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THURSDAY 31st. — Left Glenora 7 a.m.— five saddle horses, six pack horses, carrying camp equipages, tents, kitchen and provisions for five weeks. Reached Telegraph Creek at 1 p.m., so called from being the camping-ground of the Western Union Telegraph Company, which previous to the successful laying of the Atlantic Cable, was formed to connect the Eastern and Western Hemispheres by a line through Russia from the Amoor. The Company's officers were surveying this part of the country for that purpose. Their failure to proceed led to a demand on behalf of Russia for the re-payment of her expenditures on the work — \$4,000,000, and this ultimately to the purchase of Alaska by way of settling the matter. Whether true or false, this is the tradition of the place. It is but a foothold on the river; the whole available landing would not cover 500 yards square—thence the mountains rise

