

Kidder, Judge I.N:

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Minot to Sam Torne

Kidder has practically concluded a deal with the people of Aberdeen and Howard Benedict has made a bargain with Becker of Ellendale so ... these Dakota lines, or such parts... as seem desirable, now seem likely to be built, under local auspices. The new Minneapolis and Pacific Road has begun actual work. It is currently supposed here that Washburne has undertaken this enterprise with a view to marketing the property by and to some large corporation like the N.P., which, by extending this new line to Jamestown or Bismarck, could shorten materially their haul to points further west. The present intention is declared to be to complete the line to Glenwood this