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1881 SEPT 2 - OCT 25

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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

ISLAND RANCH.
PARIS GIBSON & SON,
Exporters and Breeders of
THOROUGHBRED
SHROPSHIREDOWN AND MERINO
SHEEP.

PARIS GIBSON,
PHIL. GIBSON.

Benton, Montana, Sept. 2 1881.

James J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul

Dear Sir:— Referring to my letter
addressed to you some days since I wish now
to call your attention particularly to the
country south of Benton, extending as
far as the Forks of the Musselshell
River. Should you contemplate extending
a line into Northern Montana I believe a
branch running ^{from Benton} south to between the Highwood
and Belt Ranges of Mountains, into and
through the Judith Basin would be almost
indispensable. It would tap the heart of
the cattle & sheep ranges of this Territory.
It would be the thoroughfare to the Silver
Mining Camps of the Belt Mountains. It
would pass through the most fertile agricul-
tural district in Montana, and over this
road the Coal, lime, lumber & wood for
Benton would be hauled. I have always
thought that the Northern Pacific would have

a branch from some point in the
Yellowstone, up through this country to
Rupert, in order to bring the tail
of this country down to their trunk line.
It seems to me you should get control
of this country, to which I have referred. The
Mining interests of this Rich country
our duties should attract the
attention of the whole country, and
thousands of people are sure to find
employment there. Rupert has no fuel
or building material except as she gets
it from this country in bull teams.
With a R.R. extending into this large
supply Rupert would be rich and very
rapidly - This branch perhaps might be regarded
as a failure.

I notice the Utah & Northern and the
Northern Pacific both have surveying parties in
the Nickel Plate Cañon between Helena &
Rupert. We expect the Utah & Northern to
be pushed forward to Rupert, but I
cannot understand why the N. P.
R.R. should be surveying the country
between Helena & Rupert. A Rail
Road from Helena to Rupert must be

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Benton, Montana;

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Follow the Missouri river, it crosses
not across the Beth Mountains and
make a short cut to Benton. Hence
the mining, agriculture, and stock resources
of the country & which I have referred, or
not hitherto & Helena and the two
ports now being built to each city. -
No part of Dakota can compare with this
section in natural resources, and it needs
only rail roads to cause a development
as remarkable as that which has
occurred in any of the Western States.

Assuring you will not lose sight of this
subject.

I remain
Very truly yours,
Paris Gibson.

P.S.

I will give you the benefit of any information
that I think will benefit you, and will treat
all your communications as strictly confidential.

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Fonthill 9/8/1881

Mr J. Hill

S. Paul, Minn.

Dear Friend,

I reached home yesterday in safety after spending a more than common enjoyable vacation. For most of which I feel indebted to you. Many thanks therefore. As to whether I shall be at liberty to leave here or not all depends upon Mr Morris who is now at St. Paul - Upon his return

I will broach the subject & inform you of the result.

I enclose a few
pennies for Master Jimmy.
Please tell him that
I regret that I cannot
find more of them.

I hope some of them
may prove to be rare ones.

With many kind regards
for Mr. Hill & best wishes
for the little folks
believe me to be,

Truly Yours,
Samuel Wetherald.

N. B. HARWOOD & CO
WHOLESALE
DRY GOODS,
213 & 215 N. 4th Avenue,
New York Office, 115, Worth Street.

Jas J Hill Esq
St Paul

Minneapolis, Minn. Sept 22 1881

Dear Sir

Yours of 22 is received

I find enclosed herewith an check 391 to
your order for \$600⁰⁰ the same being to pay your div.
No 2 of 6 % on 10,000 of stock in your name in this
Company. Paid on the 20th Inst.

Please acky refd

Yours truly The Minneapolis Elevator Co
By C. H. Kittit Treasurer

Southill / 9th / 1891 -

Mr. J. G. Hill / Dear Friend

I had a talk with Mr. Morris this evening in regard to my quitting work here - He acted very fairly in the matter; said he was sorry to lose me but did not wish to stand in the way of my doing better.

