

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1877 OCT 13-14

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

F. G. STANLEY.

E. D. STANLEY.

C. A. STANLEY.

B. E. REID.

STANLEY BROTHERS & CO.,

Manufacturers of

Lumber, Lath, and Shingles,

And Dealers in General Merchandise.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Oct 13 1877

Miss Saunders & Acker
#112 E 3d St
St Paul

Dear Sir

What will you sell us Egg Coal for,
per ton by the car load delivered on track
an early reply will oblige
Yours &c

Stanley Brothers & Co

Ans
E. M. S.

5.65
5.30
11.05

GEO. E. LORING.

M. A. MOORE.

OFFICE OF

GEO. E. LORING & Co.,

DEALERS IN

COAL, LUMBER, SHINGLES,

LATH AND PICKETS.

Le Mars, Iowa, *Oct 13* 1877

Messrs Will Symonds & Co
St Paul Minn
Gentlemen
Please

Send us 1 car Lackawanna
Port Coal & 1 car "
Stout Coal between this date
& the 10th inst.

Of Coal bought of Mr
Symonds Sept 10th.

Yours
Sincerely
G. E. Loring & Co

Please ship from Milwaukee
Vias I. C. R. R.

OFFICE OF
H. P. BENTON,
Dealer in all Kinds of

Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Pickets, Doors,

SASH, BLINDS, MOULDINGS, &c.

EAST SIDE OF CHATHAM STREET.

Independence, Ia., *Oct 18th 1877*

C. H.

Will. Saunders & Acker

St. Paul, Minn

Went, Please

Send ~~me~~ to C. W. Seidell, Winthrop Iowa.
2 cars of second range coal. Send this
right away. Via I. C. R. R. & Dubuque Co.
Load just 10,000 lbs each car. I can
do a little better on price than you offer
but don't like to change. Trusting you will do
the best you can with me. I remain as ever
yours &c

H. P. Benton

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P.S. Send Bill to me.

ack & advise E. M. S

BRICK, LIME, CEMENT, PLASTERING HAIR, PLASTER PARIS ETC., ETC.

STONE & WOLD,

DEALERS IN

Oak and Pine Lumber, Grain, and Agricultural Implements.

AGENTS

Wood's Harvester and Self-Binder, the Minnesota Chief Thresher,
Plows and Wagons.

Lu Verne, Minn., Oct 13 1877

My Hill Saunders & Son
Gents

Ext from new stumps
for four clear sand & cor mbr
Bark Coolidge

James
E. Clapp
Fishes

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Hy 6 Oct 13th 1877

Quits

Please send

me 1 Bbl Oil to

80
100

Hy 6 Minn

22¢

Yours truly

O. Knutson



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Samuelson & Acker
St Paul
Minn

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Le Mars, Iowa, Oct 13 1877

Hill Saunders & Co
St Paul Minn.

Gentlemen

Please send

us from Milwaukee via I.C.R.R

2 Cars Lackawanna Egg Coal

2 " " Little "

4 " " But "

If you can put in one of the
Cars "1/2 car Lehigh But" please
do so. (in either car) and ship
it all right along as soon as
you can. Have not rec'd the
two cars ordered & just as yet
are waiting anxiously for
them

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Yours truly

GEO. E. LORING & Co

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.,
Mr. Hill & Co.
St. Paul

Oct 13th 1877

Gentlemen,

In Shipping

the order from Mr. Saunders
Yesterday please have some of
the not shipped first before the store

Yours
Geo. W. Marchant

St. Paul & Sioux City & Sioux City & St. Paul

RAILROADS.

Hennepin Station Dec 13th 1877Ed Saunders
St Paul
SirPlease
Credit Me 10.00 and
Send Statement of
for the last 10. I need no
receiptYours Truly
N.W. Edwards
agx

 The Anthracite Coal Association

OFFICE OF GENERAL SALESMAN.

