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Country	From State, City	To State, City					
AR	Winslow		Boston Mountains	MA&SA		4.0%	The Missouri, Arkansas &
AZ	Crown King			BRADSM	4,000		Following completion of their
AZ	Mayer	AZ Crazy Basin		PR&E			Ash Fork was a station and
AZ	Morenci			MORSO			The Morenci Southern
AZ	Pima (Silver)			AZSO		3.4%	The Arizona Southern
CA	Albion			ALB&SE			The Albion and Southeastern
CA	Albion			FtB&SE			
CA	Dunsmuir	CA Mt. Shasta	Cantara Loops	SP			
CA	Felton		Roaring Camp & Big	RCBT		9.5%	Originally, two large trestles
CA	Lake Almanor		Big Springs Switchback	MCCRR			
CA	McCloud		Signal Butte Switchback	MCCRR			
CA	Mill Valley		Mt. Tamalpais Gravity car	MV&MtT			
CA	Piercy		Confusion Hill Tourist RR				
CA	San Francisco		Twin Peaks Switchback	SF&SME			The San Francisco & San
CA	San Luis				666		Chorro, California on the
CA	Santa Cruz	CA Felton		RCBT			
CA	Signal Butte		Signal Butte	MCCRR		4.5%	Signal Butte is about 30
CO	Blackhawk			CC			The Colorado Central built a
CO	Cripple Creek			CS&CCD			
CO	Fairplay (Alma)			LSP&L		5.0%	The London, South Park &
CO	Graymount	CO Georgetown		GB&L		3.5%	The Georgetown,
CO	Ironton/Red		Guston Mine to Ironton	SILVT	11,110		The Silverton Railroad was
CO	Kokomo			DSP&P			
CO	Leadville			D&RG	10,200		The Denver & Rio Grande
CO	Mears Junction			D&RGW			Mears Junction was located
CO	Monarch	CO Poncha	Monarch Branch	D&RG	10,090		
CO	Monarch/		Monarch Pass	D&RG	10,028	4.8%	
CO	Mt. McClellan	CO Silver Plume		A&GP	13,110	6.6%	
CO	Mt. McClellan	CO Silver Plume		ARGC	13,110	6.6%	
CO	Rollinsville	CO Winter Park	Rollins Pass	DNW&P	11,700	4.0%	The 11,700 ft high Rollins
CO	Shirley		Shirley Switchbackcs	D&RG	10,820	4.0%	The Shirley Horseshoe Curve
GA	Blue Ridge	GA McCaysville	Hook and Eye Switchbacks	M&NG		2.0%	History- Today's Marbelhill
GA	Tate	GA Marblehill	Marblehill Switchback	GAMAR			The Marbelhill Branch
KY	Natural Bridge	KY Campton		MTNC			This line, constructed in
MS	Natchez			NASO		4.0%	The Natchez & Louisiana
MT	Dillon	ID Leadore		GIL&P			The railroad employed two
MT	Helena	MT Missoula	Mullan Pass Switchbacks	NP	5,566		The 5,548 foot high mile long
MT	Livingston	MT Bozeman	Bozeman Pass	NP	5,562	4.0%	The Bozeman Tunnel is
MT	Missoula	ID Wallace	Lookout Pass	NP		4.0%	The Northern Pacific
NM	Cloudcroft		Cox Canyon Switchback	A&SM	8,600	5.2%	The Alamogordo &
NM	Cloudcroft		Wills Canyon, Willie White	SWLC			
NM	Cloudcroft		Wills Canyon Switchback	SWLC		4.0%	A spectacular series of
NM	Cloudcroft		Wills Canyon Switchback	SWLC		4.0%	A second rail line from the
NM	Raton	CO Trinidad	Raton Pass (1878 line)	NM&SP	7,834	6.0%	The grade was extremely
NV	Carson City		Slaughterhouse Canyon	LTNG			Significance: The
NY	Ithaca		South Hill Switchback	DL&W			
OR	Hood River			MH			
OR	Oakridge		Oakridge Horseshoe Curve	SP			
OR	Pokegama			KLL			The Klamath Lake Railroad
PA	Cherry Springs			CHSP			The Cherry Springs Railroad
PA	Cornwall		Cornwall Switchbacks	SPIRL			
PA	Foxburg			PIT&W			The photograph is mis-
PA	Galeton			BUF&S		2.5%	From National Railway
PA	Jim Thorpe	PA Summit Hill		MC&SH			The Mauch Chunk Railroad
PA	Keating		Keating Summit	SINNH			The Sinnemahoning Valley
PA	Millview			CPAL			Millview is 37 miles northeast
PA	Penobscot	PA Ashley	Penobscot Mountain Top	CNJ			
PA	Pottsville		Mt. Laffee Switchbacks	MCP			The Mt. Carbon Railroad

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	PA	Scranton	Montage Mountain Road				
	PA	Shohola		SHOLAG			
	PA	Snow Shoe	PA Bellefonte	BELF&S		4.1%	The organizers had acquired
	PA	Wharton		BUF&S		2.5%	The Buffalo & Susquehanna
	TN	Chattanooga		C&LM			Steam-powered trains
	UT	Mammoth		NET			The New East Tintic Railway
	UT	Pinecrest		ECUT	7,000	8.0%	The Emigration Canyon
	UT	Scofield		UP			
	UT	Tucker		UT&PV	7,967		The Utah & Pleasant Valley
	VA	Hagans		L&N			Hagan's is located about 17
	VA	Smiley	Hagans Switchback	L&N		4.0%	Hagan's switchback was built
	VT	Barre	Barre Granite Quarry				
	WA	Berne	WA Scenic	Cascade Switchback	GN	3,380	The first Cascade Tunnel
	WA	Klickitat		KL&L			The Klickitat Log & Lumber
	WA	Snoqualmie	Snoqualmie Pass	CM&PS	3,672		A series of switchbacks were
	WA	Snoqualmie	Stampede Pass	NP	3,678	5.6%	The 140 mile Stampede
	WA	Wellington	Stevens Pass switchback	GN	4,027	4.0%	The switchback line began at
	WA	Wellington	Stevens Pass Tunnel#1	GN			Stevens Pass was the first
	WV	Alexander	WV Switchback	ALX&RM			
	WV	Big Springs				8.7%	The Cass Scenic Railroad
	WV	Cass	WV Whittaker	CASS		11.0%	
	WV	Sruce		GB&ER	3,800		The West Virginia Spruce
	WV	Tunnelton	Kingwood Switchbacks	B&O			Prior to the construction of
Burma		Thazi	Kalaw				Yangon (Rangoon) to
Canada	BC	Kimberley		COMINC			
Canada	BC	Salmon Arm	Notch Hill	CP			Salmon Arm is a city in the
England		Tonbridge		SE&CR			Tonbridge is about 40 miles
India		Western Gha					To reach the cotton-