

for it because it will be so nearly
self-sufficient and self-contained.

Railroad electric

It is doubtful if there is in the
world such a region of varied opportunity
~~and universal wealth, as this mountain~~
empire of yours. I quite understand that
this statement would have sounded foolish
to the men and women who two generations
ago toiled across plains and over mountain
trails as pioneers of the new domain.
They came from the East; they had been
raised on the theory of the great American
desert; and their early visions of an
inhospitable land whose possibilities
they could not possibly understand; was
not calculated greatly to change that
impression. But today we know differently.