

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1893 MAR. 4-6

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN  
ORIGINAL ORDER



To President Cleveland  
Washington  
D.C.

I rejoice that your inaugu-  
ration is on my tenth birth-  
day. I thank you for photo and  
autograph. Gertrude Hill

St. Paul, Minn.

March 4th. 1893

GEO. H. LAWES & CO.

SUCCESSORS TO

HOUSTON, HARRIS & CO.,

**BUILDING MATERIALS,**

49 E. FIFTH STREET,

ST. PAUL,

MINN.

TELEPHONE: 1027.

WM. A. STEPHENS, PRIV, SEC.

J. J. HILL, PRES.

GREAT NORTHERN RY.

MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> /93.

ST PAUL.

MINN.

CITY.

DEAR SIR,

*Ans. to Mr. J. J. Hill March 10/93*  
AS WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE ARCHITECT, THAT  
MR HILL HAS FINALLY DECIDED TO USE THE MENOMONIE BRICK FOR THE  
SEMINARY AS ORIGINALLY SPECIFIED. SUPPOSE OUR SAMPLES PLACED IN YOUR  
OFFICE FOR HIS INSPECTION, WILL BE OF NO MORE USE THERE, WOULD FEEL  
OBLIGED IF YOU WOULD ALLOW THE BEARER TO HAVE THE SMALL BOX LEFT  
IN YOUR OFFICE LAST, AND WHICH CONTAINED THREE SAMPLES OF "CHICAGO  
-PEERLESS BRICK". AS WE HAVE ANOTHER CUSTOMER WHOM WE THINK THESE  
BRICK WOULD SUIT AND HAVE NO OTHER SAMPLES, OF THE SAME KIND ON HAND.  
IF HOWEVER YOU THINK THERE IS STILL ANY DOUBT OR CHANCE OF THERE  
STILL BEING CONSIDERED AT ALL, WE WOULD SOONER LEAVE THEM THERE, AND  
WAIT FOR A FRESH LOT OF SAMPLES FROM THE FACTORY.

YOURS RESPECTFULLY.

*Geo. H. Lawes & Co*

*Answered  
Samples returned*



[WITH 3-4-93]

GEO. H. LAWES & CO.,

(Successors to Houston, Harris & Co.)

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49 EAST FIFTH STREET,

TELEPHONE 1027.

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(OVER.)



Pressed and Ornamental Brick.

Menomonie Sand Molded Brick.

Cabot's Brick Preservative.

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Iron Roofing, Siding and Ceilings.

Roofing Tile and Roofing Slate.

Metalic Shingles and Roofing Cement.

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Both Plain and Tinted.

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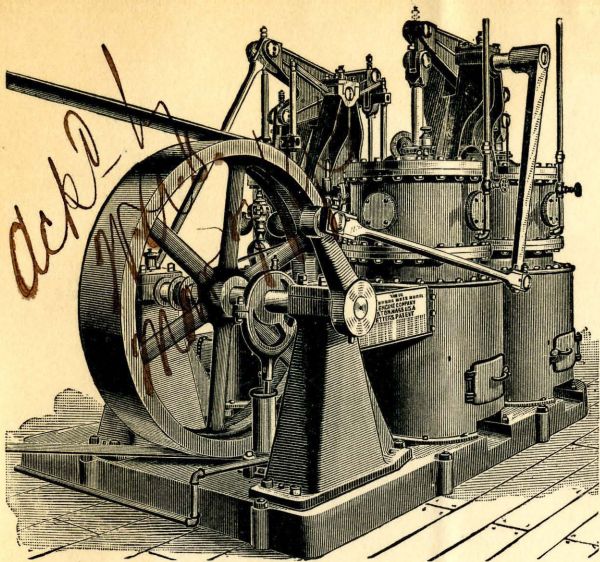
Wire and Metal Lath.

Common Brick, Fire Brick and

BUILDING PAPER of all kinds.

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Patten, <sup>AND</sup> Woodbury  
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JOSHUA MERRILL, TREAS.



Gold Medal Awarded for an Air Engine of the Highest Perfection.

Boston, March 4<sup>th</sup> 1893

James J. Hill Esq. St Paul Minn  
Dear Sir. I have no reply to my letter addressed  
to you on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. and I feel Sir that I am  
unfairly treated in the matter of business between  
us. and I appeal to your sense of Justice. I ask  
fairly by us in settlement of the Contract we believe  
to be better than you and our company. I disavow  
the disrespect in all my communications to you  
and I in this spirit: urgently request you to  
reply to me. and candidly state what you consider  
the fair thing to do in settling up this & our very  
regrettable and costly deal. The actual cost of building the  
Engine was much greater than our Contract price of \$4500  
dollars. and this coupled with the large expense of setting it  
up. and keeping down for a long time in St Paul. made it  
indeed a very sore expense for us. Trusting my Dear Sir before  
some of justice to deal fairly with us in settlement of this Contract  
I am with great respect yours  
Joshua Merrill Treas



Room 57,  
GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY BUILDING,  
SAINT PAUL.

March 4th, 1893.

James J. Hill, Esq.,

40 Wall Street, New York.

My dear sir:-

I beg to hand you herewith letter of Robert L. McCulloh,  
Helena, dated 27th ult., together with the two stated enclosures;

I also enclose letter from the same gentleman, under date 23rd ult.

This last I expected to keep until your return, but forward it to  
you, as perhaps it may be of use when considering the other papers.

All the members of your family here are well.

Yours very respectfully,

*W. A. Stephens*

*Handed to Mr. Lammie  
by Mr. Hill*



Room 57,  
GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY BUILDING,  
SAINT PAUL.

March 4th, 1893.

James J. Hill, Esq.,

40 Wall Street, New York.

My dear sir:-

I beg to hand you herewith notice of second installment,  
here  
payable 10th inst., on Gas & Electric Light stock subscription.  
The amount payable by you is one-tenth less than shown in this no-  
tice, occasioned by sale of \$25,000 of your subscription to Col.  
Lamborn.

My excuse for bringing this matter to your notice at this  
time is that I understand some of your New York friends desire to  
buy part of your subscription, and, if it is your pleasure to ac-  
commodate them, the matter might possibly be arranged in time for  
the purchasers to meet this call. I enclose herewith copy of the  
paper passed in the sale to Col. Lamborn - it might be of use to  
you at this time.

I have just seen Mr. Seymour, who said it would answer,  
if the amount due from you in payment of this call was deposited  
in the American Exchange National Bank, New York, on or before 15th  
inst., for credit of Merchants National Bank of St. Paul - use of  
W. R. Merriam, Trustee.

Yours very respectfully,

*W. R. Merriam*

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E. J. M.*

*E. J. M.*



Answered  
March 4/93

[March, 1893]

Lakota  
Nelson Co  
N.D.

J. J. Hill Esq  
St Paul

Dear Sir

We do not know whether  
your offer (made a year or two ago) of  
bulls to farmers in this district is  
still open but there was one a year or  
so ago with Col Smith of Bartlett  
about 10 miles from here.

There is now a great need of a  
pure bred shorthorn bull in this  
locality viz Lake Township Nelson Co  
we own ten cows & there are about  
30 more within a two mile radius  
& about 60 in the township altogether  
We have a good frame barn



a good well inside & a feedmill  
run by wind.

Any animal entrusted to our  
care will receive every attention  
We can give references as to our  
reliability.

Our Mr Payne used to be a friend  
of Mr F S Kane of Lakota

We remain

yours faithfully  
Payne & Thetier





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