

Great Falls, Montana

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Hill to Kennedy

Just returned from being present at the opening of the road in Montana [Montana Central]. It is already taking business for Helena. Two parties besides Boston people have been at Great Falls "with a view to erecting large works" there. No question as to coking quality of the coal. In Montana I learned that the Anaconda Co. are considering the erection of a plant to reduce copper by electricity. This would undoubtedly take them to Great Falls, as this work can be done so much cheaper there. Expects "a heavy immigration along our Montana Extension with the ratification of the Indian treaty." Work on Montana

Central between Helena and Butte will be finished by spring except for the long tunnel, around which the Northern Pacific may let us use that portion of their Boulder line.

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