

Northwestern News and Information.

CARRIAGE AT ALBANY.—A company has been organized at Albany, Oregon, for the purpose of running the fruit of the surrounding country, of which hundreds of bushels have been yearly allowed to go to waste.

EXTENSION OF THE PALOUSE R. R.—The contract for the extension of the Spokane & Palouse railroad from Belmont, Washington Territory, to Gannock, Idaho, has been let to Nelson Bennett. The line surveyed last fall via Palouse City has been determined upon. The length of the line to be constructed is sixty-five miles. The distance from Spokane to Belmont is fifty-two miles, which makes the length of the entire line one hundred and seventeen miles. Work will be pushed and the road constructed by the first of September, ready for the use of the public.

BOYER & SUTTS POWER LINE.—A company has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000.00, for the purpose of constructing a railroad direct to Butte and Anaconda, via Red Bluff and Puy; also to Trail creek and the Yellowstone river. The direct object of the company is to secure a line from the Trail creek coal mines to Butte and Anaconda, for the purpose of supplying coal to those and other mining camps. The project is supposed to be in the interests of the Northern Pacific, Union Pacific or Montana Central. Surveys have been in the field several weeks.

BOYER COAL MINES.—The output of the coal mines at Boyer, W. T., on the Canadian division of the Northern Pacific, is four hundred tons a day, and an average of three hundred and fifty tons. This coal is all taken from one vein, which it is estimated will furnish three hundred million tons. The company owns some thirty-five quarter-sections of coal about Boyer, Cleburn and Younway. It is good property, and could be bought for \$1,000,000.00 if the company would take it. But it would take a stiff company to operate it, even at its present working. It is intended to open up another vein this summer. The present vein is five feet.

BRIEFING CALIFORNIA REAL ESTATE.—The rapid growth of Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster, B. C., under the impetus of the Canadian Pacific, renders reliable information about the business chances and value of property in these cities in great demand. Property is enhancing rapidly in value, and many investments are being made by non-residents, through the medium of real estate agents. All parties seeking information of that character are advised to communicate with Messrs. Rand Brown, who may be addressed at either of the cities named, and who will give careful attention to all inquiries and business sent to them.

PORTLAND AND COEUR D'ALENE.—The purchase, by Portland parties, of the Sullivan and Bunker Hill mines, the two best developed properties in the Coeur d'Alene region, which, including the plant of the Helena Concentrating Co., cost \$1,200,000.00, as well as other mines, gives this city a commanding interest in the mines of that region. A strong effort will be made to secure direct railroad connection with Washburn, and to bring the rich ores to this city for reduction. No better opportunity has ever been given Portland to make its calling and election one, as the financial and business center of the Northwest, and it is to be hoped that it will not be neglected in the slightest.

FRANKTON, W. T.—Twelve miles from Colfax, W. T., on the line of the Farmington branch of the O. R. & N. Co., a new town, called Ellerton, is springing up. It possesses good water power in the North Palouse river, which flows through the town site. A saw mill is in operation, and a large roller-process flouring mill is being erected. The town site is the property of S. M. Wait, to whose energy and business capacity the budding and prosperous growth of Washburn and Dayton are largely due. The new town is surrounded by a splendid agricultural country, already under cultivation, and will no doubt grow upon. It offers good business opportunities, which those in search of a location for trade and manufacture in a thriving country town, would do well to examine.