He thinks he can spare me best sometime during December or early in January. Will know more precisely at a later date.

Of course when I come

to St Paul I mean to do
the very best I can for you,
but as regards that farm
project of which you spoke
I have grave doubts as to
whether I could succeed at
it - do not think I could
make it pay - Would be
sorry to have you go to expense
in the matter and regret
it afterward - Cannot say
that I ever liked farming -
have done nothing at it for
7 years past - I spent most
of that time in ^{routing} office work.
My duties here are & have
been that of general cor-
respondent & bookkeeper - have
also attended to the little
banking that was necessary
& paid the hands &c - During

packing I attended to the
marketing of boxes & shipping
of same. This work with
a share of outdoor manual
labor has agreed well with
me & I must confess I rather
like it but as I said before
I am just willing to go at
with a will whatever you
may deem best for me -

Charlie writes very
encouraging letters says
"he is beginning to feel
more at home & thinks he
will like St Paul"

Father is well & I know will
be pleased at the prospect
of my going to the Northwest -
With kind regards to Mr & Mrs
& the children believe me to be

Very truly Yours,
Sam^l McPherson.

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12/10/87
Grand Forks Sept 28th
Mr. James H. Hill
Dear Sir & Cousin
We
desiring steady employment
for the winter, thought
we would write you and
see if you would kindly
favor us with the same.
We had no objections
to the Engineering but
left for the purpose of
taking land.
Hoping you will look with
favor upon our application
we remain
Yours respectfully
The Hill
Grand Forks

DAILY, \$10 PER YEAR.
WEEKLY, \$1.00 PER YEAR.
SUNDAY, \$2.00 PER YEAR.

LITHOGRAPHING,
PRINTING,
BOOKS.

THE DAILY ARGUS,

A. W. EDWARDS.

(Address all communications to The Argus.)

Fargo, Dakota, Oct 5 1881.

My dear Sir,

As we talked, I desire to realize on \$15,000 stock. I can dispose of it here, but in doing so am "obliged" to people, and forfeit an independence so far maintained.

The business is so good that I am pressed at all times for capacity. A new engine has been ordered and a steam lithograph press and a book-binder must be had at once.

I can be independent & serve my friends and do not forget them.

Four times the stock we are doing would come to us with increased facilities. I will guarantee 10% on the stock. The paper is paying and its circulation increasing. I have several offers of partnerships but my pride is to manage the Argus my way.

Believing it

DAILY, \$10 PER YEAR.
WEEKLY, \$1.00 PER YEAR.
SIX MONTH, \$5.00 PER YEAR.

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Fargo, Dakota, _____ 1881.

will be mutually advantageous I write
you thus freely, as you suggested
yesterday in conversation.

awaiting an
early reply I am

Very truly yours

A. W. Edwards.

~~Per mail~~
J. J. Hill Esq
St Paul.

St. Paul Oct. 2 '88

Dear Sir:

Kindly send me a trip pass
to and from Graceville for P. H. D. Bagenal,

Mr. Bagenal is a correspondent of the
"St. James Gazette", London, and "The Evening Mail", Dublin,
and has come to Minnesota, to study colonization in
the West.

Respectfully,
John Ireland

Jas. J. Hill, Esq.

Mr. Wainwright
Pls comply

The St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Co. Private Account (Contd.)

