

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1877 OCT 6 -7

FOLDER NO.

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN  
ORIGINAL ORDER

Omaha, Neb. Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1877.

Messrs Hill & Acker  
St Paul

Sents

I herewith request you friendly  
to let me know by return of mail  
the reason that you do not send me  
the Coals I contracted for

Expecting your answer  
I remain

Respectfully yours

W. Kneer

1000 tons

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LOMAS BROS.,

DEALERS IN

Hardware, Stores, Coal,

Iron, Nails, Glass, Fence Wire, Etc.,

Cresco, Iowa, Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1877

Prof. W. Hill Saunders & Acker  
Gentlemen

We wish you would  
hurry our coal up. how many  
Cars have you orders for that  
are not shipped yet. we want  
more coal yet. but we want  
to have it coming & not get  
it altogether

Barker & Co are offering coal  
at the old price yet here.

We are leaving our interests about  
price with you. if you are charging  
us too much it will hurt our  
trade. Can you explain how  
it is. for coal seems to be  
over

quite as low at the mines  
as ever it has been.

And so our Customers come  
and say to us,

Respy

Thomas Bruce



SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

St. Paul & Sioux City

AND

Sioux City & St. Paul Railroads.

St. Paul, Oct 6 1877

Act. Saunders & Allen  
Des Moines

Please ship to the  
St. Paul R.R. care of  
Hosper.

1 Can Wilcox Range Coal

J. H. Lincoln  
Sup

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

St. Paul & Sioux City

AND

Sioux City & St. Paul Railroads.

St. Paul, <sup>14</sup>Ch & 1871

Will send you

As per

Please ship to the St. Paul  
Sioux City R.R. Co. care J.C.  
Butterfield M.M. Thayer

1 Cor Boss boat

J. H. Lincoln  
sup

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OFFICE OF  
**CLARK & WRIGHT,**  
H. H. WHITE & SON,  
DRUGGISTS AND PHARMACISTS.  
DIVISION STREET.

Northfield, Minn., October 6<sup>th</sup> 1877

Mr. H. H. Saunders & Acker  
Gentlemen. We write you for your  
lowest quotations for Crystal Oil in  
5 Bbl lots, Cash or 30 days.

Very Respectfully

Clark & Wright  
Watson.

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920

La Verne Oct 6 '77

Wm Hill & A  
Gents

Enclosed find F Bills  
for Cars No 84 x 1558 Total  
And chgd your ac 128.56 Fk  
Cash 303. = 431.56 or 258.00

Please ship at once car of  
10000 Egg size coal or 10000  
Bloss as a favor - it being sold  
to parties who will be here for  
it with teams Monday week  
let it come without delay  
Do not fail to inform me of any  
change in price of coal as agreed  
by E.T.S. Yours in haste

A. Clifford for E.T.C.

Mr Acker Please pay my  
life insurance to Mr H K Taylor  
over



amt to \$9.19 in worth  
 + drop a check to A.C. McKinnin  
 for this card \$7.47 + I  
 will pray for you I am  
 at this time unable to  
 get out doors hence!  
 I shall seek more  
 money to H.S. & family  
 Yours faithfully  
 A.C.

19  
 58  
 3  
 174  
 1507  
 890  
 975  
 345  
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Bilmarck Oct 6 1877  
Capt J. H. Raus

Dear Sir.

Divided among 6 or 8 parties  
there is wanted here from 2 to 3 car loads  
of Anthracite (hard) bit coal. Several of  
said parties have been ~~to~~ me to know  
if I could supply them. My answer  
is only on condition that they will agree  
to take & pay for the coal on delivery at  
Bilmarck or better yet, loaded on cars at  
Duluth. I will begin to ask that you  
will (if necessary) see Messrs. Suggs, Johnson  
and arrange it that either you or they  
will unite me promptly making lowest price  
they can or will furnish the coal loaded  
on cars in Duluth, or Bilmarck. latter  
preferred that advantage may be had of  
the special rate freight. Upon receipt of the  
information I will see the parties & ascertain whether  
they want the coal on terms stated for duty  
Yours truly  
Wm. Altman

I had a letter from you Oct 6 1877



L. E. TORINUS,  
JOSEPH WILKINSON.

**Torinus & Wilkinson,**

DEALERS IN

**Iron, Nails, Steel, Shelf Hardware, Stoves,**

**Tinware, Rubber Hose, Belting, Gas Pipe & Fixtures,**

Manufacturers of Tin and Sheet Iron Work, and Steam and Gas Fitters.

