

Pacific Extension

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Hill to Gen. Samuel Thomas, New York

I hardly expected that the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern people would sell for a price we would care to pay. Anyway, most of it would have to be rebuilt. "Our explorations so far in the mountains have been very gratifying. We have a good line from the main range with a maximum grade of 1% without any tunneling." With 75 lb rails on grades of 1% & less and 85 on grades over 1%, the road well appointed and equipped with good terminals will cost less

per miles than any transcontinental line
heretofore built.

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