

Private

Bonanza Hill Nov. 19. 79

My Dear Sir;

Coming up on the train yesterday I fell into conversation with a friend of the Little Falls R. R. and the conversation ran something like this:

He: "I don't think the Little Falls Road will ever be built. Jim Hill is in earnest and when he builds a road through that region it will be impossible to get capital to build another along side of it."

He: "I attended a meeting last night in St. Paul and the Northern Pacific told us to go ahead; they would furnish all the money needed; and I tell you that RR will be built in time for ^{the} crop from

Little Falls to Morris."

J:- "You will find Hice will be ahead of you."

He:- "Nonsense. See how he said he was going to build a R.R. from Fargo up the west bank of Red River, and the Northern Pacific stepped in and took the job out of his hands. I tell you the N. P. will reach out not up to Morris but to Little Falls, Wilmar, &c. &c."

With much more of the same kind.

^{in his statements}
I think ^{you know him -} this man reliable and posted, and I thought I would drop you a line on the subject. They are also calculating on the line from Morris Valley westward.

I find by looking at the map that a road passing near Glenwood would be upon the same township line which runs one mile south of this place. If you go south

of that line you will have to go south of a chain of lakes two miles long and through a very broken country, while along that township line or north of it the country is level.

I hope you will be able to come within a mile of our present place, at least, and then if you do as you say, (move the depot buildings from Morris,) you can make a great town of it.

If you cross upon the S. & N. W. 31 T. 126 R. 42 I will present you with all the depot grounds you want.

With great respect,

Very yours,

J. Donnelly

James J. Hice Esq
St Paul Minn

Cable Address

"Kennedy," New York

63 William Street
New York
Nov. 21, 1879

Goe. Stephen Esq;
St. Paul, Minn.
Dear Sir:

We have your favor of the 17th inst., and note your instructions and views regarding the sale of \$2,000,000 of the Second Mortgage Bonds which shall have our careful attention.

We have already felt the market a little with the 1st. Mortgage Bonds, and there have been a few transactions on the Stock Exchange where they, with the seconds, are now regularly called- but as yet we cannot say that a firm market has been established for the firsts, and, of course, there are no quotations for the seconds. By the time of your return here we shall be in a better position to discuss the matter of price, and in the meantime will feel the ----- position of our friends who might be inclined to subscribe for the seconds if disposing of them to a syndicate shall appear to be the best way to place them.

We note your instructions regarding the sending of 1000 no. 4000 and upward to Mr. Kittson, and no. 5000 and upwards to Mr. Hill. Then you add "The three Millions" no. 6000 and upwards. Please retain for Mr. Smith and myself until further advise etc."

We suppose you intend to have us send 1000 Bonds no. 3001 to 4000 inclusive to Mr. Kittson. 4001 to 5000 inc. to Mr. Hill, and retain here \$3,000,000 nos. 5000 to 8000 for yourself and Mr. Smith. This seems in accordance with your instructions as above quoted to retain Three Millions here for yourself and Mr. Smith. Although the divisions by nos. as you make it would leave \$3,000,000 (Nos. 1 to 4000) in our

*(From envelope found in J. J. Hill's Papers,
probably copied made at the time of the
Trial in 1887)*

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hands, instead of the higher numbered bonds.

The best and safest way to send the bonds to St. Paul would be by Registered Mail under Notarial Seal or by a special messenger unless Mr. Kittson and Mr. Hill are willing to pay the expense charges which would make the cost expensive.

The Registration books for the second bonds are not yet prepared, but will be ready early next week. It will take some time to register so large a lot, and we shall not have them ready to send until after your return here which we are looking for on Thursday or Friday of next week.

In regard to the preferred shares we have cabled the Committee today asking their authority to accept from you, an amount in second mortgage bonds equal to the now outstanding preferred stock to be placed in our hands security for the preferred shares.

The reason for obtaining the consent of the committee to such an arrangement will be obvious and seems desirable under all the circumstances. We have recommended the Committee to agree to this and think they will do so. The amount of preferred shares now outstanding, by latest advise, is only \$35,900. If we hold that amount of second bonds, our friends, Messrs L and R can go on and pick up the shares as before.

Unless we hear by wire to the contrary we shall go ahead with the registration of the bonds Nos. 3001 to 4000 in Mr. Kittsons name and 4001 to 5000 in Mr. Hill's name.

Yours very truly,

J. S. Kennedy and Co.

P. S. We send you a telegram today in substance as above.

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WAREHOUSE

AND

COMMISSION

MERCHANTS.

Hemlock, Grant Co., Minnesota 25-1879

J. A. Hall Esq.

Dear Sir

I am engaged in the elevator bus. here
and have been shipping a good deal of
wheat to Minneapolis a large percentage
of which has been graded down on me
writing back and forth only seems to increase
our misunderstandings I would like to
go down and they want me to come But
the expense is considerable and, ^{as} I have
paid a good many full fares over your
road in the past and I have paid thousands
of dollars freight and have never yet asked
for a pass or been granted one. Is it too
"cheeky" in me to ask for one now.

