

Pierce, Gilbert A. (Senator) Dec. 6, 1889

Gilbert A. Pierce to J.J.Hill.

"at the earnest request and advice of Governor Mellette I agreed to support M^r Nicke~~ns~~ of Jamestown for the position you refer to. The promise was made away along in May last and seemed, at that time, to be a politic thing to do..." "I regret having made them."

"Aleck came to me two or three weeks ago in regard to another candidate who, I understood was a friend of ours. I told him

then that if I had not promised Judge Nickens I would be very glad to aid the gentleman he mentioned. Now I fear that he is not acceptable either and I am, therefore, in very deep water... I want to carry out my promise to Governor Mellette fairly and without reservation of any kind.

if Aleck is in New York I wish you would send for him and see if something cannot be done to settle the matter satisfactorily all round."

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