W.P.C.[lough?] to Louis W. Hill

"I was much surprised to see Senator Nelson's name on the list of those to be invited to the launching [of steamship "Minnesota"]. Nelson has, for the past 20 years been the most bitter and outspoken antagonist of Mr. Hill and his enterprises. Van Sant is a milder and much more recent enemy. I concur with you, that neither Van Sant nor McBride should be asked, but why Nelson?"

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