JJH to Perkins at the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy office in Boston. The Montana extension is described: "Beyond where you saw the end of track the country seems to improve to Ft. Buford & after a few miles beyond Buford it is good all the way to the mountains. At Great Falls the first Crop of wheat planted on the plateau is gowing excellent results withour any irrigation. You will note the track is now in the Milk River

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will note the track is now in the Milk River Valley about 275 miles from the starting point The best days work ... was 7 miles 1240 feet.' Engineer A.B. Rogers is exploring country from Missoula to Puget Sour via south shore of Lak Chelan & Skagit River. JJH 125785 2868