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I have not settled definitely on what the interpreters might be worth to you - but I can get them far less than you could and will leave that until I get on the ground. In fact they never charge me anything, although I always take care of the meals or other incidentals. In everything I shall try to look out for your interests and at the same time be fair enough to the Indians to get the results you seek. I have known of "Indians" leading people who were trying to force their way into their confidences in a cheap skate way. I have opened up a half dozen Indians with a watermelon, who otherwise would have been reticent. I am looking forward to your trip visit with much pleasure and I believe your previous study on the subject will give you a good back ground for what we are to see and hear at Fort Yates and McLaughlin.