

Gibson, Paris

Aug. 22, 1881

To James J. Hill

Gives details of a Montana General law under which companies incorporate. Will be glad to organize a company for Hill. Re route to & through Cadotte Pass, which would be very valuable to you if you plan to push on to Oregon or Washington. Encloses a small map "which may give you some new ideas." The route is practically the one "taken by the Fish expedition." No other road could be built into Montana as cheaply as by the Northern or Milk River route. Nor. Pac. will "gobble up" the region between Martinsdale at the forks of the Musselshell to Benton (Judith Basin) unless you should reach

it from Benton." Besides fine agricultural resources it includes the "extensive silver mining district recently discovered in the Belt Mountains."

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