

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY
STATE OF MONTANA - VALUATION SECTION NO.9.
CLARK'S FORK BRANCH.
PRE-INVENTORY INFORMATION.
GENERAL OUTLINE AND HISTORY OF THE WORK.

This is a single track branch line running from Silesia to the coal mines at Bridger,

Was built by the Northern Pacific Railway Company in the year 1898.

The general work of grading on this section was done by Mike Elmore as follows:

From Silesia to Gebo (present Fromberg) under his contract of June 4th, 1898.

From Gebo (present Fromberg) to Bridger, under his contract of August 26th, 1898.

Copies of these contracts are submitted with the inventory.

The tracklaying and surfacing, ballasting and building bridges was done by the Railway Company with its own forces.

This line runs up the Clark's Fork of the Yellowstone River for the entire length and considerable work has been required to protect the roadbed from washing.

Copies of all the final estimate vouchers which have been found covering roadbed work are submitted with the inventory, together with list of extra work bills incurred under same on account of grading. This list of extra work bills does not pretend to be a complete statement of all the extra cost or in any sense a partial statement of original cost, but merely enumerates some of the items of extra cost found readily available.

The ballast is composed of gravel with some cinders, the cinders coming from Laurel and the gravel from Edgar, the locations of which are shown on print attached to the inventory.

The subsidence of the roadbed will be developed at the time of Government Inventory.

A list of items in abandoned roadbed is included in the inventory and itemized separately.