

Comstock, S. G.

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Hill to Hon. H. B. Strait, H.R., Washington, D.C.

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We have no such position as Townsite Locators - all that business is done by the Land Dept. "Last year we arranged with Mess. [S. G.] Comstock & A. A. White of Moorhead to act as right of way agents on certain of our Dakota Lines, they devoting whatever time was necessary (in fact all summer & taking for their pay the knowledge of the locations of stations, which enabled them to buy Townsite property at low prices. I believe they made well out of their summer work." If the Territory of Dakota is divided I think the capital will be on the ~~east~~ side of Devil's Lake & a good town should grow up there. Will try

to send Capt. Power to see Curtis & Burdette.  
"We must make a strong effort to get the balance of our lands in some way. What is the prospect about a new Secy. of the Interior?"

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