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and owing to slippery slope we had to offset down to the road for forty stations. The party reached Salbury at 9.25 Wednesday night & came here on the early train this morning. We covered about two miles of line today.

Your two letters of the 24th received today. I will keep them here & nothing on the filing maps & profiles which are almost up to date & the drawings partially completed. He will attend to the mail & send our supplies up to us.

I have worked out a schedule which if the weather will allow us to carry it out we can finish on the night of the first but it will take an extraordinary effort on the part of every member of the party & I will have to drop all free &