

## Northwestern News and Information.

**THE GRANITE MOUNTAIN.**—Preparations are being made to erect another mill on the famous Granite mountain mine, in Montana. The company has a cash surplus of \$350,000.00, which will be more than ample to put up a one hundred stamp mill of the best pattern. When this is done, it is estimated that the mine will earn \$400,000.00 a month for its stockholders, who are nearly all residents of St. Louis.

**GOLD DISCOVERY ON WOOD RIVER.**—A belt of gold bearing quartz has been discovered on the south side of Camas prairie, near what is called the fir grove, in the Wood river region, Idaho. The find is creating considerable excitement in that region, and also attracting a good deal of attention from prospectors. Already about twenty claims have been located, and lots of prospecting is being done. The ledges are said to be well defined and rich in gold. Assays showing \$500.00 to the ton have been made.

**NEVADA CREEK PLACERS.**—Some of the richest placer diggings found by the early miners of Montana, were on Nevada creek, in Deer Lodge county, but they were abandoned because no water could be obtained to work them profitably. A company of Helena men, of which Col. Broadwater is president, has been organized to work this ground by the hydraulic process. The company owns six hundred acres of land, and will bring water upon the ground by means of an expensive ditch from Blackfoot river.

**QUARTZ DISCOVERY AT KATCHEZ LAKE.**—A. G. Baker, J. A. Doll, E. J. Sharp and J. J. Snyder reached Ellensburg, W. T., a few days ago, from a prospecting trip on the headwaters of Katchez lake. They met with considerable success, and brought with them samples of ore from three different locations, known as the Last Chance, Hazel and Mountain Blossom. They report a thirty-inch vein on the Last Chance, assaying from \$100.00 to \$600.00 in silver, but quite base. Hazel is about the same, but no assay has been made of the ore taken from this vein. The Hazel is supposed to have been located twenty years ago by a prospector

named Casto, as an old pick with decayed handle was found near it. It is said that Casto took samples of his find to San Francisco, where it was assayed and found rich in silver, but the prospector never returned.

**SALMON RIVER REDUCTION WORKS.**—The Salmon River Mill & Mining Company has been incorporated at Tacoma. J. M. Buckley, assistant general manager of the Northern Pacific, ex-Lieut.-Gov. Chas. E. Lawton, B. R. Everett and E. M. Hunt, of Tacoma, and C. G. Higbee, of St. Paul, are named as trustees for the first six months. The capital stock is \$50,000.00, in one hundred shares. The company proposes to construct forty-ton reduction works one mile northwest of Salmon City, and have them in operation by early spring. They will also put in a saw mill of twenty-five thousand feet capacity, and will conduct a general miners' supply store. This enterprise is just what is needed to develop the wonderful wealth of the Salmon river country. Hundreds of claims are waiting to turn their treasures into bullion, and next year will, no doubt, witness great development in the Salmon river district.

**LAKES UNION AND WASHINGTON.**—The canal connecting Lakes Union and Washington, on the northern boundary of Seattle, has at last been completed. The canal is but a quarter of a mile in length, but has cost \$40,000.00. It will be enlarged and improved until the largest steamers plying on Lake Washington can pass through and come to the dock at Seattle. Its chief business will be the passage of logs from Lake Washington to the mills on the bay, and a boom of one hundred and fifty thousand feet was sent through the second day after the water was let in. On more than one occasion government engineers and high officials have recommended that the government secure Mercer's island, in Lake Washington, for a navy yard, and construct a ship canal from Salmon bay to Lake Union, and from Lake Union to Lake Washington, but up to this date the matter has rested in the recommendations, so far as the government is concerned. Speaking of the enterprise, one of the projectors remarked: