

Montana - Minerals

July 5, 1888

Hill to John Crosby Brown, Brown Bros., N.Y.  
Glad you and party enjoyed trip West. Chicago  
and North Western officers & directors followed  
your route soon after & they were pleased & as-  
tonished."I am just in receipt of a report from  
mining experts of the smelter works at Great  
Falls, who have visited the Belt Mts. & report  
one of the largest & best carbonate camps in  
Rocky Mts. In places they equal in quantity the  
Leadville camp & being close to coal & water-  
power, cost of reducing would be cheap. A party  
of Chicago Rolling Mills people were here to  
investigate iron ores August, with a view of

testing the value of the ore for steel rails.  
If reports are correct we may extend Sand  
Coulee road 25 miles to Otter Creek to reach &  
open both Barker and Neihart camps.

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