Miss

Stillwater, Minn., Oct 6

1877

Hill Saunders & Co

St Paul Minn

Dear Sirs

Send us 2 car loads Stove  
coal roblige

Yours Truly

Torinus & Wilkinson  
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Office of J. D. Allen,

St. Paul, Minn., Oct 6 1877

Saint Paul Coal Co.

Saint Paul

Sustained

What can you lay me down  
Lackawanna nut coal at low or  
on board Cans in St Paul

An early reply will accommodate

Yours J. D. Allen

5.90  
4.00  
9.90



Milwaukee Oct 6/77  
E. N. Saunders Esq  
Sup<sup>r</sup> dear Sir -

Rejoice with me that  
the Agency is over. Needs all unloaded goods make  
a cent of demurrage paid - I have placed a table  
week, you might say we have no room for the Coal  
the ~~the~~ Mill was put behind the lights was led  
to expect out 500 tons - it is piled in a space of 40  
by 50 probably 18 feet high, filled up gangway along  
side of House to tracks you can see now what difficulty  
I will be in to get selected sample as you are now  
ordering, the Egg is piled in space of 40 x 105 x 16  
feet high, I don't want use the room where I took  
Pills from but gives me now a chance to get in behind  
Coal & Egg right the store out that is in table place on  
dock before snow flies, yard later this week has  
been more than usual on account of having to pile Coal  
so high - The following is some record of rain received.

|                                                  |          |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| John Allen 55 Morris 523 tons Store 15 1/2 hours | 79.65    | at 15 1/4 |
| W L Callan 424 " " 13                            | - 69.20  | 16        |
| F L Sanfath 1018 " Egg 33                        | - 162.35 | 16        |
| Sam Flint 854 " Bkell 36                         | - 156.35 | 18 1/3    |
| 2815                                             | 467.55   | 16 1/10   |

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The Flints were worked with horses at 40 per  
hour - I never was so glad about <sup>anything as</sup> getting through  
with this flint - one man fell from stage on to deck  
& barrow in River, got it out ok & man well enough to  
work - the boy I have written, went down town of an  
errand for me & in hurry to get back got on an Engine  
& fell getting off, hurting him on elbow ribs, so I had to  
hire a carriage to take him home this occurred  
Thursday I have not heard since how he is -  
Since made monthly report have shipped but 49 Cars  
a very poor week indeed delayed by the floods but rather  
switching next week hope to put in good many Cars  
shall not work tomorrow as all hands about used up -  
your salt order rec'd also C.M.C., they still have 2 Cars  
out of 1 of 100 & 1200 now 3 Cars out - load for City  
delivery is but 6<sup>th</sup> now stand at 7<sup>th</sup> for only few days

Yours Truly

Wm N Simpson



North Western Fuel Company,  
DEALERS IN  
COAL AND WOOD.

J. J. HILL, Pres.  
C. W. GRIGGS, V. Pres.  
W. M. RHODES, Sec'y.  
GEO. S. ACKER, Treas'r.  
E. N. SANDERS, Supl.

St. Paul, Minn. Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1877

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hunter & Robinson  
Northwood Iowa  
Gents/

We are in receipt of yours of the 4<sup>th</sup>  
inst to our Agents Grogg's Johnston & Co Minneapolis  
Minn. in which you order another car of Stove Coal. Since  
selling you last two Cars Coal, prices have advanced  
to Stove & 2<sup>nd</sup> Heat & 3<sup>rd</sup> we shall be pleased to fill your  
order at the latter prices - what day you shall incl.

Yours Respectfully,  
J<sup>no</sup> Charles Day

Gentlemen

We ordered 3 cars of Nat-  
size instead of two as stated above Send the  
car last ordered which is our fourth car  
at the price above mentioned Be sure to  
ship in care of B & C R & R Co to Northwood  
unless you have the same rate from The Central  
of Iowa to wit - \$5.00 per ton

R & P - Hunter & Robinson



W. R. Bennett,

LUMBER and GRAIN.

Doors, Sash, Mouldings, FARM MACHINERY, Brick, Cement, Lime, &c.

