

Manitoba Road - Explorations      December 28, 1886

Hill to John S. Kennedy

Sends Maj. Rogers' report of his explorations of the country between Sun River Valley and Missoula. You will notice that he has found a very easy pass through the headwaters of the Dearborn River, which you will remember is the stream we crossed after leaving the Sun River on our way from Great Falls to Helena. On the west side of the range he runs into the same kind of country as is traversed by the Northern Pacific west of the main tunnel where, you remember, on our return from Butte, we saw a dairy farm on the top of the mountains. The construction from the summit down to Missoula would not

be much heavier than ordinary prairie work. Next year we expect to examine the country between the Dearborn and the International Boundary & west as far as the headwaters of the Skagit, which empties into Puget Sound.

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