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Days Subsequent 1881

1881	9920 Brought forward	109100	49368
May 10	do 14000 shs St. P. & M. r.r. stock @ 91 1/2 %	128100	
	400 do do 92	36800	
	commission 18 %	725	
July 1	2500 shs St. P. & M. r.r. stock taken from syndicate @ 81 %	202500	96 3200
Oct 5	170 shs St. P. & M. r.r. stock taken from stock purchased of Pittman @ 60 %	10200	
	29,115 shs St. P. & M. r.r. stock originally contributed for sale by the interested in this account net proceeds of which distributed this day are	239882260	
	Balance of interest		6568462

Division of proceeds

To George Stephen	2 1/2 %	95952904
" Donald Smith	1 1/2 %	47976452
" James J. Hill	1 1/2 %	47976452
" Purchase of Pittman stock	1 1/2 %	47976452
		239882260

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

Days Subsequent

1881	24070 Brought forward	171356479	4652067
Apr 14	By 260 shs St. P. & M. r.r. stock sold @ 91 1/2 % flat	23660	174 68614
" 15	80 do do do	7280	173 20990
" 16	300 do do do - 1/2 % comm	2726250	172 78153
" 19	100 do do flat	9100	169 36631
" 26	100 do do do - 1/2 % comm	908750	162 24536
May 2	100 do do do	908750	168 23627
" 3	180 do do flat	16380	157 45815
" "	300 do do do - 1/2 % comm	2726250	155 70428
" 4	100 do do do	908750	154 23374
" 7	100 do do 92 1/2 % flat	9200	151 20153
" "	30 do do 92 1/2 %	2775	151 6984
" 9	700 do do 81 %	56700	149 140815
" 10	500 do do do	40500	148 999
" 11	1500 do do 91 1/2 % flat	136500	147 334425
" 12	300 do do 92 1/2 %	27750	146 67525
" 23	500 do do 81 %	40500	135 9125
" 25	300 do do do	16200	133 33910
" 26	100 do do do	8100	132 17870
" 27	200 do do do	16200	131 35370
June 11	200 do do do	16200	116 31370
" "	2500 do do 98 1/2 % flat	274400	116 53057
July 1	4250 do do 81 %	344250	96 5508
" 2	3000 do do 104 1/2 % flat	312000	95 4490
" 5	500 do do do	52500	92 80530
" 14	500 do do 108 flat	53000	83 73317
" 16	400 do do do	42400	81 87240
" 22	30 do do 104 % Exch	3120	75 39
" "	100 do do 103 %	10300	75 12875
Aug 10	you share profits on St. P. & M. r.r. stock in 1881 (1 1/2 % profits on 2800 shs sold)	391835	56 3657
Oct 5	you share profits St. P. & M. r.r. stock in 1881 (1 1/2 % profits 3000 shs sold July 4)	175731	
	interest to date @ 6 %	6568462	
		288574760	7719138

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Octo. 12th 1881.

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Messrs The Canadian Pacific Ry Coys & Associates

In ac with J. S. Kennedy & Co: New York.

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1881			Days Interest		1881		
Feb	14	Cash 30% paid on 21,860 shares 655,800 00			Oct	5	By cost of 5000 shares stock transf. to Ac of Hon: S. A. Smith 409,764 76
		Less 1/16 dis. on mt. dft. 409 85 655,390 15	230	25,450 98			" do 5000 shares Jas J. Hill 409,764 76
May	2	" Cash 20% paid on shares 21,860 437,200 00					" do 5000 " R Baugues 409,764 76
		Less 3/8 dis on mt. dft. 1,639 50 435,560 50	186	11,324 58			" do 6,860 " Stephen O. Northcott 562,197 28
June	11	Cash 15% paid on shares 21,860 due 5 th July 1881 327,900 00					Balance of Interest 49,364 95
		Less Int. @ 5% for 25 days from June 10 th 1,122 95 326,777 05					
"		Cash 15% paid on shares 21,860 due 5 th Sept. 1881 327,900 00					
		Less int. @ 5% for 87 ds. from June 10 th 3,907 82 323,992 18					
		Add 1/16 Bank charges Montreal draft 406 70					
		651,175 96	116	12,589 39			
Oct	5	Int. @ 6% to date 49,364 95					
		1,791,491 56					179,149 56 49,364 95

E. O. E. New York October 12th 81

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O. Northcott

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