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JAMES J. HILL PAPERS

PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

63 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK.

1st Feby 1883

My Dear Mr. Hill

I wrote you from my house yester-day and now write to say that Denny picked up 400 Shares more Manitoba Stock, 200 @ 142 1/8 % & 200 @ 142 1/2 % to day which now gives us 1900 Shares in all on Joint a/c. I have told him on no account to bid for the Stock but as it is offered at about these figures to pick it up. Another of the Stock purchased to day 100 Shares comes from C. J. Paton & Co.—

The Dividend payable to day had up to 3 P.M. all been collected but about $29,000 - and my firm a/c under advance to day $655,000.— Mr. Sawyer seems to have stopped remitting. I hope he will soon be able to resume and reduce the above amount considerably —

Yours very truly
John S. Kennedy

James J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul
Minnesota.

for $240
North Oaks
RH

Ack 12/3/83

New York, Feb. 1st 83

My dear Sir,-

I have secured a very good cook his name is Antoine Brenner, and I know him to be a good man, he will leave here next Saturday evening for St. Paul, by New York Central R.R. Enclosed you will find cards of G. A. Heissinger a Landscape engineer, who was sent to me with drawings & plans of various private & public grounds he had laid out in this country and Europe, they are all very well executed; thinking that you would want such a man to lay out the

grounds of Minnetonka Beach
I told him I would send on
his cards, and perhaps you
would write him.
Park & Tilford have shipped your
order per Am. Express.
Hoping to hear from you
soon, I am, sir,
Yours very truly
Eugene Mehl

[WITH MENL 2-1-83]

FRANK X. HEISSINGER,

PRACTICAL

Landscape and Garden Engineer,

Author of "Landscape Gardening & Architecture

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Personal

Territory of Dakota.

Executive Office.

Yankton, Feb 1st 1883.

J. J. Hill Esq

Dear Sir:

As I wrote you a short time since, Commissions were issued on the 27th of November for the organization of Ramsey County. T. C. Saunders and E. O. Barton two of the Commissioners, - a majority - gave me personal assurance that the County seat should be held in abeyance and located wherever you located your principal town in that County. La Moure, Towner and Walsh, who had met me at the lake last summer, never intimated that they desired anything further than that the county seat should be located wherever decided to

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locate your principal station.

On the 22d inst nearly two weeks after all of these parties had been in Yankton, without calling upon me, La Moure visited the Executive office and demanded I should vacate the appointments made nearly two months previous and appoint two persons named by him in their places, neither of whom were residents of, or had ever lived in Ramsey County. I explained that there was no occasion for change as a majority of the Board as it then stood, as it would carry out all he or his associates had asked whenever you had located your principal station in that County.

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but told him plainly that I did not propose to give him control of the County Board for the purpose of booming a one sided paper town. Since that time La Moure and perhaps Walsh have exerted themselves to secure legislation which would deprive me of the appointment of Commissioners for organizing Counties; but thus far their schemes have been emphatically sat down upon by the Legislature.

I am advised that Walsh leaves tomorrow for the purpose of securing some pledge from you in regard to the location of your stations, and I write ~~that~~ you may understand

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the exact situation. This new demand from LaMoure looks very much as if he and his crowd intended to get control of the County organization, locate the county seat, and compel you adopt it; otherwise when assured that the county seat would be held subject to your decision they ought to have been satisfied. Ramsey county is organized with a board of excellent commissioners. The proposed new county to be taken from the west portion of Grand Forks and row of townships from the east portion of Ramsey, will be organized by Commissioners who will hold the county seat for your control

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station, and all other counties in that region will be organized in the same way.

You are therefore left perfectly free to fix these points in accordance with your own judgment. These parties cannot control the legislature, or make raids on the tax or other important questions. The membership is much better than it was two years ago and every veto will be overruled.

Very truly yours

N. G. Ordway

LADD TOBACCO CO. St Louis Feby 2d 83

Dear Sir

The Ex Co say their

runs have been delayed by the
weather but think the box has
reached you by this date — A
tracer is out however Yrs truly

W M Ladd Prest.

POSTAL CARD.

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Jas. J. Hill Esq Prest.

Saint Paul

Minnesota

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Ack. 3/2/83

Office of
SKAFFAREN
Minnesota Stats Tidning,
WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, PUBLISHED IN THE SWEDISH LANGUAGE BY
THE LUTHERAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY OF THE NORTHWEST
At 231 East Seventh Street,

St. Paul, Minn., Febr. 2 1883

J. J. Hill, Esq.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir: The Lutheran Publication Society of the Northwest has its yearly meeting Febr. 7 and the day after I expect to call upon you in regard to payment of the interest due you on Rev. Montén, Sjöblom & Norelius notes. Hoping this will be satisfactory

I remain with Respect
Yours
Herman Stockenstrom,
General Manager.

OK

Confidential

63 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK

5th February 1883

My Dear Mr. Hill

I have heard nothing from you since your return and as I am making my arrangements to get away next week if possible I telegraphed you to day to inquire whether the draft of mortgage had been sent on and that I expected to be in Chicago on the 15th or 16th Inst. which I suppose you would understand and I hope to hear from you to morrow. I would like very much to get the draft of the mortgage and to have time to look it over before I meet Mr. Bigelow & you in Chicago.

My firm have referred your letter to them of 1st Inst. to me. I am sorry you wrote them on the subject as I did not want any one to know that you and I had been buying Manitoba Stock and now I have had to admit and explain to them all about it so far as the 500 Shares referred to in that letter are concerned.

The purchases were 29th Decr. 200 @ 142 1/2 % & 1/8 % Brokge
2nd Jany 300 @ 143 % & 1/8 % Brokerge

which makes up a total cost of $71.462.50. I had not the money on hand at the moment to pay my half so I drew the whole amount from my firm and had it charged to your a/c. On the 10th Jany having plenty of money then on hand I paid up my half of the cost $35731.25 with interest to that date ($104.79) thus making the payment of $35,836.04 which went to your Cr. My firm knew nothing about the transaction except that so much money was at one time drawn from and at another time so much paid in to your a/c. If you want any further information about your account please write to me and I will furnish you with a detailed statement.

I have to day purchased 200 Shares Manitoba @ 141 % and 100 Shares @ 141 1/4 % for Joint a/c thus making 2200 Shares in all we now hold on Joint a/c. I will try and pick up 300 Shares more so as to give us 2,500 Shares on Joint a/c and at that point I am disposed to rest for the present for while I have the most unbounded faith in Manitoba and the handsome results we will probably derive from it during the next few months I do not like to be leaning on you to carry even a portion of my half and I have not only my business but other matters to look after which require a good deal of money and you can readily understand it does not do for me or my firm here to appear as large borrowers in the market. This however does not prevent your buying just as much as you have a mind to and I will be happy to do it for you and if on receipt of this you want me to go on buying beyond the 2,500 Shares for your individual a/c please telegraph me on receipt in such a way that I can understand you and I will go on and buy for you as much as you may instruct me to do. The market is reported to be rather better this afternoon but there is still very little life in it and no signs of permanent improvement so far.

Mr. Belknap of the Northern Pacific Road with his wife is going to accompany me on my trip to the South.

Hoping to see you in Chicago next week

I remain

Yours very truly

John S. Kennedy

James J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul
Minnesota

New York

Feb. 5, 1883.

James J. Hill Esq;

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favor of the 1st. inst. we beg to submit the following statement, which will explain the seeming discrepancy pointed out by you.

Dec. 29th 200 shares @ 142½% & 1/8% brokg.

	$28525.00	
	0	
Jan. 2nd 300 sh @ 143% &1/8%	$42937.50	
	$71462.50½	$35731.25

Jan. 18th. ½ of above with inst. to date @ 6%

$35,836.04
$35,731.25
$ 104.79

This difference ($104.79) represents the interest which was due you. Mr. Kennedy's half having been paid out of your funds until the 18th. Jan., when the account was adjusted by him, and interest allowed you.

In your calculation you evidently overlooked this fact, and also the 1/8% brokerage which we paid on the purchase of this stock.

We are,

Very truly yours

J. S. Kennedy & Co.

[From envelope found in J.J. Hill's papers, probably copies made at the Farley trial of 1887]

63 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK. 7th February 1883

My Dear Mr. Hill

I telegraphed you on the 5th asking if you had sent me on the draft of the new mortgage and stating that I expected to be in Chicago on 15th or 16th Inst. and I have your answer this morning dated yesterday at Winnipeg where I presume you have gone to attend the Manitoba South Western meeting. I hope you will get the mortgage off to me as soon as you return as I should like to have a few days to go carefully over it before meeting you & Mr. Bigelow to consider it in Chicago.

I also wrote you on 5th Inst. and I have now to advise you that I have to day purchased 100 shares of Manitoba Stock @ 139¾% and 100 Shares @ 140% which with the amount already advised you now makes 2400 shares that I hold for our Joint a/c. The market has been very weak in all Stocks for the last 2 or 3 days and there is evidently a strong bear party at work and they are giving out stories about the unusually severe winter and heavy snow falls in the North West which are not only going to largely reduce the earnings but also enormously increase the expenses. You know as well as any body how much truth there is in these statements and whatever there may be the bears are of course grossly exaggerating them for their own purposes but as money is easy and apparently likely to continue so for some time, I think it will not be long till the bears have accomplished their purposes and then taking advantage of easy money they will inaugurate a bull movement and turn everything just in the opposite direction. Should it be otherwise however and things continue depressed it will be a good time for me to quietly buy for you all the Manitoba Stock you want.

We have got a considerable portion of the money for your 6000 shares Canadian Pacific Stock but not all of it yet. Mr. Angus is to be here on Friday morning when I expect to get the balance.

I hope to hear from you by telegraph tomorrow or Friday at latest in reply to my letter of 5th Inst.

Yours very truly
John S. Kennedy

James J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul
Minnesota.

Private

63 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK.

8th February 1883

My Dear Mr. Hill,

Since writing you yesterday the Stock market has rallied and there was a much better feeling this morning and as Manitoba Stock was still offered at much lower figures than you intimated your readiness to buy when you were here I thought it best not to let the opportunity slip and I purchased 200 shares @ 141% and 300 @ 141 1/4%. — Immediately thereafter received your letter of 4th Inst. and from what you say in it regarding the reduced earnings and increased expenses I concluded it would be best to telegraph you fully which I did, as far as possible in Cypher and to the following effect "Since writing you on 5th Inst. we have "bought for account of Hill & Kennedy on Joint "a/c 700 shares St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. Stock at "about 140, 141% particulars by letter. Will go "on up to 5000 shares on Joint a/c if you "approve notwithstanding what I said in letter "of 5th". — You will understand the 700 shares refers to the 200 purchased yesterday and 500 today, that all the purchases are for Joint a/c and that I am ready to go on if you approve to buy on Joint a/c with you up to 5000 shares in all. With the purchases made to day we now hold 2000 shares in all. — Since I wrote you on 5th Inst. I have arranged to make some realizations which will place me in funds and save the necessity of my borrowing further and as I have the fullest confidence in the property and the intrinsic value of the Stock I am quite willing to go on and buy on Joint a/c with you as I have already said up to 5000 shares in all and it may be even more though the amount I have named is as far as I would like to agree to go at the moment. — I suppose the severe winter will not injure the property or the value of the Stock permanently and that it is still quite safe to go on buying up to 145% but if you think otherwise or you have changed your view in any respect you will of course telegraph me. — I will of course be governed in the whole matter by what you think is best but if you have not changed your views I think we should go on buying gradually without exciting the market.

Mr. Angus is to be here tomorrow morning and I will certainly urge upon him the importance of settling up for the Manitoba South Western immediately.

I expect to start for the West as already advised you by wire on Wednesday or Thursday of next week but I may be detained a day or two later.

James J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul Minn.

Yours very truly
John S. Kennedy

63 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK. 10th February 1883

My Dear Mr. Hill

I wrote and telegraphed you on the 8th and yesterday afternoon rec'd your telegram of that date as follows: "Have rec'd telegram of "8th Inst. Purchases are satisfactory. We suggest "that you buy 1000 shares Manitoba. Earnings are "decreasing owing to cold weather". It was too late yesterday afternoon to do anything and I have to be very careful how I go to work as if it became known that I was making considerable purchases the price would advance immediately and probably considerably. I have therefore made the last two purchases through other brokers and not through Denny as continued purchases through him might have aroused suspicion. I am also endeavoring to buy quietly and so as not to have the purchases quoted in the Stock list, or at least only a portion of them until we have secured about as much as we want. I have to day bought 300 shares 100 @ 141%, 100 @ 141 1/4 % and 100 @ 141 1/2 %. This was as much as I thought it safe to buy to day.

I have been quite unwell again and have only come down for an hour to day to attend to some pressing matters but I hope to be all right again by Monday. I was glad to notice by your telegram that you were back from Winnipeg.

Mr. McIntyre & Van Horne are here but Mr. Angus did not come having just rec'd the news of the death of his mother.

Yours very truly
John S. Kennedy

James J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul
Minnesota.

96 Arundel St
St Paul Feb 10, 1883

Mr J J Hill
St Paul

Dear Sir -

I am through with Mr Wilder in Montana & wish to do something where I can earn from 3 to 5 M per annum, with a probability of making more - am not particular where, how hard, or rough the jobb, can do most anything.

Have been thinking of engaging in the Real Est business here but am undecided.

Would call upon you but know you are busy. Can you give me a pointer?

Confidential

Very truly Yours
J B Hubbell

ack. 9/2/83

63 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK.

12th Feby 1883

My Dear Mr. Hill

I have just telegraphed you that I cannot leave here before Monday next the 19th inst. and that I will meet you in Chicago on the 21st. I have several estate matters to attend to before I can leave, especially the late Mr. R. L. Stuart's but I must be in Chicago on the 21st. as I have promised to meet Mrs. Wm. L. Scott there on that day to transfer the C. C. & I. C. Rd. to its new owners.

The Stock market is quiet to day but I purchased 200 Shares Manitoba for our Joint a/c @ 141%. I think possibly the small earnings may frighten some timid holders and that I may within a day or two pick up some at even lower figures.

I hope to receive draft of the new Mortgage to morrow or Wednesday at latest.

Yours very truly
John S. Kennedy

James J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul
Minn:

CLIMAX COAL COMPANY.
J. J. HILL, President,
H. A. FOSTER, Manager.

Office

ANGUS, IOWA, Feby 12th 1883

Jas. J Hill Esq
St Paul Minn

Dear Sir

Mr Whitehead
President of the Des Moines & Ft Dodge Railroad
desires me to write to you. suggesting the
building a line of railroad. by the S.P.M.&M.
from Wilmar or some point in that vicinity
due South to their present terminus at
Ruthven. on the C.M.&St.P.
The distance between Wilmar & Ruthven is
from 125 to 150 miles. and in case such
line should be built the D.M.&Ft.D will
build a line from some convenient point
on their road across to the Pilot Mound
field.
If such an arrangement could be carried
out. the haul of coal. both for railroad &
local trade to all points north of Wilmar
would be shortened from 120 to 140 miles.
and the Angus & Pilot Mound Coals would
have an advantage over What Cheer of
nearly if not quite 250 miles.
With such an advantage these fields could

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Climax Coal Company,
J. J. Hill, President.
H. A. Foster, Manager.

Angus, Iowa, ...188....

absolutely control the trade in Iowa coals on the Manitoba, N.P. and C.P. roads. At the same time a very good passenger business from Des Moines to Fargo & points north & west could be built up.
I confess that with my past experience with the M & St L. I feel a personal interest in anything which promises a new outlet for the coal product in this section: but outside of that I feel confident that the new road would be valuable & paying property.
Mr Whitehead will come west about the 20th of March and will visit you in relation to this matter if encouraged by you. His address is 61 Wall St. New York.
I hope, upon looking into this matter, you will find it sufficiently encouraging to engage your attention

Yours truly
H. A. Foster

63 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK.

13th Feby 1883

My Dear Mr. Hill

Just a hurried line to say that I recd. your telegram of yesterday this morning and replied immediately. I hope you will write Mr. Angus urging him to fix that South Western matter. I have written him to day and also sent a verbal message to him by Mr. Abbott who goes up to night. — I will give you all particulars about that and other matters when I meet you in Chicago on the 21st. Inst. —

I purchased 500 shares of Manitoba Stock to day for our Joint a/c @ 140%. This brings me up to within 100 shares of the amount you authorized me to go on purchasing. — Had I not better at once transfer your half of the Stock into your name? I do not like keeping so much Stock in the names of other parties some of whom I do not know. Please telegraph me as to this on receipt. —

Jas. J. Hill Esq.
St. Paul
Minn.

Yours very truly
John S. Kennedy.

Personal

Vice President's Office
Saint Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Co.
63 William Street,
New York, Feb. 14th 1883
P. O. Box 756.

My dear Mr. Hill:

I wrote you y'day & now write to say that I have today purchased 100 Shares "Manitoba" stock for our joint account @ 139 3/4 thus making, with what I have already advised you, 4,000 shares in all on our joint account, and this completes the purchases to the extent to which you authorized me to make them, and I will, therefore, do nothing more until I hear from you or see you. I am having a statement of these purchases prepared showing the entire cost of the same which I will either forward to you or bring with me to Chicago.

Please advise me to whose names you desire me to transfer the 2500 shares of the Improvement Co's. stock of North America which I hold for account of the Company. I have transferred that belonging to the C. M. & St. P. Rd. Co. into names furnished by them, and I presume you do not wish our stock recorded in the Company's name but rather in that of some individual.

I am making all my arrangements for leaving here next Monday evening & if nothing unforeseen occurs to prevent I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you in Chicago on Wednesday morning. As I will leave Chicago by the C. & A. Rd Co. line I would suggest that you come down from St. Paul by the C. M. & St. P. Rd Co. line so that the car will arrive at the same depot from which I will have to depart. Of course you understand that I will stop, as usual, at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

I have written to Andrew Tod today telling him of my proposed visit and that, if convenient, I should be glad to see him at Chicago so that it is possible he may come down with you.

Yours very truly:
Wm L Kennedy

N/P

James J. Hill, Esq.,
St. Paul,
Minn.