I make bold to do so and expect you will
be free to refuse if ^{it is} not consistent.

If you grant it I shall be grateful. If not
I shall ~~not~~ ^{with} grievance swear swear.

Very truly Thos C Hodgson.

Cable Address

"Kennedy" NEW YORK

63 William Street

New York

Nov. 26, 1879

James J. Hill Esq:

St. Paul

Dear Sir:

We are sending to Mr. Kittson by Registered Mail and under Notarial Seal today 500 Second Mortgage Bonds, all registered in his name and shall send him an additional 500 of bonds on Friday.

We are registering 1000 Bonds also in your name and will commence to send them as soon as the Registration is ----- sending you 500 On Saturday and 500 more on Mon. We think it best not to send more than 500 by one mail.

The registration of the bonds takes time, and will account for the apparent delay.

Yours truly

J. S. Kennedy & CO.

P. S. How comes on the construction?

Known envelope found in J. J. Hill's papers, probably copies made at the Bradley Trust 3/8873

W
Haystack, Minn
Apr 27th 1879.

Jas F. Hill Esq

Genl Mngr St Paul, Minneapolis & M R R Co

Dear Sir:

Our connection with Lake
Saint Louis last season and observation of the time
on the Lake, have impressed us that the improvement
most needed on Lake Minnetonka is some plan for
fun & amusement, there being nothing of the kind
on the Lake - which was a great source of complaint from
visitors last season, and we heard various parties
say they did not expect to visit the Lake again on
that account - It was so dry - there being no fun or
amusement - Now as this Lake is not alone competing
with White Bear Lake &c. - but all the watering places of
the Coast, for the travel from St Louis &c. South, and some
attractions equal to theirs must in time be provided.
This state of facts caused us to set on foot a movement to provide
such a place & fill a long felt want, and we have enlisted friends
to assist us in carrying out our ideas, provided parties inter-
ested in the travel of the Lake will assist us. The location

that we have selected for the carrying out our enterprise is
where New Road first strikes the Lake, and already Mr
Joseph Locker & M. Carpenter who own the land have agreed
to contribute the land. ~~How~~ ^{How} ~~Chas~~ ^{Chas} Gibson - Hotel St Louis
& others have agreed to contribute in money. It is proposed
at this point to provide Hotel & Cottage accommodations for about
one hundred visitors at one point and to increase the accommo-
dations with the demand. To erect a large Dining Hall
capable of seating from two to three hundred persons.
A large Dancing & Theatrical Hall for the accommodation
of Pic Nics - Private Theatrical Clubs, Excursion & other parties
Billiard Hall, Bowling Alleys, Bath Houses, Stable
and such other buildings as may be found necessary
To erect Water Works to supply said buildings & grounds
To beautify said grounds by the erection of fountains,
planting of shrubbery &c. To erect Gas Works sufficient to
light the buildings & grounds and erect decaying ports through
out the grounds and along the Lake front and do
such other things as is necessary to make this a first class
place for the objects above mentioned. That during the
seasons we will devote our exclusive time to getting up
Excursions, Pic Nics, Bathing Parties, Dances - Private
Theatrical entertainments &c. We believe that a great
many pic nics & excursions went to other Lakes and
Ponds last year for this reason that there was no

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place to entertain them here, or parties to look after
them. That we will permanently employ during the whole
season a Band & String ^{Band}. That we will put in a new
fleet of Five Fair & Thirty new boats made by Johnson.
That we will put in two Steam Tugboats this season if
we can get them. That we will conduct the whole in
strictly first class style so as to attract first class people.
We appreciate the position to be encountered at Elmo, White
Bear & other points, but our conduct of the enterprise shall
be such as to offer such superior attractions as will draw
the people to this Lake and the travel over your road.
That we will have Dances & Entertainments at least
three evenings for week, and will arrange with the
Steam Boats to call at all points along the Lake and
bring the people, and return them after the entertainments.
Your trains can bring them out from St Paul & Minneapolis
& return them the same evening. With our acquaintance
with the people of St Louis & the South - we can build
up on this Lake a place that would be the most lovely
& attractive in the North West, and ever draw a large
share of those people to it. Those we believe that our enter-
prise would do more to attract visitors (especially from St
Paul & Minneapolis) than any place on the Lake.
Now if your Company will assist us by a Contribution
of Twenty five hundred Dollars, and we will

it will repay them better than any thing they have
aided) we are satisfied we will be able in a very
short time to commence the improvements so as to have
every thing ready for an early opening the next season
Your early reply is awaited as Mr. wish to go at once to
St. Louis to organize our enterprise.

Yours truly &c

Wm. Jackson
W.B. Wood.



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