

pooia and McKenzie rivers. They report the vein to be five feet in width. From one pan of the decomposed quartz on the surface, they obtained a teaspoonful of fine, round gold. They consider it a valuable discovery, and will prospect it thoroughly.

TEANAWAY DITCH.—The gigantic ditch enterprise of the Yakima country, which embraces a main irrigating canal of fifty miles in length, with branches to cover eighty thousand acres of land, has received an infusion of new vigor. The route has been surveyed, and twenty miles of the canal have been constructed. The entire cost will be about \$100,000.00, and as the original capital of the company was only \$50,000.00, a new company has been formed to complete the work, in which several Tacoma capitalists are interested.

SEATTLE'S PROSPERITY.—The assessed value of property in the city of Seattle, for 1887, is \$11,872,328.00, an increase of \$5,000,000.00 in two years. The population, according to the estimate of the Puget sound directory recently issued, based upon a ratio of two and one-half persons to the name, is twelve thousand one hundred and sixty-seven. The same estimate gives Tacoma seven thousand nine hundred and twenty-two; Port Townsend, two thousand one hundred and fifty-five; and Olympia, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

COLFAX BOARD OF TRADE.—The citizens of Colfax, W. T., have organized a board of trade, composed of fifty members, of which L. D. Woodward is president; J. A. Perkins, vice-president; W. J. Hamilton, second vice-president; Wm. Lippett, treasurer; and F. H. Brown, secretary. These boards of trade are of great benefit to the business interests of our growing cities, and it is a matter of surprise that so progressive and thrifty a town as Colfax has not organized one earlier. We look for good work to be accomplished by this new board.

FLOURING MILL AT OKANAGAN.—A new process roller mill is being erected at Okanagan, B. C., in the midst of the finest agricultural region in the province. It will have a daily capacity of two hundred barrels of flour, and will find a market throughout British Columbia. This is on the line of the Shuswap & Okanagan railway, a branch of the Canadian Pacific, and is also favored with steamboat navigation to the great railway a great portion of the year. This will furnish a market for the wheat of that re-

gion, which has hitherto been cut off from outside markets. It will also encourage settlement in that fertile region.

HELENA REAL ESTATE.—A short time ago, five United States senators, Farwell, Cameron, Plumb, Vest and Allison, visited Helena, and were so favorably impressed with Montana's chief city, that, with Ex-Governor Hauser, they have purchased thirty-two acres of city property, at a cost of \$2,000.00 per acre. Another tract of eight hundred acres, in the suburbs of the city, has been purchased for \$250,000.00, by the St. Paul & Helena Land & Improvement Co., a new incorporation. This will be platted and made the most attractive part of the city for residence purposes. This is by far the largest real estate deal—unconnected with mines—in the history of Montana.

TACOMA IMPROVEMENT.—Nearly three thousand front feet of warehouses are being erected along the water front at Tacoma, to accommodate the grain expected to reach the city over the line of the Northern Pacific. The grain rate from Eastern Washington to Puget sound is \$5.00 per ton, the same as by the O. R. & N. Co. to Portland. The crops are large, and no doubt much wheat will be handled at Tacoma. Contract has been let for a five-story brick block, one hundred and fifteen by one hundred and twenty feet in size, to be erected on the corner of Ninth street and Pacific avenue. It will be the finest in the territory, and will be occupied by wholesale stores and a bank.

RAILROAD TO Pt. TOWNSEND.—The citizens of Port Townsend, W. T., have often expressed the conviction that the port of entry for Puget sound would, before many years, become the terminus of a railroad, the most extreme northwestern point in the United States reached by the iron horse. A strong rumor is now afloat, that a company is to be organized by capitalists of Sacramento, San Francisco and Washington Territory, with a capital stock of \$5,000,000.00, to build a road west of the sound, to the mouth of the Columbia, and probably to Portland. This would give the Southern Pacific, which is supposed to be behind the movement, an unbroken line from San Francisco to the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

SEATTLE & WEST COAST R. R.—A preliminary survey of this line has been completed from Snohomish to the British Columbia line, a distance of one hundred miles from Seattle, and