will let you know at once what has been decided, but until then I wish you would keep that matter secret, as no one has heard of it except you.

I may have occasion to go West next week, and in that case will stop in St. Paul for a day or two, and hope I will have the pleasure of seeing you.

Yours very truly,

*J. Durand-Ruel*



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VICE PRESIDENT

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CASHIER.

Chase National Bank

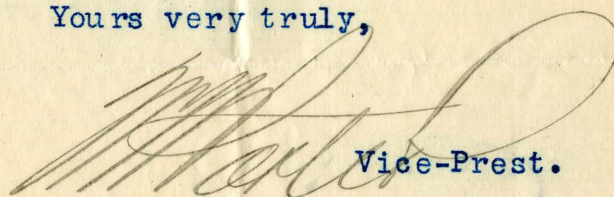
New York, Jan. 10th, 1893.

James J. Hill, Esq.,  
St Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Hill:-

At our Annual meeting you were unanimously re-elected a Director for the ensuing year, and I enclose herewith the usual form of oath, which please execute and return to us, to be noted on our books before going to Washington, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

  
Vice-Prest.

*Required oath as  
per form hereto  
attached  
mailed in response Jan 11th 1893*



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O A T H O F D I R E C T O R .  
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State of Minnesota }  
County of Ramsey. } ss:

I, the undersigned, Director of the Chase National Bank of New York, in the State of New York, being a citizen of the United States, and resident of the State of Minnesota, do solemnly swear that I will, so far as the duty devolves on me, diligently and honestly administer the affairs of said Association; that I will not knowingly violate, or willingly permit to be violated, any of the provisions of the Statutes of the United States under which this Association has been organized; and that I am the owner, in good faith and in my own right, of the number of shares of stock required by said Statutes, subscribed by me or standing in my name on the books of the said Association; and that the same is not hypothecated, or in any way pledged as security for any loan or debt.

(Signed) Jas. J. Hill.

Subscribed and sworn to this fourteenth (14th) day of January, 1893, before the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county.

(Signed) William A. Stehpens,

(Notarial)

(Seal)

Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.





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