

trial lines have already been run from there to several points on the Canadian Pacific, such as New Westminster, Port Hammond, Sumas and Hope. The route is reported an extremely favorable one, rendering a line easy of construction, with few curves and low grades. It passes through a comparatively well settled region, which will give the road good local business from the start. The section from Seattle to Snobomish will be completed by the middle of September, and contracts will probably be let for other sections.

THE SALMON PACK.—The salmon season on the Columbia closed by law on the thirty-first of July. The pack is nearly a hundred thousand cases less than last year, and but little more than half that of 1883, notwithstanding the increased number of fishermen and boats. The total pack is three hundred and fifty-four thousand cases, the largest by any one cannery being twenty-five thousand eight hundred and seventy. The season has but well begun on other streams, so that the quantity of outside fall pack can not yet be stated. Reports from Alaska are to the effect that the season there is late and the prospects for a large pack not good. Reports from Fraser river are to the effect that the British Columbia pack will be light.

THE UNIVERSAL TINKER.—Many boys, and even men, though having no trade, love to work with tools, and would be glad to receive assistance in learning the use of them. All such should subscribe for the *Universal Tinker and Amateur's Assistant*. This is a new monthly journal, devoted to amateur pursuits, and tells, from an amateur's standpoint, about turning and lathe work, painting, staining, working drawings, organ and piano building, clocks, photography, wood carving, boat building, carpentry, home-made furniture, book binding, French polishing, wood finishing, fret work, amateur printing, the magic lantern, etc. The journal is profusely illustrated. Subscription, \$1.00 per year. Single copies, 12 cents. Address Hodgson & Bertrand, 294 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

ILLE-CILLE-WAET MINES.—Of these mines, situated near the line of the Canadian Pacific, in the Selkirk mountains, the *Victoria Colonist* says: "The Selkirk Mining & Smelting Company, of Ille-Cille-Waet, shipped their first car load of ore on the 25th instant, to the smelting works at Denver. The shipment consisted of fifteen and one-half tons of tested ore, having

an assay value of two thousand one hundred and twenty ounces of silver. The company have the privilege of drawing on the smelting works for ninety per cent. of this value on its being forwarded. An assayer holding the confidence of the Denver company states the value of the ore, he having made tests that enable him to do so. On the lead, nothing can be drawn until it has been smelted. The work on the four ledges owned by this company is progressing favorably, and it is hoped that in the course of a short time, they will be in a position to turn out ore at the rate of two or three car loads per week.

SPOKANE FALLS.—The city of Spokane Falls is growing at a rapid pace. New buildings are going up rapidly in every quarter. Says the *Chronicle*: "Between the railroad and river, on Howard street, twelve buildings are in the course of erection. Contractor Brook has six brick structures in hand at present. He has orders for one million brick, has delivered the last kiln of four hundred thousand, and is commencing to take brick from one of three hundred and seventy-five thousand. On the edges of town, over the river, and everywhere, houses are going up and scores of residents are drawing plans and getting ready to build themselves homes. The demand for houses is greater than the supply, and consequently rent is a little high. It is only of late that houses have been built for the special purpose of renting, and renters have been only too glad to get anything. The medium class of houses, which are usually demanded by people of moderate means, are just beginning to be erected, and are always engaged before they are finished. At the present rate, a population of ten thousand inhabitants is not many months ahead."

GARFIELD, W. T.—The southward extension of the Spokane & Palouse road, crossing the O. R. & N. line at Garfield, has enlivened matters at that place, and the prospects for a good business town springing up are good. Says the *Garfield Enterprise*, itself one of the late evidences of the town's growth: "Six years ago the O. R. & N. Co. made the first survey from Colfax up the North Palouse river, to the mouth of Silver creek, thence up Silver creek and across the divide to Pine creek, a distance of fifteen miles, and there it ended at that time. Two years later we had assurance from the railroad company that the road would be built within one year from that time. With these expectations, and with a beautiful location for a