

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1880 JUNE 3 - 21

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

PrivateCarleton Place, St Paul STATION, June 8th 1880.

J. J. Hill Esq

Genl Manager;

Dear Sir;

I take the liberty of asking at your hands a favor, will you give me a position where I can earn a few dollars per month more than I am now getting. In August last you promised to give either a Station or some other position whereby I could earn more than Fifty Dollars (\$50) per month. I would not remind you of that promise, only I am in such poor circumstances (my wife having been sick for sometime). I like the work I am now doing, which was done by two men during the Winter when there was not a quarter of the work there is now and costing the Co. Eighty five dollars per month. I unloaded during the month of May Five hundred & eighty two Barrels, shipped & reported all the R.R. Iron for the Co. if you can give me an increase I shall be ever grateful and watch the interests of the Co. as if my own. You were a good friend to me when I first came to St Paul with you and now give me your favor.

Very respectfully

J. J. Hill

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J. R. CLEVELAND'S

General Detective Agency

NO. 2 OPERA HOUSE BLOCK

P. O. BOX No. 325

St. Paul, June 3rd 1888

J. I. Hill
Kind regards

Dear Sir

As regards

the paper attached from J.B. Johnson & John Henry I would say that it deducted from the Paul Vander of J.B. Johnson \$175.00 and 25¢ of 1292 ft of piling furnished him by John Henry.

Why I did so was this.— When I was in the neighbor hood of where Mr Henry lives I was told by a great many parties that Mr Henry & his sons had this last winter and for years past made it a practice to help them selves to all the piling, boards,

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tie & any other timber
from R.R. or other non
resident lands." And that
so long as wealthy farmers
like the Henges, were allowed
to do it, that one ought
not to be hard on poor
people, who had but only
a tenth part, as much as
they had". —

Sam will also see by the
papers attached that Mr Heng
admits that he has no
timber land of his own;
and also that he just stole
this 292 ft of piping of
same one.

When J.B. Johnson fur-
nishes certified orders from
the owners of Dec 12-13 & 25-

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and proof that this fellow
was not from their
hands; for you to pay
him for the same;
I think then will be time
enough for him to demand
of you the money: —

Respt Submitted

J. R. Cleveland

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT.

JOHN HINTON, District Superintendent.

Faribault, Minn., June 4th 1880

J. J. Hill Esq
Dear Sir

On my recent trip along your line of Railroads I found the cars were not supplied with copies of the Bible. If you will order brackets to be placed in each passenger car, one on each side I will see that they are supplied with Bibles with the name of the company stamped in gold letters on the side of each. If you will please inform me of the number of coaches you have when the brackets are put in, I will have you supplied direct from the Soc. Yours respectfully
John Hinton

63 William St., New York,

4 June — 1880.

Syndicate
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry Co.
Thirty year Second Mortgage Bonds.

Gentlemen:

We beg to advise the following sales of the St. Paul, Minneapolis
and Manitoba Railway Co.'s Six per cent. Second Mortgage Gold Bonds
for account of the Syndicate:

\$ 500. — @ 96 7/8 and interest less 1/2 % commission

Sales accounted for \$ 94 000.

Sales to be accounted for \$ 28 000.

Balance on hand withdrawn \$ 692 000.

\$ 340 000.

\$ 2,000,000.

Respectfully yours,

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

James J. Hill Esq

JOHN S. KENNEDY,
J. KENNEDY TODD.J. S. KENNEDY & CO.
BANKERS.New York June 5th 1880.James J. Hill, Esq.
Genl. Manager
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Angus left here last night, and this morning we received your telegram of this date, sent from Glynndon, which we duly repeated to him at Chicago.

Later in the day Mr. W. P. Shinn called and explained to us the position of his Company in his rail contracts with you, intimating that he was prepared to supply 2000 tons of "Ebbe Ville" English Steel rails to the yard of a section slightly, but we think not materially, differing from yours in general character, but of the same height, delivering the same immediately at St. Louis.

The purchasing, however, of this rail is entirely different from that of those which you are now using, and we fear considerable difficulty might arise from this source in accepting his offer. Moreover, the reputation of this brand is not good, and unless your wants are very

imperative we think you should not entertain
his proposal. In order that you might
give the matter due consideration we telegraphed
you today, and await your reply. upon receipt
of which we shall communicate with Mr
Shenn at Pitts burgh, to which place he has
now gone.

