

very little is known of the mineral resources of the province, and there are many kinds to be found only by looking for them, such as tin and other valuable metals. New discoveries are constantly being made, and many had been recorded since Dr. Dawson's recent pamphlet on the mineral resources of British Columbia had been published. So rapid were the discoveries, he said, that that little book would soon be antiquated. It was well, however, to have a history of the commencement.

The Sitka *Alaskan* says that despite all the talk about the failure of the Alaska salmon run this year the total pack for the season is good. The three canneries at Chilcat have put up about 50,000 cases; at Loring the catch was some 27,000 cases, and canners from other parts of the territory give equally favorable reports of the season's work. The extraordinary success of the cannerymen in Western Alaska last year made it appear that the salmon catching and curing business was being transferred to that region, but the southeastern portion of the territory is now coming to the front again, and there are prospects of several new canneries being established there by San Francisco parties in time for the catch of next year.

"Every Day Biography" is the title of a volume of biographies arranged in the order of the day of birth of the individuals, so that one can turn to any date in the year and learn what people of prominence were born on that day. The volume is also indexed alphabetically and analytically, and is a most desirable book of biography for the use of the student, teacher, editor and anyone having occasion to refer to authorities on such a subject. It occupies the place of an encyclopedia on that subject. By Amelia J. Calver. Published by Fowler & Wells Co., New York. Price \$1.50. For sale by J. K. Gill, Portland, Or.

A big mining deal was consummated a few days ago whereby the group of Carbonate Mountain mines in British Columbia was secured by a London syndicate. These mines are in the most northern bend of the Columbia river and Donald and Golden are their trade centers. The transfer includes seventeen claims, and it is understood that development operations on a large scale will be commenced as soon as the season opens next year. Some of the preparatory work is being done this fall, the supplies and materials being taken in to the mines by pack animals.

At last engineers have started out to survey the route for the Columbia & Kootenay railway, in British Columbia. The proposed line will run from Sproat's landing to Nelson, where it will connect with river steamers, which, in turn, will connect with the Canadian Pacific at Ravelstoke. This line, when built, will afford communication with one of the richest mining camps in the province and prove a valuable feeder for the Canadian road—if the Americans do not get the start of it.

The Dry Gulch & Gold Mountain Mining Company, of Salem, operating in the Santiam section, has secured seventy-five acres of land between the Santiam river and the Oregon Pacific railway track at Gatesville, for the purpose of erecting smelting works for the Santiam mines. The smelter and concentrator, it is announced, will be built next season. This company is now surveying a route for a flume more than twenty miles long to lead to its placers.

The first ground pulp mill at Oregon City is now in operation and work on the erection of a large paper mill has been

commenced. The walls of this building are to be of stone quarried near the site. The sulphite mill of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company is going up rapidly. A large furniture factory is to be built at Oregon City in the spring. Manufacturers are coming to realize what a matchless water power the falls of the Willamette supply.

Whatcom, Washington, has a new daily paper called the *Evening Bulletin*. Seattle has a two-cent daily in the *Evening Press* that is a credit to the city. It is the pioneer in low-priced newspapers in the northwest. Eastern parties recently purchased the Tacoma *Globe*, but the editorial management is continued without change. The Ellensburg *Daily Register* has increased its size from five to seven columns and appears to be flourishing.

The discovery of a coal vein in the mountains six or seven miles west of the Ochoco gold mines in Crook county, Oregon, is reported. Samples of the mineral were taken to Prineville and tested by blacksmiths, who pronounce it excellent for their use. The discovery was accidentally made by a hunter, where a tree had been uprooted. As Prineville is 120 miles from railroad, a coal mine near there will prove a valuable piece of property.

More than 4,000 acres of coal lands have been located in the Natches and Cowlitz coal fields, of Washington, by Northern Pacific prospectors and private parties. One party that was operating in the Natches country, west of North Yakima, reports finding one anthracite coal measure more than seventeen feet thick. Nothing like this has been found elsewhere in the west, and it is attracting considerable attention.

The Boston School Supply Co. has published an excellent hand book for the use of teachers. It is the work of John Taylor and is entitled "Notes of Lessons for Young Teachers." Advice and information and hints from a ripe experience are presented in the volume, that cannot fail to benefit those who adopt the author's suggestions. Price 50 cents, cloth binding.

A preliminary survey has been made for a railway from Eugene to Florence, on Siuslaw bay, a distance of about fifty miles, and the right of way for the whole distance obtained. Financial agents in New York are negotiating with some of the overland companies for the building of a line from the bay eastward.

The Boston and Montana mines, in Montana, produced 2,525,818 pounds of fine copper and 2,700 ounces of silver during the month of October. The same parties that own the Calumet and Hecla, in Michigan, constitute the Boston and Montana company.

A railroad is being built between Tacoma and Puyallup. Some five miles on the Tacoma end are already completed and work has been commenced on the line at Puyallup. It is expected that the line will be in operation by the first of next May.

A street car company has been organized in Corvallis and a franchise granted for the construction and operation of the line. The work of construction has been begun and some of the stock is already secured.