Buffalo, Oct. 13 1877

Hill & Acker

St Paul, Minn. —

Gents

Please remit

\$2820⁰⁰ for Lohi Coal on

the D. S. Austin ship & Aug 31st —

Very Truly

C. M. Muduhill Jr.

W. C. Williams

Watertown Wis Oct 13th 1894

Messrs
Hill Saunders & McKee
St Paul

Gents

Enclosed please find draft
\$57.31 on Merchants Bank

Chicago in payment of
a Car load of coal.

Please send us a duplicate of
bill it was mistaid at the
works and I wish to keep it
on file in my office

Respectfully Yours

Gustavus Herditz

Chief
Watertown Gas Co.

QR
Oct 13

J. A. Wilson.
J. W. Van Vliet. Wilson, Van Vliet & Co.,
Wm. Wilson. DEALERS IN

Pine and Hard-Wood Lumber,

And General Merchandise.

Wilson, St. Louis Co., Mo. Oct. 13 1877

My dear Mr. Sanders & Son
St. Paul

Dear Sirs

Please send us
1 ton each for Black-
burns use

Yours truly
Wilson Van Vliet & Co.

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Duluth Oct 13/77

Mr E A Saunders
St Paul

Dear Sir

It continues
wet so that not much could be accomplish-
ed on hard coal today. We will get two
cars of More to Stillwater, Good clean coal
excepting that it is wet. The coal that is
going to you at Saint Paul, we clean the best
to get it clean. We get enough dirt out of
it, so that when it gets under cover it will
dry up in a short time. Could have sent
you better coal but have held it in reserve
for outside orders. If it does not quite
rainy some, we will have to do something
towards getting off outside hard coal orders
and want to work from portions of the piles,
where there is the least dirt. We get
the soft coal orders loaded today and prob-
ably will be ready in time to report by
tonight's mail. We were quite fortunate
in getting the salt orders off excepting one
one car. We used the cars as the elevator

✓ Put for 3 Cars sent to St Paul 6 P.M.
Will load them tomorrow and get them out morning

Order informs me that the Barrum & Consorts are bringing
the 1st Coal. Probably the consorts, Mr Chase informs me they
sent a telegraphic order to only allow 14 cars of coal to a day
for Minneapolis
Minneapolis
Wm Reg-
Al Jones

unloaded them. It was not altogether
a legal proceeding but I smoothed it over
with Mr Chase by stating I could not make
the men under stress that they were not to use
N P cars. I do not think the rail road will
suffer any injury as the cars mostly went to
Stillwater. Loaded some L S cars for Min-
neapolis today. I do not know as they will
let them go but probably will be able to
take it into them. From the work
the engines have here, we have had fair
attention. With our present force of men
can load 16 cars a day, ought to load
twenty, but it seems impossible to make
them understand the method of working
to our advantage. There is twelve yardmen
here and I have arranged to load them
tomorrow. We could avoid the bending work
but it does not look altogether right to
put on more men when the present force
is well half the time and to keep them
good natured, let them work tomorrow. Not

L. E. TORINUS,
JOSEPH WILKINSON.

Torinus & Wilkinson,

DEALERS IN

Iron, Nails, Steel, Shelf Hardware, Stoves,

Tinware, Rubber Hose, Belling, Gas Pipe & Fixtures,

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

Miss Stillwater, Minn., Oct 14 1877
Nell Saunders Acker
St Paul Minn.

Sir,

Send us one W ear load
Quartile Coat robes

Yours Truly

Torinus & Wilkinson
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632 SIXTH ST., DES MOINES, IOWA.
 OGDEN, BOONE COUNTY, IOWA.
 FORT DODGE, WEBSTER CO., IOWA.

DES MOINES RIVER LAND OFFICE.

John Browne, Agent.

Des Moines, Iowa

Oct 14th 77

Gas J. Hill Esq
 St Paul, Minn

My Dear Friend,

I would have written to you on Friday at Ft Dodge, as promised, had I seen ~~W~~ in time to have done so.

I explained matters to W as agreed on - viz; We to sell a $\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in Sec 7 to his party and then taking their improvements and my leased land form a Stock Company and extensively operate the same. They to retain their Road and operate it independent of the Coal Company. They also retain their some site business. This separates the Coal from their other matters.

