

This will no doubt soon become one of the leading mines of the Territory.

The leading real estate firm of Spokane Falls is that of Strobach & Munter, who have listed much city property and desirable land in that portion of Washington Territory. They make a specialty of attending to United States Land Office business and dealing in Government land scrip. They also attend to collections and the payment of taxes for non-residents. They solicit correspondence from intending settlers.

The former owners of the Nellie Grant lode, situated on the east side of Red Mountain, near Helena, Montana, recently organized a company with a capital stock of \$600,000, and decided to immediately procure machinery, pumps, hoisting works, etc., and place the mine on a paying basis. There are enough ledges of well known richness near Helena to make her one of the largest mining centres in the world if her capitalists will only develop them.

It is expected that work will soon be commenced in Tacoma on the Boys' School, for which Bishop Paddock has been laboring for some time; also upon a Chamber of Commerce, a large and handsome brick structure to be erected by the commercial organization of the city. It is a peculiarity of Tacoma not to become discouraged by the hard times, but to trust in the future and prepare for the good times in store for them. When they come no city on the Coast will be better prepared to profit by them than will Tacoma.

A combined quartz and placer mining district has been discovered in the Eagle Creek Mountains, Union County, Oregon. The existence of gold in that region is something long known, but no important discoveries have previously been reported. The present find is near the confluence of Snake and Powder rivers, thirty miles from Baker City. The quartz is free milling ore, and good returns have been received from rock pounded in a hand mortar. The extent and richness of this district cannot yet be stated with authority.

The Royal Route, from Omaha to St. Paul and from St. Paul to Chicago, is the favorite route of travel between those points. From St. Paul to Chicago it consists of the Chicago & Northwestern, a road so well known to the traveling public as to require no recommendation. In the elegance of its cars, the smoothness of the roadbed, the perfection in every little detail that adds to the comfort and pleasure of passengers, the Royal Route takes the lead. T. W. Teasdale, the General Passenger Agent, has his headquarters at St. Paul.

The largest and most successful mining company in Beaverhead County, Montana, is the Hecla Consolidated, at Glendale. The company now runs three furnaces day and night, and the mines supply the smelters with about 150 tons per day. Direct employment is given to 300 men, and indirectly to 200 more. The daily product of the furnaces is about eight tons of bullion, valued at \$200 per ton. The present manager, Mr. H. Knippenburg, has during the past four years brought the company out of bankruptcy and placed it on a splendid paying basis.

Now that the Casino has closed its season of popular opera, it is meet that the efforts of its manager to give Portland a good entertainment at popular prices receive proper acknowledgment. Mr. Gross has been unsparing in his efforts to maintain a high standard of excellence, and has the satisfaction of knowing that in this respect he has been completely successful. He has worked hard, and while he has not gained a large pecuniary reward,

he has earned the commendation of the public. We hope to see the Casino opened again under his management for another season.

Building operations in Helena are progressing rapidly in spite of the hard times that afflict the country generally. On the 16th of June the Masons laid the cornerstone of a superb temple. A new structure known as the "Union Block" is being erected on Main street. A peculiarity of this building is the fact that the contractors for excavating for the foundation cut a streak of "pay dirt," from which they took seventy-one loads, which were run through sluices and cleaned up \$504 in gold dust. If all foundations could be depended upon to do this, contracts could be let very low in Helena.

Immigrants who desire to purchase lands will do well to call upon Messrs. Reed, Wilson & Co., No. 14 Ash street, when they arrive in Portland. These gentlemen do a general real estate business, and make a specialty of farming lands for immigrants. Colonel Reed is the regularly delegated agent of the Marion County Immigration Society, and is endorsed by the business men of Salem and the leading citizens of that portion of the Willamette Valley. He is well informed, having resided there for many years, and parties calling at the office are assured of receiving courteous attention and reliable information.

Among the coming mining centres of note is Missoula, Montana. The city is surrounded by quartz ledges of undoubted value, which only need developing to bring Missoula into great prominence. Several of the most liberal-minded citizens, such as W. H. H. Dickinson, an enterprising merchant and postmaster, and T. J. Demara, of Frenchtown, are doing all they can to develop the mineral resources of that region. Backed by a few friends, they maintain a number of prospectors in the field, and report the outlook as very encouraging. Two and one-half miles from the city the Jumbo Mining Company (Messrs. Dickinson, Holloway, Springer & Epler,) have four locations. These cover an entire hill 800 feet high, so situated that a 3,000-foot tunnel would reach from water to water. They have a tunnel in 200 feet, and are taking out ore which assays \$45 in gold and \$6 in silver. Twenty miles east of Missoula, and only two and one-half miles from the Northern Pacific by a good wagon road, is the Wallace District. Plenty of wood and water is at hand. The surface croppings have been traced for seven miles, and sixty quartz locations have been made. The most prominent properties are the Kennebec, with a 60-foot tunnel and a 75-foot shaft; Aladdin, with a 50-foot tunnel and ore assaying \$60 in gold and \$6 in silver; West Point, with ore assaying \$84; Hidden Treasure, with a 25-foot tunnel and a 35-foot shaft, and ore assaying \$42.35, the vein filling the full face of the shaft and extending an unknown width beyond; St. Lawrence, with a 90-foot shaft, and ore choice pieces of which assay \$1,300 in gold, silver and copper. On Quartz Creek, forty-eight miles from Missoula and thirty from Frenchtown, lies the "J. B." lode, owned by J. B. Pierson and T. J. Demara. This lode is being thoroughly developed, and already has a 90-foot shaft and a tunnel in 250 feet. Assays range from \$70 to \$1,200, and the rock is free milling gold ore. A 10-stamp mill has been contracted for.

Of the mineral and timber resources of that portion of British Columbia lying along the line of the Canadian Pacific, a correspondent of the *Montreal Herald* says: I spent the whole of last summer exploring for minerals and timber on the property of the Dominion Government in the forty-mile belt in the Rocky and Selkirk moun-