

Gibson, Paris

October 17, 1884

Hill to Gibson

Re prospects for Great Falls: hotel (depends on growth of town); coal (experts have been sent to Sand Coulee, Belt Creek, and Deep Creek men who have been practically connected with me in coal matters for past ten years and whose report is not very favorable). Unless these "are likely to be opened up... there is no inducement to build a railroad to the Falls." "I expect to put a party in the field to look for a better vein of coal as soon as I can find a reliable man."

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