

Ten million feet of timber were shipped from there last year. The lumber country tributary to the town has long been considered one of the largest along the river. Cathlamet is easily reached by the steamboats trading between Portland and Astoria, both the night and day boats of the Union Pacific company making stops. From the former city it is seventy-one miles distant and from the latter twenty-seven miles.

There is no doubt but that henceforth Deadwood district, thirty-five miles north of Banner, will receive more attention, both from prospectors and capitalists, this year than ever before. Since the discoveries made a few years ago by Boorn, Rhodes, Behr and others, that section has become known as one containing immense wealth in both gold and silver, and the signs point to considerable activity there through the summer. There are many mines in that extensive mineral belt, and the developments that have been made show them to increase wonderfully in richness with depth. Several prospectors will chance their fortunes in that section as soon as the streams and canyons are passable, and some more important discoveries will surely be made. A company represented by Mr. Catlin has already purchased and are now preparing to actively work the placers formerly owned by George Wise & Co. Other mining investors have their eyes on the district, and it would not surprise us in the least to hear of sales consummated any day and machinery ordered. All that is needed to bring Deadwood to the front as one of the greatest of Idaho's mineral districts is a mill. This would show to the outside world the value of her mines and attract the attention of capital in such a manner that more mills would follow. All that is needed is a start in the right direction, and we have good reasons for believing that it will soon be made. Those owning mines in that section will push work with their greatest energy, and develop their mines to the depth of several hundred feet this year. They have a good trail over which to carry supplies. It was constructed to Banner last year via the Clear creek route. This can easily be enlarged to a good wagon road, which would be of still greater advantage.—*Idaho World*.

Acting for the interests of the city, the leading business men of Helena have taken hold of the proposition of building a branch line of the Northern Pacific from this point to the silver-lead deposits at and around Castle mountain with a vim that means success. The attention of the citizens of Helena was first called to the importance of this matter in the columns of the *Review* more than a year ago, and repeatedly since, and it is with a feeling of pride that we are now enabled to say that over \$200,000 of the \$250,000 required has already been subscribed, which practically secures the road for Helena, as it will be an easy matter to raise the balance. The ores produced at Castle are particularly desirable for smelting purposes, and the day is not far distant when Helena will become the ore market of the state. The vast majority of our ores are base, the difficulty being to get lead ores. The proposed branch to Castle will furnish these in abundance, thus not only making it possible for extensive smelting and reduction works here, but would make the railroad a paying institution from the grass roots. Helena is noted for its enterprise and liberality, and it will not be found wanting in this instance.—*Helena Mining Review*.

Two cold storage enterprises have been located in Seattle. W. J. Jennings & Co. have purchased ground of A. A. Denny and will erect a six-story brick building, 108x180 feet in size. It is proposed to make this the Pacific coast headquarters for

an extensive business. The other enterprise is by the Crescent Creamery Company, of St. Paul, which proposes to erect a large cold storage warehouse and conduct also a creamery, butter, eggs and poultry business. Mr. Marvin, the president, says that thousands of men can be employed when the warehouses are built, and that the markets of the east can be supplied with salmon, halibut, cod and other marketable fish at such a rate as will insure large shipments, he having made very favorable arrangements with railroads for handling the shipments.

Word comes from Ottawa that the project for a railway to Alaska is about to take definite shape. Application will be made to parliament at the next session for the passage of an act incorporating the Vancouver, Northern & Alaska Railway and Navigation Company, with power to build a railway from Vancouver or some other point on Burrard inlet or the banks of the Fraser river, by way of Seymour creek valley, Pemberton meadows, Chilcotin plains and the head waters of the Fraser river to a point on Parsnip or Peace river, with branches in a northeasterly direction to Skeena and Stickeen rivers, to the boundary of Alaska.

The "Fairland of Flowers" is the title of a charming and simple botanical work by Mara L. Pratt. The object of the volume is to make the study of flowers easy and interesting to those who find the text books too scientific and mysterious for their comprehension. Especially for the young is this volume a handy companion in field botanizing. The text is illustrated by numerous engravings, and poems and legends of flowers add interest to the pages. