

Litchfield, E. Darwin

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Hill to J. S. Kennedy & Co.

Wants Metcalf for position of Trustees' clerk-gives reasons. Yesterday I got some Ist Div. proxies & attended meeting of stockholders for election &c., & found upon examination of stock list that they have issued as nearly as I could make out about \$60,000 new Main Line stock. Edwin C. Litchfield before any votes were cast read a statement claiming that under the agreement of [illegible] they had the right to name three directors & he desired to exercise the right.... Today we had a message from Darwin asking for an interview looking to a full & complete settlement of all existing difficulties and an immediate withdrawal of all opposi-

tion to foreclosure suits, &c. We will meet him tonight & let you know what he has to offer. Yesterday H.H. Porter formerly of the C & NW Ry asked me if I did not think the matter could be adjusted & he appeared to know a good deal of Litchfield's views & Co. policy [?]. Has Litchfield been trying to get the C & N.W. to aid him? "Mr Farley is trying to bring suit for conversion [?] of the \$2,500,000 against Darwin but I hardly think he can make it stick; if he can, we will attach his lands in Minnesota and First Div. stock. There is no doubt but J.S. Kennedy would bring & maintain such a suit.

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