

Railroads - Minnesota

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Hill to T. Jefferson Coolidge, Boston

Duluth, Rainy Lake River & Southwestern Rr. Co., whose road is, for its entire distance from Duluth to within 20 miles of St. Vincent, through a country entirely unsettled, and one that can never be occupied as a farming country." Describes the various province through which it runs and refers to "Nicolay, the naturalist"

[Joseph N. Nicollet] for the origin of the phrase "Undine Region." Grading and re-grading will be ended in 30 days & then, St. Paul to Rocky Mts. will show a maximum grade of 30 ft. to the mile." Our first boat [Northern Light] is on her

fourth trip, & the second boat we expect will be ready by Sept. 1st. latest." Montana Central is laid into Butte. Our long tunnel will be completed the last of September.

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