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In Life a Nation's Preserver, in Death a National Inheritance.

GRATIFYING as it is to know that THE WEST SHORE has the good will of the press of the Northwest in general, and pleasant as it is to see flattering notices of our publication in their columns, we must decline to hold ourselves in any way responsible for any statements they may see fit to make about us and our future movements. Whenever THE WEST SHORE decides to do anything of interest to its patrons or the public, due announcement will be made in its own columns, and until this has been done all may rest assured that no important changes of any kind will be made. This, of course, does not apply to that steady improvement in all the departments of the magazine which is being made from month to month, and which requires no announcement but its own presence.

WITHIN the next sixty days the great Canadian Pacific Railway will be completed, and another iron band will link the Atlantic to the Pacific. In several respects it will have a greater effect upon the conditions of trade and travel than any of its predecessors except the original transcontinental line. Probably not until the 1st of January will it be in complete operation for freight and passenger traffic. The scenery along the route is grand, and the resources of the country through which it passes

are varied and valuable, and to the general public little known. It will be the pleasant duty of THE WEST SHORE, with both pen and brush, to make the public better acquainted with them, and for this purpose our artists and correspondents are now at work along the line.

THERE is a lesson for Portland to be gleaned from a study of the illustrations and descriptions of Butte given in this issue. Of all the cities of the West, Butte has been the least sufferer from "hard times," and the reason is a simple one. Her population contains a large proportion of wage earners, all of them having steady employment, earning good wages, and receiving their pay regularly. Such a city keeps hard times at a distance. It is in our power to place ourselves, to a degree at least, in the same situation, and one of the means of accomplishing such a result is the establishment of the reduction works so often spoken of. We need, as a city, more people living by their own labor, and fewer subsisting on the labor of others.

FREQUENTLY we hear of the discovery of mica deposits in quantity, accompanied by the assertion that they contain enough to supply the world; but as time passes it transpires that the deposits are not commercially valuable, chiefly because sheets of sufficient size cannot be split from them. Deposits of this character are quite numerous on the Coast, also gypsum, which is frequently mistaken for mica. There are, however, several valuable deposits which are being worked. One of these is in Idaho, not far from Lewiston, and another in the vicinity of Spokane Falls. A fine quality of mica is being mined in British Columbia, 450 miles northeast of Victoria, by F. A. Foster. This splits into large and beautiful transparent sheets. This mineral is improperly called isinglass, and with many of its uses the general public is familiar.

HARVEST is now progressing under the most favorable conditions everywhere, and reports of a magnificent crop are coming in from all directions. Estimates of the total yield of Oregon and Washington vary widely, ranging from 15,000,000 to 30,000,000 bushels, owing to the difficulty of determining the total acreage or the probable average yield. Even at the lowest estimate, with a fair price, such as may be reasonably looked for before the 1st of January, we may anticipate far better times financially before many months. Grave doubts are expressed of the ability of the O. R. & N. Co. to handle the wheat crop of the interior, especially in the Snake River region, and the extension of the Palouse branch to Moscow, and the Riparia branch into the Pataha country, is urged as at least a partial removal of the difficulty. Work on the Moscow extension is now in progress, but the other project remains in abeyance. The whole Inland Empire