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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only on conditions, limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message.

Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the Company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of **Unrepeated Messages**.

This message is an **UNREPEATED MESSAGE** and is delivered by request of the sender under the conditions named above.

ANSON STAGER, Vice-Pres't,
Chicago.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, } New York.
A. R. BREWER, Sec'y, }

Dated New York June 29 1877

Received at 313

To J J Kill

J Care O M Underhill
221 Main St

Buffalo
Think I can arrange for
delivery at Buffalo & Oswego
How much are you absolutely
obliged to take by canal
E R Holden

20 D H Pass
Cf.

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one half the regular rate is charged in addition. It is agreed between the sender of the following message and this Company, that said Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any UNREPEATED message, whether happening by negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the amount received for sending the same; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any REPEATED message beyond fifty times the sum received for sending the same, unless specially insured; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

A. R. BREWER, Secretary.

(ANSON STAGER, Vice-Pres't, Chicago.)

And this Company is hereby made the agents of the sender, without liability, to forward any message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

Correctness in the transmission of messages to any point on the lines of this Company, can be insured by contract in writing, stating agreed amount of risk, and payment of premium thereon at the following rates, in addition to the usual charge for repeated messages, viz: one per cent. for any distance not exceeding 1,000 miles, and two per cent. for any greater distance. No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

The Company will not be liable for damages in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after sending the message.

WILLIAM ORTON, President.

Buffalo June 29 1877

Send the following Message subject to the above terms which are agreed to.

To

C. R. Holdens

26 Exchange Place

New York

our contract-

*with Williams is five thousands with privilege
of ten - will take fifteen here less what Williams insists
on and you arrange with him answer*

J. H. Bell

Russell Brothers, Printers, 17, 19, 21, 23 Rose Street, N. Y.

READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT AT THE TOP.

Ward's Central & Pacific Lake Company,

FOOT OF FIRST STREET.

GEO. W. BISSELL,
President.

CHAS. H. WALKER,
Sec. and Treas.

DETROIT, MICH.

JOHN GORDON, Agt.,
Duluth, Minn.

Duluth, Minn., June 29 1877.

E N Saunders Esq
St. Paul

Dear Yours

of 28" at hand. We have no
disposition to take advantage
of you. You ought to be satisfied
with the same rate to 64 & 60
pay. This is up and up

Yours Truly
John Gordon

Minneapolis Gas Light Co.,

Minneapolis, Minn. June 29th 1877

E. N. Sanders Esq.
DebitEnclosed find Receipted
Freight Bills of 14 Cars Coal Received
And Freight by us paid \$319.08.

Receipts were as follows

13 Cars	147 $\frac{235}{2000}$ tons	} total 158 $\frac{490}{2000}$ tons
1 "	11 $\frac{255}{2000}$ "	

the last car was the
Missing car No 535.We Run 5000 lbs this
coal separate commencing with
empty Retort & running the charges
clear out & the yield was 569Yours truly
Minneapolis Gas Light Co.

All bills rec'd June 29th 319.08

Des Moines Iowa

June 29th 77

Jas J. Hill Esq

St Paul, Minn

My Dear Sir;

I have tried for some days past to learn your whereabouts but failed and I write you on the presumption that you will return home to-day or to-morrow without my seeing in C.

I should have been at Chicago to-day to meet you but a telegram from Father confused me, leaving me in doubt as to when you would be there and so I waited for more definite word before going. especially as Bullock is not yet ready for me. Would liked very much to have met you there.

I have been in a delightful state of doubt and suspense for a week past caused by your not writing me and a letter rec^d from W.

I wrote you on the 10th inst and certainly expected a reply with further instructions at an early day. however as I got none I am left to presume that you do not wish me to write further on that matter although from the expressions used by Willins I judge that he has concluded to purchase and is only awaiting the conclusions of the owners of the

1/3 interests. Of course I am anxious to learn from you what has been decided on.

Railroad matters are, as I indicated in my letter to W of 24th inst, getting very much mixed in Wright and Webster and if we mean to do anything we certainly need to look closely after our interest in those Counties. Since writing W I learn of Durcombes having gone East on business connected with his I & P grade and that there is no doubt but that he means to use the subsidy voted on 21st inst to tie and iron his road bed as far toward Clarion as he can. Although the aid was voted for a Humboldt road yet the Proclamation called for aid to build to the north line of Webster County. He would only have to diverge an eighth of a mile to take his Road (intended for Clarion) to that line. So that while the tax would be used in accordance with the Proclamation and ostensibly for a Humboldt Road yet the real intention is to take it that far and then by getting aid from Wright Co continue on to Clarion, leaving the Humboldt extension ^{to} take care of itself in the future. Of course after his (D's) shabby treatment of the Wright County folks in '92 they do not feel like aiding him again. But they will if they see that he means business.

I saw Hathaway (Editor of Wright Co Monitor) and got his promise to do all he could toward holding D in check until you can come to Iowa and conclude what you

will do. But what with Duncobes maneuvers & Ed
Willson & Co's tax in the same field we want to
occupy I must say we need to stir ourselves.

Willson & Co
want to buy my lease. I said, No; emphatic.
Capt I want is just home
from Minnesota. Reports everything promising
for a tax in his favor from Blue Earth to Minn-
apolis via Crystal Lake and New Ulm within
next 90 Days and from Humboldt to Iowa State
Line within 30 Days. His mortgages are now
being drawn. Money arranged for - and he assures
me that he will go to Humboldt by winter and
into Minnesota early next year. As Willson is
to connect with him we may be glad of his out-
look.

I expect a telegram from Bullock every
hour and will leave for C on first train to
inspect the Drill.

Let me hear from at once by
mail and telegraph me in time when you & Ed
your party are coming.

Hoping that everything
is all right and sorry that we missed our
Chicago interview I am

Yours re

Hann.

I make a Copy of W letter and Enclose.



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