

Contracts for the construction of the Fairhaven & Southern railway between Fairhaven and Blaine have been let within the past few days and work will be commenced at once. This is very welcome news to Fairhaven and all her friends, as it means direct communication with the east via the transcontinental line of the Canadian Pacific. The work will give employment to thousands of men, and with other portions of the road now under way, the prospect for a big summer's work is good. On the line of the road now leading from Sedro to the mining country a large force is at work, and already the road-bed is completed for a distance of over six miles. The locating party of engineers is at work on the Skagit river, about the mouth of the bank, and is making good headway. The company also has a force of men at work on the Seattle branch, twenty miles south of Sedro. At New Westminster, on the south side of the Fraser river, the contractor is working hard to complete the docks for the reception of the steel rails that are expected to arrive from England early in May. Upon the arrival of the rails the work of track laying will be pushed and as large a force as practicable will be put on the work, which, it is expected, will be completed between Fairhaven and New Westminster inside of four months.

The *Mountain Home Mail* has the following: There has been a story handed down from the first travelers that passed over the old overland road that runs down the Snake, that there was coal to be found on the south side of the river not far from Glenn's Ferry. The story is that these first overland travelers discovered the coal and made use of it for blacksmithing. But the location of this coal bed has long since been lost track of. Several parties from the Ferry started out a few days ago to prospect for the lost treasure, and their search was rewarded in finding a vein of coal, though whether it is the old vein or not is not known. The discovery is about a mile above Snake river and about ten miles above Glenn's Ferry. The parties did not have time to drift in far on the croppings to find out the extent of the vein, but prospected enough to satisfy themselves that they had coal. They brought back several fine looking samples. They will return and open up the bank at once. The discovery is only about three miles from the railroad, and if the quantity is as great as the discoverers believe, it will be a big thing for Glenn's Ferry and fortune for the locators, who are Hardy Dail, Martin King, John Fisher, E. J. Sullivan and Evan Williams.

The German's mine, located about a mile west of Mission gulch, is now showing up some of the richest ore in the camp. The main shaft is 150 feet deep, from the bottom of which levels have been driven both east and west. The east drift is in more than 100 feet, and the west level is now in about 90 feet. In the breast of the east level the vein is nine feet wide, six feet of which comprises the pay streak. This ore is separated into two classes, first and second, the former averaging 212 ounces silver per ton, and the latter ninety-two ounces. All the first class ore is sacked and shipped, and the second class is handed away loose. The ore is certainly very rich, even the second class showing wire silver, sulphurets and native silver. Hardly a piece of the second class ore can be broken that does not show bunches of wire silver. The vein of the Germania is supposed to be the same as that on which the famous Blue Bird is located, it being on a direct line west.—*Battle River*.

The members of the Market Street Baptist church society, who have for some time been considering the erection of a new church building, have finally decided to erect on the lot on

which the present church edifice stands a \$40,000 structure. The following committee on raising funds has been appointed: J. S. Edwards, chairman, D. C. Brawley, A. E. Braymer, Dr. Walsh, James Weed and G. E. M. Pratt. This committee has raised in one day the sum of \$20,000 for the building fund and further contributions are now being received, all conditioned on the full amount of \$40,000 being raised. The Market Street Baptist church is one of the youngest church societies in the city but in its short life it has made wonderful progress numerically and financially. Since the arrival of Rev. I. W. Reed last fall the church building has been far too small for the congregation, and at the present time a more commodious building is a necessity. The site is more commanding and the new church when erected will be one of the most prepossessing church edifices in the city.—*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

The people of Shoshone have apparently aroused from their apathy and are preparing for active work to build up their town. A board of trade has been organized, a number of strong committees appointed and a programme laid out for advancing public improvements, and steps taken towards securing capital for the construction of large canal enterprises, for securing a bridge across Snake river, near Shoshone Falls, in order to draw the traffic south of Snake river to this point; to prepare and distribute illustrated circular, etc., showing the location of government lands open to settlement, and to furnish immigrants with guides to locate upon these lands; also to show capital where it can find safe and profitable investments. Among other enterprises suggested as being desirable to Shoshone is a banking institution, a lumber yard, planing mill and fence factory, a harness and saddlery shop, a creamery and cheese factory for supplying mining camps and the inter-mountain country, a feeding and slaughtering company for the purpose of fattening sheep and swine on a large scale and shipping the meat products to Montana and Idaho points, a wholesale nursery and tree-growing enterprise.—*Shoshone Journal*.

In Northern Montana, about four miles north of Craig, says the *Great Falls Tribune*, a vein of coal has been discovered which will add to the importance of that place. A strong company has been organized and miners are at work developing the mine. The vein is over four feet thick and seems to be a continuation of the strata which is worked on the Dearborn. The coal is of the very best quality. A tunnel has been driven about twenty-five feet into the vein and the quality improves as the tunnel advances. The men who made this discovery have a fortune in sight. Mr. B. F. Stickney has made several discoveries of silver-lead and gold in the mountains south of Craig. He has several men at work developing the prospects and has something good in sight. Assays of some of the mineral have given as high as \$75 per ton.

Articles of incorporation of the Seattle National Bank Building Company have been filed by William R. Ballard, Luther M. Griffith, George B. Carter, Fred Ward, Aaron A. Foote and George W. E. Griffith. The object of the incorporation is to erect the new Seattle National bank building, corner Yeeler avenue and South Second street. The capital stock is \$500,000, divided into 5,000 shares of \$100 each. The trustees of the company are the incorporators and Benjamin A. Ambler.

The Silver Creek mine, Bayhorse mining district, has been sold by E. E. Dunphy, of Bayhorse, to Geo. Newbauer and Erhart Gramp, of the same place, for the sum of \$100,000, the deed having been made and recorded on the 8th inst.