

Minneapolis
Feb 2^d/82

Mr J. J. Hill

My dear Sir -

Of course you will
be greatly surprised upon
receiving this communication
but I trust will pardon me
for troubling you - I feel that
it is to you that my husband
and his position as Chief
Engineer of the C. & P. R. - is be-
lieving you to be his friend
I can write you frankly
I realize that a wife is
not a confidant intruder -
where her husband is con-
cerned - but I will try to

deal with facts and not
circumstances - and all I
ask is an impartial hearing
and complete justice -
It is now nearly twelve months
since Gen. Bodor entered
the Service of this road. - The
result of the years work you
are a better judge than
I, but I can at least testify
to the faithfulness with which
he has tried to discharge
his duty to the Company
& to protect the interest of
his name, in every way
as far as lay in his de-
termined. he has not

only felt gratified with his
years work - but believed that
when he returned from the
Location of this line & the
Las Alamos section that the
Service was so heartily as
desse his work - as to be
welcomed to raise his salary.
This will at least prove
to you how heartily and
conscientiously he was
working, believing that
he was giving entire satisfaction - & saving much
money for the Company.
I mention all this simply

that you may form some
idea of the great surprise
that Mr Van Horn's telegram
gave him. Upon what he is
charged and condemned
he has not the slightest
intimation except so far
as the location of the Pen
sion branch goes. The pa
per that Mr Van Horn gave
is so having said before
the Directors we have not
the least knowledge of. If
they object to his speculating
and from both here & in Wash
ton. it is a privilege that
every man who comes to
Washington, & has the money

will visit himself of; these
accounts have of course
been greatly exaggerated
& I believe had Mr Van
Arsne been in Timbuctoo
no trouble ~~at all~~ ^{would} have arisen
for he would have seen
& heard things in their
true light - & not from a
misleading source.

It was my intention to
ask him to antagonize Mr
John McFarlane - after his
first arrival here - he has
been ~~seen~~ ^{seen} by Connel.

ring with you as to the
qualifications & felicity of
the evidence for the posi-
tion of Lane Commissioner
amid which the time Mr
McLurich has purchased
him with all the remorse
of an insane man. This
will in a small degree
show the animus of the
man. whom we hear for
first the charges.

You will readily under-
stand Mr. Tilt that I feel

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only as a wife can - deeply
and sincerely mortified
at the action the Com-
missioner has taken - and more
deeply on account of the
apparent evidence. I feel
that there is no remedy -
accept such indication
as the future may unfold.
but I can ask that you
will suspend your judg-
ment until the War Home
& you can see & judge
from your own conviction

and not the distorted re-
ports of a personal enemy -
who is acting more from
personal spite than from
true interest in the Cause.
May I ask that you regard
this letter confidential.
My husband has not the
slightest knowledge of our
writing, or I fear will always
pride of it, but I beg that
you will not condemn me
for doing so. I will kindly
bear it in mind -

Yours very cordially

B. A. Keller

Minneapolis, Minn. July 2 1882

Dear Sir

Miss

Yours of

is received

I said to you this A.M. that I would
call to see you again after your return from Chicago
Tuesday eve next but I shall probably be down
in Iowa about that time

We are anxious at an early day to know whether we can purchase of your Company ^{the} New Coal Shaft at Angus with the land appertaining to it? We must if we cannot buy it commence putting down a shaft so as to ~~commence~~^{be able to} producing coal at the earliest possible date; we should probably commence very soon & put down one or two shafts in any event but their location would be materially effected by the result of negotiations herein referred to.

We are willing to take the property at a fair price.

We would also suggest whether we might not be able to purchase your entire property at Angus under a Contract to furnish you ~~an~~ again amount of Coal per day on Cars on terms that would be advantageous to both you and us.

We should be pleased to hear any suggestions you or Mr Manville
may be disposed to make and will meet you at any time you may
designate to talk the matter over
Yours truly, The Standard Coal Co.
B. C. H. H. H.

Yours truly The Standard Coal Co.
By C. A. Pettit

Montreal 2^d Aug 1852

Dear Sir

W^m A. Gibson formerly
of this city, and now living in
St Paul has written to me
for a letter of recommendation
to you, which I have most much
pleasure in doing. Mr Gibson
is an active and industrious person
and I have no doubt that he
will give satisfaction in any work
he might undertake.

I remain

Dear Sir

J. J. Hill Esq
St Paul
J. P. McMillan

14
Merchants Hotel,

CHAS. H. WAGNER, PROP'R.

Wertheimer Block,
Main Street.

Deadwood, Dakota, Feb 3 1882

Jan. J. Hill
St Paul Minn.

Dr. Sir,

Arrived here
last night. Found Gates
today for whom Plummer
used to work. He is at Custer
telegraphing them today, and
learn that he is leaving there
will go there, distant sixty
miles tomorrow, and if
successful will wire
you from there.

It was with great difficulty
I learned anything of D. No
one here knew him & Gates
had not seen or heard from him
for two years. I chance a tele-
gram & it was successful.

Yours truly
Chas. H. Wagner

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12/10/82

14 St James' Street
Montreal.

3rd Feb^{ry} 1882

My dear Mr. Hill.

I am sure you
will give me a word of advice
if you can. I have 100 shares
of Ch. S. P. Rm. & Omaha, common
stock which cost me 37. and
altho the published accounts of
the road are most flattering
as leading to a dividend in the
near future, I do not now
feel satisfied that these hopes

are reliable, and so I am
thinking of selling and taking
instead 50 St Paul common,
which at present rates appear
to be a good purchase -

Forgive me troubling you, upon
such a very small matter, but
as you know the position &
probable prospects of these western
roads, I have taken the liberty
of writing for one line of advice.

My wife was laid up for a
week - no not return from her
forth - with a sore throat, - but
she is now nearly well again.
I am going to leave her & my
"nursery" at Gosport House,
Ottawa for a fortnight -

So there any chance of seeing
you in these snowy regions
soon - I hope time is!

Believe me
Yrs sincerely
Robt Stephenson

J. Hills Esq.
St Paul. Minn }



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