We remain

Yours very truly

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

63 William St., New York,

5th Jan^y 1880.

Syndicate
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry Co.
Thirty year Second Mortgage Bonds.

Gentlemen:

We beg to advise the following sales of the St. Paul, Minneapolis
and Manitoba Railway Co.'s Six per cent. Second Mortgage Gold Bonds
for account of the Syndicate:

\$ 1,300,000. @ 95 $\frac{1}{2}$ % and interest, less $\frac{1}{2}$ % commission
This sale was effected under our option
referred to in letter of 26th ult.

Sales accounted for \$ 940,000.

Sales to be accounted for \$ 41,000.

Balance on hand \$ 679,000.

Withdrawn \$ 340,000.

\$ 2,000,000.

Respectfully yours,

per pro. J. S. KENNEDY & CO.

G. H. Northcott.

James J. Hill Esq.

ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, & MANITOBA RAILWAY COY.

MOLYNEUX ST JOHN,
AGENT

18, Tower Chambers, Water Street,
Liverpool. June 7th 1880

R. B. Angus Esq.
St. Paul.

Dear Sir

Your letter of May 21st duly to hand.

The credit therein mentioned has arrived. I watch all the doings of our railway in the St. Paul & Minneapolis papers and Mr. McKinlay and Mr. Klein have very kindly hitherto told me of the amount of sales &c. If it is not much trouble to them I should like to hear what we do in that respect each month as it enables me to talk with greater confidence in the correctness of my assertions. The immigration volume is lessening now and I suppose will continue to fall off. Possibly it may revive a little in the Fall. So all places it has been principally of German and Scandinavian and Irish; The latter in most cases going out to friends already established. Of English and Scotch

Immigration there has been very little, the belief generally entertained last winter that a wholesale immigration from England was impending being altogether ~~premature~~ ^{premature}. I think there will be in the next few years somewhat more from

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MOLYNEUX ST. JOHN.
AGENT

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15, Tower Chambers, Water Street,
Liverpool.

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England and Scotland and this appears to be the opinion of those interested in the question who have been working in the matter some years. Canada has done probably as well as any other place but they have spent a great deal of money to do it. Besides their office in London in which there are several gentlemen at work, they have Agents at Liverpool, Carlisle and Belfast. One Agent told me a few days ago that the cost of printing and distributing the pamphlets they had issued this year would not be less than \$40,000. They do not succeed with the Continental or Scandinavian element, but of these I think we have secured our share. When I found that the English were not ready to work upon, I did what I could to secure the active working of the subject in the Scandinavian districts. I have lately arranged to have the "folders" (made up of the maps you sent me) distributed amongst selected Agents of five of the principal S. & P. Coys. with the names &c. of each Agent printed on the folders for his use. I shall want some more maps but am waiting a printers estimate here before asking you to send them. I am in correspondence with some Antwerp Agents and think of trying for some of the Alsace and Lorraine population for next spring as well as for any Belgians we may be able to get. My panorama "A trip to the

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"Red River Valley of Minnesota" is now being painted and will be on the road I hope by the beginning of August. I hope to penetrate all parts of England that are worth anything to us during the winter and early spring and have great hopes that an illustrated lecture will be of real service. You doubtless saw Sir Alexander Gait's speech at the Canada Club dinner. From it and other indications and hints I gather that the several Colonial Agents-General are arranging some scheme as against Agents of American Roads & routes. I don't yet know what they will be able to do or what it may be necessary to do to meet them.

Faithfully Yours

Molyneux St John

OFFICE OF

JOHN B. JOHNSON,

—DEALER IN—

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Osakis, Minn.,

June 8 1880

Mr. J. Hill

St. Paul

Dear Sir, I will

guarantee the

amount of Piling

John J. Hill

delivered to me

Respectfully

J. Johnson

63 William St., New York,

8th June 1880

Syndicate

St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry Co.

Thirty year Second Mortgage Bonds.

Gentlemen:

We beg to advise the following sales of the St. Paul, Minneapolis
and Manitoba Railway Co.'s Six per cent. Second Mortgage Gold Bonds
for account of the Syndicate:

\$1000 @ 96% int. less 1/2% comm.

Sales accounted for \$ 940,000

Sales to be accounted for \$ 42,000

Balance on hand \$ 678,000

Withdrawn \$ 340,000

\$2,000,000

Respectfully yours,

per pro. J. S. KENNEDY & CO.