I am afraid I offered the interest too low - viz; @ 40% an acre - and they could put down a test hole on any part of the Sec they wished. We ^(proposed) to put the land into Stock Company at fair price. pay \$75,000% and add \$25,000% for Operating fund. and after retaining controlling share of Stock the balance to be paid by all of us pro rata. Willson was much pleased with the idea and especially the price. I could see that - but I am tired of dragging on you and felt like it was best to come down to bottom figures at

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 once and by making the inducement great
 get you partly unloaded. Willson said, "I will
 send a letter to Mil^r tomorrow to J & B. and
 I have no doubt they will accept your offer.
 Geo Burnham has \$20,000 that he wants to put
 into the coal company as it now is - I shall
 use my best efforts to get them to go into it
 and shall insist on one of them coming
 to examine the land at once. I will not let
 them say, No!. I appreciate the chance. We
 have now got iron tracking in our mines -
 and use Von Cars. have a good foreman -
 plenty of orders and are now fixed to make
 money and J & B will be pleased with this
 month's report. Can't we buy Chapmans land?
 we ought to buy it." That is the substance of
 his talk but I could see he was eager and I
 believe before the month closes I will, if you
 approve it, close the sale. I may not get
 on as well as I expect but if Willson & Frink
 can get it done they will. The proceeds - say
 \$8,000 would relieve you some after paying
 the incumbrances on Sec 7. I could then go on
 and sell interest in balance of land. Maybe
 they would want to buy into the 747 acres. We
 will see.

I was at court house Friday and

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learned a point on Willins. He said that he had never enquired about the north ~~re~~ ^{part} of land. He may not but Sandborn (J.B.S.) has. On the 11th of Sept Sandborn wrote to County Recorder enquiring about E 1/2 and E 1/2 S. W. 1/4 fee γ about as follows; "Who were original owners? (non-resident) Whom is the title in now? What is date of conveyance and nature of it? What was consideration in deed? What is the land worth?" He enclosed a \$5.00 for fees. The letter lay unanswered until Oct 11th (Thursday last) when Williams answered it. He gave the names of the present owners - valued surface at \$25.00 to \$30.00 and said that as there was a Coal Bank near by that this was no doubt Coal land and very valuable - in fact ^{value} could not be estimated. but it seems that Sandborn in error wrote fee γ - T 88 - R 28 - and so Williams letter applied to the fee γ in the Township north west of us and which Section (7) corners ~~and~~ on to Craig's land. Do you see? I was after our land but got numbers wrong. Williams knew that he meant our land but answered on the description I gave - however he would have

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given our land even a better value. Now
when I get that letter (he has it now) he
and Williams will be ignorant of their mistake
and will think me lied for we told them
that the land was now all in Parmelee's name
and Williams puts it in several names and
that the owners are in occupancy. You can
use your judgement about calling Williams
attention to error, to save his misjudging
us. Guess W wonders why the letter
(Sept 11th) was not sooner answered. Now
I think that was mean of W to doubt us
and get S to write that letter.

Grayson was not
at home. I shall, to square up with Pa,
draw on you for amount of notes to-morrow
and not go to any trouble to get Grayson's
share (\$3000) of him but unless he comes
up at once forfeit his $\frac{1}{2}$ of last purchase
on East side. In case he pays up I will
 remit it to you. I will have Pa send you
statement that will answer for Receipt
until I get the notes and send the same
to you.

Supt Gilman told me yesterday
that Jory & Co were going to take the

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Ducombe grade, and complete the Road
this fall to Eagle Grove & Garner next
spring. Gilman is of the Ft Des & Ft D R.R.
I told him that he must be mistaken. He
says not.

I expect to go to Lehigh by the
19th to meet J. B.

Will write again soon.

Yours &c

John Browne

You better see Willins about S letter.
unless it might cause H to think that
the Recorder showed me the S letter
and consequently make or would write
to suit me &c.

P.S. In giving you the statement (also to
Pa) of Pay to date #1891⁵⁴, I omitted to
add interest on the payments past due
which will be something but which I will
settle myself.

My trade, spoken of to
you, if perfected will result in my
getting a farm near Marshalltown in
payment - No money payment.



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