

to be enlarged to an institution this year. There is an excellent public school in operation at nearly all seasons of the year. A public library is one of the agreeable features of the city. The secret societies all have lodges in this city. There are 86 places of business, fairly distributed among all branches of trade. The business of Spokane Falls last year aggregated \$650,000, and it is believed that it will go to \$800,000 this year. Some of the merchants here carry \$80,000 worth of goods. There are several carrying stocks valued at from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Unlike most of the towns Spokane Falls has a permanent look. This is apparent to every one, both in the character of the buildings and the sentiment of the people. The liberality of this people is proverbial. Within a few months the citizens have given \$5,575 for a new bridge over the Spokane river at the town; \$3,700 for the Catholic university; \$4,100 for the Methodist college; some \$9,000 for churches and schools and other local enterprises. A large hotel, in addition to the five now here, will be opened shortly. There is one large flouring mill in operation and another in process of building; one saw-mill, shingle-mill and power lathes. The post office here is an international money order office, and all the other conveniences of this character are here.

Chief among the resources of the place is the magnificent water power. That, alone, when fully utilized, will prove a magnet of attraction for the larger portion of the trade and grinding of Eastern Washington. Several barometrical measurements give a combined fall of 130 feet in 260 yards, or about 150 feet in the half mile. The last fall is a clear 63 feet. The power is practically so great that any estimate would seem to be mere guess work. It is simply a question of room for mill-sites. This has been estimated at from 250 to 300. In three respects this is the best water power on the Continent. It has a basaltic foundation, never freezes or overflows. The scenery of the Falls is grand. The tourist whose footsteps lead him to this region, either from the Atlantic Coast, or from Europe, or where he will, will readily learn how fallaciously he has reasoned in presuming that he has enjoyed all the scenic beauties worth beholding. Here, those who travel in quest of pleasure or health, will find an area,

which in serenity of climate, richness of color, variety of pastoral scenery, extent of forests, nobleness of rivers and grandeur of snow-shrouded mountains, will compare with any in the world. Here may be found scenes which have no prototypes in any portion of the globe, and all on that scale of magnificence peculiar to the Pacific Coast. Nature seems to have showered her bounteous blessings with lavish hands throughout the entire domain, for she yields no less her rich and varied scenic treasures, than she does in her nodding fields of grain and extensive parks. It is no exaggeration to say that this region presents the combined landscapes of Switzerland and Italy, the Highlands of Scotland and the English lake region, the whole forming a panorama capable of expressing every type and emotion of beauty. Nothing can excel it in variety and grandeur. Here, too, may be enjoyed the pleasures of the rod and gun in a most unusual degree, for in the river at any point within one hundred yards or twenty miles, trout of large size, and fine flavor may be taken. Prairie chickens, grouse, pheasants and deer abound in the immediate vicinity.

Among the sketches furnished by our artist, are those of the celebrated Falls. Being hemmed in, and enveloped at the base by huge crags of augitic basalt, dark as night, in the shadow and being fed by a grand and rapid stream, the Falls possess all the elements of the best scenes produced by falling water. They are more than mere picturesque; they are grand. Both above and below these grand falls there are many places of attractiveness and beauty. Of one, located about four miles below the city, our artist furnishes a sketch, "The Pitcher and Barrel;" another, here at the Falls, is "The Old Man of the Spokane," very faithfully produced on another page. Below the city along the river there are a number of parks, which for extent and beauty cannot be matched in the Northwest. The canyon of the Spokane river begins a mile or so below the city, and from that point to the mouth of the river, 52 miles, the scenery is very grand, indeed; some of the gorges, although not so extensive, are as grand as that of the Columbia. The tourist, loving the wild and picturesque, can spend days and days in the enjoyment of this delightful region.

When the Northern Pacific is com-

pleted, there will be no more attractive journey than that which begins at Chicago, continues through the Western States, through Yellowstone Park, touches the summits of the Rockies, the grand scenery of the Pend D'Oriettes, the magnificent views of the Spokane country, on to the Cascades, and thence to the Pacific Ocean.

PERSONAL.

Jas. N. Glover, now a resident capitalist of Spokane Falls, was the original owner of Spokane Falls site. He came here in 1873, and paid 200 twenty-dollar gold pieces for a squatter's claim, taking his chances of the site being on a railway section, or being scalped by the Indians. He escaped both, and still lives to enjoy his wealth, and witness the growth of this city. A year or two later S. G. Havermale pioneered Methodism into this region, and now resides here, hale and hearty and as he deserves, in the enjoyment of a handsome income.

Later, A. M. Cannon and J. J. Browne followed from Portland, and purchased a half interest with Mr. Glover. Mr. Browne is a lawyer and real estate owner. A. M. Cannon owns the saw-mill, the Pioneer store, the bank and large real estate interests. He is not only one of the busiest, but most helpful men of this city. The go-ahead-itiveness and enterprise that characterizes the men who push our frontier towns into prominence, belongs to A. M. Cannon. He, like the others named, gives liberally to all public enterprises, and he is noted for his hospitality and helps to strangers, who, short of money, come here to labor and build up a home.

Spokane county property was assessed as below during the years named:

1880,	\$ 821,860
1881,	1,144,024
1882,	1,630,542

Our neighbors need not be ashamed of a record like that.

Fort Coeur d'Alene is one of the most picturesquely located military posts on the Pacific coast. It is easy of access, being but six miles from Rathdrum, on the Northern Pacific railroad.

Lake Pend d'Oreille is seventy miles above Spokane Falls. It is forty miles long by from six to twelve miles wide. The Northern Pacific railroad crosses this lake at its extreme western end, on a tressle 8,786 feet in length, and skirts along its northern shore for nearly its entire length, affording the traveler a very fine view of this beautiful miniature ocean, which is 2030 feet above the actual sea level.