D. W. Northcott

James McKie Esq.
St. Paul

ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, & MANITOBA

RAILWAY COY

MOLYNEUX ST JOHN,
AGENT

18, Tower Chambers, Water Street

Liverpool. 9 June 1880

My dear Sir

It is unpleasant to write
about but I want to ask for a
revision of the question of my salary.

Although living in the most retired
way I have found it a rather
disagreeable struggle to keep within
bounds; one indeed entering the expenditure
of some private funds for Manitoba

I will not say any more about
it feeling sure that you will understand
I do not need it the less that I
refrain from urging it.

Much
Molyneux St John

R B Angus Esq
St Paul

Morris June 10 1880

J. J. Hill, Esq.
Genl Manager
W. J. W.

The order I gave J. H. Morris for R. of W. damage has been repeatedly presented to Mr. Fisher your Station agt at Morris & remains unpaid. It was given some 10 days ago.

The deed was forwarded by me to Mr. Saluska with the vouchers & returned here for record. It will be useless for me

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to make any further
attempt to settle dam-
-ages so long as
my orders on the
Treasurer are dishon-
-red. I proceed to
Mowens Valley to mor-
-row.

Yours truly
L B Hodges.

63 William St., New York.

June 12th 1880

Syndicate
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R'y Co.
Thirty year Second Mortgage Bonds.

Gentlemen:

We beg to advise the following sales of the St. Paul, Minneapolis
and Manitoba Railway Co.'s Six per cent. Second Mortgage Gold Bonds
for account of the Syndicate:

\$75,000 - @ 95% & interest less 1/2% comm.

This sale was effected under option referred
to in our letter of the 26th ult & is awaiting settlement
\$210,000 - @ 96% & interest less 1/2% commission

Sales accounted for	\$ 940,000
Sales to be accounted for	\$ 138,000
Balance on hand	\$ 582,000
Withdrawn	\$ 340,000
	\$ 2,000,000

Respectfully yours,
per pro. J. S. KENNEDY & CO.

O. H. Northcote

James J. Willcox
St. Paul

ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS AND MANITOBA R'Y.

Minneapolis, STATION, *June 16th* 1890.
J. J. Hill, Esq.,
 Dear Sir

Am Albert Pike and W. H. Ireland, of Washington two of the most prominent Masons in the United States are expected here within a few days and have expressed a desire to go to Winnipeg. The masons here have urgently requested me to ask you for a pass for them over our line up and return. If consistent to grant the courtesy will endeavour to see that you have the proper credit for so doing and hope it may result in some benefit to the company

Truly Yours
J. W. Kenyon

63 William St., New York,

16th June 1880.

Syndicate
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry Co.
Thirty year Second Mortgage Bonds.

Gentlemen:

We beg to advise the following sales of the St. Paul, Minneapolis
and Manitoba Railway Co.'s Six per cent. Second Mortgage Gold Bonds
for account of the Syndicate:

\$1000- à 96% and interest less 1/2% commission

Sales accounted for	\$ 940 000
Sales to be accounted for	\$ 139 000
Balance on hand	\$ 581 000
Withdrawn	\$ 340 000

Respectfully yours,

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

James J. Hill Esq.

St. Paul

63 William St., New York,

18th June 1880

Syndicate
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Ry Co.
Thirty year Second Mortgage Bonds.

Gentlemen:

We beg to advise the following sales of the St. Paul, Minneapolis
and Manitoba Railway Co.'s Six per cent. Second Mortgage Gold Bonds
for account of the Syndicate:

\$12000 - @ 96% and interest less commission $\frac{1}{2}\%$
\$2000 do do do

Sales accounted for	\$ 940 000
Sales to be accounted for	\$ 103 000
Balance on hand	\$ 567 000
Withdrawn	\$ 340 000
	\$2000 000

Respectfully yours,

A. J. S. Kennedy & Co.
C. H. Northcott

James F. Hill Esq.
St. Paul

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St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba 2^d Colln Bond Co.

June 21 To cash paid sundry cable messages, telegram
 postage, and petty expenses to date
 " " " Balance

146 917 86

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To participation of James J. Hill, Esq.
 125/1000 \$12000 Bonds taken against

\$11 063 09

E & S. NEW YORK

June 21st 1880.

h. p. J. S. Kennedy & Co.
 10. H. Northcote.

In account with J. S. KENNEDY & CO., NEW YORK.

