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Hill to Bull

Cipher to Schiff via Nichols in re Mellen's purpose to keep Mohler in N. Y., who should go west at once & place the line west of Lewiston under construction, taking possession of all important points. His purpose is not to shorten their line, but as basis for securing territory not now belonging to Nor. Pac. & which naturally belongs to the Navigation Co. Will find line from Missoula to Lewiston via the Clearwater a very rough & expensive line to build, particularly western slope of mts. Most of area in Oregon & s.w. Washington which is valuable agricultural land & will sustain an agric. population

is situated along the valleys of streams flowing into Snake River. The best attack on N.P. would be either to grab the territory at once or announce that a sharp reduction of rates will ensue otherwise.

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