

Montana Central Road
Hill to C.A. Broadwater

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Northern Pacific is greatly alarmed at the Montana Central movement and will do everything in their power to head it off, as they fear it will result eventually in taking other roads into their territory. I wired you today to ~~mar~~ your work fully & to growd the grading as fast as you can. I expect to have 3,000 tons of rails with splices and spikes, ready to ship to you within 2 or 3 ~~weeks~~. I note what you say about the weather and the difficulty of working men out of doors, but every day now counts for five. & nothing is as important to us as advancing the work so rapidly that they cannot interfere

with us." I hope by the time this reaches you that the work will be ~~done~~ & thorough possession taken us as far as the Concentrator and down through the cañon as far as Wolf Creek." I saw Mr. Stephen, President of the Canadian Pacific Ry. in New York, who informed me that Gault's charter from Maple Creek to the International Boundary Line had been disallowed, as the C.P. did not want anyone to build branch roads in that country, but he offered to build down to the Sun River this year if the Montana Central would meet him there. This will be a good point in our hands to work against the N.P.'s doing anything against us as, with Gault enterprise killed there would be nothing to fear unless we connected with the C.P., and if

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they did not use us well, the C.P. connection can be made without delay. I think you might quietly work this through the Helena press, so as to give the impression that the C.P. may be brought in there this year."

Better change articles of incorporation, defining line more clearly and increasing the stock to \$5,000,000 & locating the line from the International Boundary near Assiniboine to Helena, Red Mountain & possibly to Butte. As for Billings' writing to Dodge, "Mr. Dodge is the last man in the world to in any way betray any interest confided to him" Mr. Dodge might reply to Mr. Billings and with truth that the Manitoba road has no interest in the

Montana Central." Manyel has gone off on a trip to Europe for a [REDACTED].

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