

Northwestern News and Information.

ROSEBURG SCHOOLHOUSE.—The trustees of the school district at Roseburg, Oregon, have decided to build a new school house, to cost about \$14,000.00. Plans have been submitted by architects, and are being examined by the board.

A MINING SALE.—The Harris tunnel, at Butte, Montana, consisting of the Pennsylvania, Johnstown and Little Ida claims, has been sold for \$150,000.00. The tunnel is eleven hundred and forty-five feet long, and cuts several rich veins of mineral. The ores are free milling, consisting of chlorides of silver, with a small percentage of gold.

VIPOND MINING DISTRICT.—Not far from Lyon City, Montana, a new quartz district is being prospected. Many specimens have been sent to Salt Lake City for assaying. Some of the ores carry a high percentage of copper and about sixty ounces of silver. Others show seventeen ounces of silver and seventy per cent. lead. Many locations are being made.

SKAGIT R. & L. Co.—Ball & Barlow have sold six thousand acres of timber land, their complete logging outfit, and a store whose annual sales approximate \$100,000.00, to the Skagit Railway & Lumber Co., a corporation having close connection with the Pacific Navigation Co., which is building a steamer, to cost \$25,000.00, for the navigation of Skagit river.

EAST PORTLAND ROADS.—Two companies have been organized to build street railways in East Portland, and it is highly probable that one, or both, of them will do so. Their schemes embrace, in addition to lines in the city proper, extensions to Sellwood, Mt. Tabor and Vancouver. One company uses the Stark street ferry as a starting point, and the other the Morrison street bridge.

EMPIRE AND WHIPPOORWILL.—These two mines are situated near Helena, and are being developed by a tunnel one thousand feet long, besides shafts. The present company has been operating less than a year, and has paid a dividend of fifteen per cent. on a capital stock of

\$500,000.00. A new forty-stamp mill is being erected, and the mine will be worked on a larger scale in future.

NEW COAL COMPANY.—A new coal company has been organized at Tacoma, styled the Northern Pacific Mountain Coal Company, and the incorporators are Messrs. Adna Anderson, J. M. Buckley, James McNaught, Sam. Wilkeson, Jr. and Herman Kline. The capital stock was placed at \$1,000,000.00. The object of the company is to secure coal lands and mine coal in Western Washington.

COAST SURVEY.—Work will be prosecuted all summer, on the coast of Oregon and Washington, by the U. S. coast survey. Tillamook bay, Nehalem river, Nestucca bay and Shoalwater bay, the coast from Gray's harbor to Cape Flattery, the islands of Puget sound adjacent to Rosario straits, and the coast of Oregon from Tillamook bay to Yaquina, Siuslaw and Umpqua, will be embraced in the season's work.

BOISE TO MONTANA.—It is stated that a party will start from Boise City, about the first of June, to make a thorough reconnoissance of the timber and mineral resources of Ada, Alturas, Custer and Lemhi counties, Idaho, with a view of ascertaining the practicability of a narrow gauge railroad from Boise to the Montana line. It is stated the necessary capital is ready and will push the work if the report is favorable.

A NEW WOOLEN MILL.—The Walla Walla Woolen Manufacturing Company has been organized by the business men of Walla Walla, for the purpose of manufacturing woolen cloth and clothing in that city. The company has a capital stock of \$100,000.00, and as the incorporators are all active business men of means, there is little doubt that the mill will be quickly built and successfully operated. The mill will be under the management of F. G. Frary, who was the principal owner and manager of the mill at Dayton before it was burned.

SPOKANE PAPER MILL.—An effort is being made at Spokane Falls to organize a stock com-