

Belmont, August

Nov. 19, 1883

Hill to Belmont

Details re the Fargo Southern Road, "a line from Ortonville ... 128 miles north to Fargo, and is being built by an outside corporation controlled by the principal directors of the Milwaukee and St. Paul Co." From St. Paul to Fargo by it is 323 miles as against 240 miles by our line. It is like Chicago versus Duluth (735 miles versus 285 miles of easier grades). Traffic of the area is largely wheat. Rate will have to be less than $2/3$ of actual cost and, besides, "the grain is worth more at Duluth than in Chicago, as Eastern millers can rely on getting no mixed southern wheat in their No. 1 hard, which can only be grown in the Northern

latitudes." Figures are given re percentage of
~~w~~heat ground in Minneapolis this year and haul
by our road. Re relations of Great Northern &
Canadian Pacific lines.

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