

Farley suit

November 26, 1886

Hill to John S. Kennedy

Re Farley suit. "We are finally driven out of the Fort Berthold Reservation by the frost and snow...Three days longer would have closed it [our railroad construction] out...Have finally found a good line between Helena and Butte, to cost about \$7,750,000, or \$500,000 less than the estimate, but will include a tunnel 5000 feet long." "I have had a visit privately from Mr. Smith of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co seeking an alliance ... [with] our Company... They have a line built to the Pelouse country in Oregon about 225 miles west of the Deer Lodge Valley ... and I think be glad to

build and meet us at the point west of Sun River Pass where the ~~_____~~ foot empties into the Hellgate. Such a connection would at once give us access to the Pacific at Portland and to the whole of Oregon and would put a large tonnage over our line in addition to the tonnage of Montana... [Mason City & Fort Dodge road is finished and is a good job, all well ballasted with gravel, good depot buildings and grounds, and in fact fully better than I expected ... cost of the construction equipment &c about \$969,000."]

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