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May 26	By \$1000 Bonds sold @ 96 1/2% & Int. less 1/2%	964 17
" 28	" 20000 " " @ do " " " "	19 090 00
" "	" 1000 " " @ 96% " " " "	964 50
" 29	" 1000 " " @ do " " " "	964 67
June 4	" 5000 " " @ do " " " "	4 827 50
" 5	" 13000 " " @ 95% " " " "	12 423 67
" 8	" 1000 " " @ 96% " " " "	966 17
" 11	" 21000 " " @ 96% " " " "	20 300 00
" 16	" 1000 " " @ do " " " "	967 50
" 18	" 14000 " " @ do " " " "	13 649 67
" 21	" 45000 " " @ 95% " " " "	71 875 00
" "	" Balance at Int. @ 3% to date	89 16
		<u>9146 972 01</u>
" "	" Balance proceeds \$100000 Bonds sold	146 917 86

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needed - least coming
trouble - I should like to see you
Kalamazoo for your further esteem & respect
of the fairer sex. When I last wrote
I felt that my questions covered a great
deal, but felt assured that your position
was equal to the occasion for its exercise.
I need not say that the circum-
stances favor my contemplated visit to
Michigan, it may be to get within some
hundreds of miles of it. I shall only
be too happy to draw myself of your
company in a short tour of inspection.
When one sets about in earnest
to pursue the study of the
various species of the
North American fauna, it is not surprising
when one considers what a large country
comes under notice.

Rockdale, Engl.
21 June 1850.
Yours faithfully,
Charles

It is by no means settled in my own mind, as to coming out to "prospect", & cannot be settled yet, owing to ^{some} domestic affliction but I am still prosecuting inquiries.

One remark in yr. letter, taken in conjunction with the pointed remarks of several people here, struck me much: I allude to the expression of opinion by men who have resided in these Southern States that "on no consideration w^d. they live elsewhere".

The question has been put to me, "did you ever hear any one say they prefer Iowa, Minn. &c. to Texas who have tried both North & South for a year or two". Certainly I have not - but on the contrary, I have heard strong expressions of opinion in fav. of Texas &c. by men who have tried both, or have friends both North & South.

Generally speaking, a preference for any given part reveals some hidden or patent interest in such part. For instance, a Mr. Barclay M.P. here, recommends Colorado, but then he has property out there (in land or Caneels) & Chapman &c. - Will Wright recommends Colorado, but he was there at a pleasant time, in company with friends, sporting more or less. Mr. Barclay amongst the number, I think, - &c. &c.

Taking all in all, so far as my "sober judgment" can be exercised, I come to the following conclusions -

Colorado - Capital place in many respects - good land when irrigated, producing good crops; advantageous on markets &c. but short of rain, arid, dusty & more or less uncomfortable.

Iowa. } splendid agricultural lands, per-
Minnesota }haps best in America, = Short time for working, owing to prolonged frost, crowds agricultural pursuits into too short space for comfort: not much chance of money making except when farming on a gigantic scale, using steam for everything: risk from grasshoppers &c. by no means slight = Water good - Climate fine, but cold as trying to Constitution as heat further South: Solitude in winter wearisome where any distance from town, village &c.

Texas - Climate variable, i.e., some parts unhealthy, some good - statistics show a smaller death rate than the healthiest County in England / Crops, of one kind or another coming up

nearly all yr. round. heat in
summer according to published notes
a very trifle over the Northern States -
the average temp. for 3 summer
months, no higher. Winter temp. very
much milder - Distance from
markets counterbalanced by value of
early produce.

Several people well acquainted with Texas
tell me they very seldom, never hear of sun-
stroke in Texas, whereas it is common further north.
Yellow fever is imported, but when so, is confined
to certain unhealthy districts, marshy, &c, easily
definable - just as you may define the "fever"
district in England.

The other day I came across a Mr. White,
at the Reform Club London, a "fine old English
Gentleman", eq. M.P. He has travelled much in
America then in Texas during the hot months -
his verdict is that this State heats creation, to use
an americanism - personally, he says, he wd.
not hesitate an instant if he were seeking a home
abroad, intending to follow farming, to choose Texas:
indeed in every sense he seemed enraptured -
climate, temperature, soil, produce, scenery
&c - all good, that, for man & beast, taking all
in all.

Still, I am not prejudiced - I wd. listen
to every opinion, try to bring logic & reason



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