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To C. K. Davis

Great abundance of coking coal of very superior quality on Puget Sound close to "some of the largest and best deposits of iron ore I have ever seen." Will soon be used for Asiatic trade through facilities of Japanese Steamship Co. now running to Puget Sound. Has just written Senator Hansbrough in re Asiatic market for our American wheat, already raising price of wheat in Minn. and Dakota. Also in re political situation in Minnesota. "Saved" Minn. in crises in last two elections for Republican party. I helped you win because you would serve State better than any other person, but the Rep. party in Minn. is worse than the Populist and there

must be a thorough reorganization. Recommends Newel as against Hubbard who is supported by Davis. Tells of H's misdeed. JJH has just persuaded the editor of one of our newspapers not to publish the loss by Hill's friends of large sums of money on H's certificates of elevator grain, who "were disposed to prosecute him and send him to Stillwater for his connection with the transaction. Story is known to any number of people here and is being used to your disadvantage. Also in re Halvor Steenerson of Crookston for U. S. Dist. Atty. He is totally unfit for any position where integrity counts for anything.

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