

New York, March 17<sup>th</sup> 93

Dear Mr. Hall:

Dear my only to miss  
seeing you yesterday. Appreciate  
very much your kindness in calling  
at the house and will run over this  
afternoon (as soon as I can get  
through with a lot of appointments  
laid over from yesterday) and give  
myself the pleasure of calling upon  
you.

I had one of my bad headaches  
yesterday and did not feel able to go  
down town until very late & by that  
time I was all right again but con-  
sequently very late in reaching my  
home.

Yours sincerely  
Wm. D. Sterling



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To

JAMES J HILL

40 WALL ST NEWYORK.

WE ARE ALL WELL HOW ARE YOU

MARY T HILL

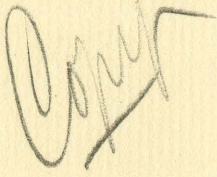


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March 18th, 1893.

Hon. Wilson S. Bissell,

Postmaster General,

Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:-

I take the liberty of enclosing a letter from Norman Perkins, of the Railway Mail Service, St. Paul, which speaks for itself. Mr. Perkins has been in St. Paul, in charge of the railway mail service there, for ten or twelve years, and has during that time, I believe, been an excellent officer, and not, in any way, an offensive partisan. During the President's former administration he was in charge of the service in St. Paul, and I understood from all our friends that he was always ready to co-operate with them in matters of appointments, only asking that the appointee should be worthy, and qualified to fill the place. I hope he will not be removed, unless for some good reason.

Yours respectfully,

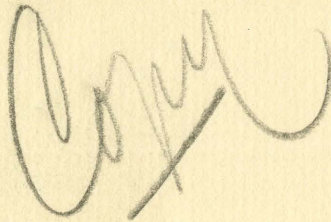


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Hon. O. P. Belmont,  
Secretary of War,  
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Colonel:-

Since I returned from Washington to New York, I have closely watched the situation. I feel sure that the business men of the country generally, strongly sympathize with the President's efforts to secure such a sound financial policy as will remove the general apprehension of trouble to come, and consequent want of confidence. As soon as the members of both Houses of Congress have returned to their homes, and come in contact with their constituents, I think they will find a marked change. My knowledge of this, however, is confined largely to the West and Northwest; I do not know so much in regard to the South.

In view of the unfortunate condition of matters in Montana, and for the purpose of enabling strong men in the party to bring about a better feeling, I hope the President, in making appointments, can see his way to selecting good men, without any reference to the local quarrels. The men who were opposed to Mr.



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Haggin's friends were also opposed to our friends in Chicago last Spring. I understand there is a Mr. Mattes, who is a candidate for the position of United States Attorney. He was formerly from Madison, Wisconsin, and Senator Vilas will probably remember him. He is represented as a first class, sound, and courageous man. If any further information is desired, I will make careful enquiries, and advise you.

I take the liberty of enclosing a letter which has come to me from Captain Durham, of the Army, a gentleman who lives in St. Paul, and has of late years become entirely disabled from exposure in the service. His son desires to enter the naval academy for the class of 1894. I have known his mother since her childhood, his grandfather and great-grandfather, all of whom were excellent people. His great-grandfather, Captain Champlin, of the U.S. Navy, was with Commodore Perry on Lake Erie, and lived a retired officer for many years in Buffalo. Possibly the President may remember him. I think they were neighbors, and possibly relatives, of Mrs. Perrine. In any event, they are all excellent people, in the fullest sense of the term.

I leave to-night for home, and will be glad, as you know, at



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Hon. D. S. L. S.

any time to serve yourself or the Administration, in any way in my power.

Yours very truly,

P.S. While I feel that Judge Benton deserved everything that the party could do for him, on account of the excellent fight he made, and his general character as a bright and capable man, still, if it should be decided that Judge Tripp was more fit for the place, I think his appointment would be first rate in every respect. He is a good lawyer, and knows the Land Office and Land laws well.



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FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA,

March 18 1893

S S Breed Esq

Dear Sir

I have been informed  
that your intention was to Repair Heating  
and Plumbing in Grand Pacific Hotel  
at Moorhead if such was your intention  
would be pleased to give you estimate on  
same.

Yours Respectfully  
C. H. Porritt





SAINT PAUL

JOBBER'S UNION.

St. Paul, Minn.

March 18th 189

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*J. H. Hill Esqr*

Dear sir,-

An important meeting of citizens interested in the New Capitol bill will be held at the office of the St. Paul Title Insurance & Trust Co. - Pioneer Press Building - on Monday evening, March 20th, at 7.30 P. M. Object:- to confer with our Senatorial delegation in order to properly organize for the passage of the bill in the Senate.

Your presence is earnestly requested.

*Chas. H. Leabury*  
*George A. Smith*  
*Samuel C. Egerton*  
For the Citizens' Committee.



*Answered April 3/93  
by J. W. Hill*

*BM*

Seattle, Wash., March 18, 1893.

James J. Hill, Esq.

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear sir,

I am a candidate for Surveyor General of the State of Washington and enclose a copy of my application. I have the endorsement of E. O. Iraves, Judge Burke and other prominent Democrats and Citizens of Washington.

I think I stand a good chance, as W. S. Bissell of the Cabinet was a class mate of mine at school and at Yale College, and I can get the endorsement of the Senators and several representatives from my native state, Tennessee.

I wished to get an endorsement from Mr. Shelby of my professional experience and character, and he referred me to you, stating that he was instructed to give no recommendation to be used for political purposes. I therefore take the liberty of applying to you, knowing your endorsement would have great weight. It will of course be a great favor to me and one for which I will be thankful.

Respectfully,

*J. W. P. Watson*



Seattle, Wash. March 10, 1893.

Hon. Grover Cleveland;

President of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

Sir;

I hereby respectfully apply for the position of  
United States Surveyor General for the State of Washington.

I would state that I am about forty years old, a graduate of Yale College, and have followed the profession of Civil Engineering for the past 16 or 17 years. For the past 12 years I have had charge of railway surveys in the Northwestern states and territories, which has given me a thorough knowledge of the method of United States land surveying and the laws pertaining thereto, and I think I could fill acceptably the position for which I apply.

I had entire charge of the location and construction of the Seattle and Montana Railway, the coast lines of the Great Northern Railway.

I am, and have been, a resident of Washington for the past three or four years,

Very respectfully,





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