Worthington, Maine, Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1877

My dear Mr. Bennett  
 Kill Sounder at center  
 Continuum

|                                                         |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Pharosiel Lumber                                        |        |
| Brought Bills to the amt of                             | 118.90 |
| Ch <sup>d</sup> 7 on 1st bill 13 <sup>th</sup> Lucy for | 75.00  |
| " 1822 on 1st bill 13 <sup>th</sup> L. Paul "           | 54.00  |
| Total                                                   | 247.90 |

Which I have placed to my credit  
 Please send me. at once

1 Car but coal. And put about  
 Three Ton of Store coal in one End  
 I have not been able to get my coal  
 Bins ready yet

Yours truly  
 W. R. Bennett

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Duluth Oct 6/77

M<sup>r</sup> C U Saunders  
Saint Paul

Dear Sir

The rail  
road company have stopped sending their  
cars to Minneapolis and have made a  
requisition on the M. S. L. road for all  
cars needed for that point. They are expecting  
them and as soon as they arrive, will fill  
all Minneapolis orders. For this reason you  
got a car of stone that was loaded for Min-  
neapolis in our L. S. car and also accounts  
for the car of lent for A. L. Jefferson not being  
weighed by us. If we do not get any Minneapolis  
cars tonight, may load a car or two more of stone  
for you to make room for the Grate, which I ex-  
pect will be in tomorrow or tomorrow night.  
We want to get three <sup>(3)</sup> more screens if you  
have no objection. I saw about what ~~was~~  
was needed in Milwaukee, in Emerson's  
yard and Mr. Simpson told me he had  
ordered one. We are not finding any fault  
with the two screens got last year and take

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Having and persisting with you as I do not feel like taking the authority on myself  
 without advising you  
 Very Respectfully  
 Be yours

the year through would prefer them to any  
 others but there is times when the coal is  
 dry enough to use a finer screen and  
 when such is the case it is advisable to  
 do it and save the labor of rescreening the  
 pea coal. I thought about this matter  
 some time ago but did not know could  
 get a screen of sufficient strength of wire  
 until I saw where in use of the different  
 yards in Milwaukee. Mr Simpson informed  
 me the cost of the steel wire was \$10.00.  
 There is no doubt about the screens pay-  
 ing for themselves. When shipping much coal  
 it takes me mean to keep up the pea coal  
 and in dry coal with these screens, you  
 do away with his labor. I have no objections  
 to the wire in the screens ordered at Rock  
 ford. If you allow us to get the screens I  
 can write to Mr Simpson or you can order  
 them as you see fit, but do not order them until  
 you write me because if you order them from  
 Rockford would want to give you the dimensions.  
 Whether a sufficiency of screens, it is a question



October 6 1877

Mr. Gregg and Co

I send you \$5-75  
to pay up for coal  
I had I kept you  
longer than I wished  
to for I had bank note  
to make up and money  
is scarce it is all I could  
do to get it

please to send me <sup>coal</sup> nothe  
4 or 5 bags of and I will  
pay you as soon as I  
can get it in

Yours Respectfully

Hugh Brown

Proctor

CPB  
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A. D. MULFORD.

OFFICE OF

GEO. W. MARCHANT.

**MULFORD & MARCHANT,**  
No. 5 Nicollet House Block, Washington Ave.,

DEALERS IN

*All Kinds of Wood and Coal,*

*Minneapolis, Minn., Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1877*

*Mrs J. L. S. A.*

*St Paul*

*Gentlemen*

*Car 552 + 1054 Shm 1 mt 7111  
So dirty 1 mt that we could not  
deliver them to our customers from the  
cars but had to transfer them to our sheds  
& unload them why cannot they be more  
particular in loading, it causes us  
much trouble besides annoying our  
customers. It is nothing of paying freight  
on that that is of no use to us  
please have this corrected in future*

*Yours M & M*



Austin Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1877.  
Will Saunders Esq  
St Paul

Gentlemen

Your  
favor of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst rec'd, also  
the enclosed letter.

Please inform Mr. J. M. Smith  
that the coal cost me 5<sup>25</sup>  
in Milwaukee. I gave him  
to understand that was what  
it cost me. I chgd him  
5.50 in Milwaukee.

Many thanks.

Yours Resp.

W. B. Co.

P. Schuyler

J. H. Farnell

G. F. Lufkin

# Pioneer Oil Co.

Refiners and Manufacturers of  
Carbon, Headlight and Lubricating Oils.

Rooms 1 and 2,  
No 213 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1877

Wm. Hill Saunders & Co.

St Paul Minn.

Dear Sirs,

Yours of 6<sup>th</sup> inst. has  
been noted. We will forward the oil just as soon  
as possible, possibly give you the first car this  
week. Will do the best we can for you.

Respectfully yours

Pioneer Oil Co

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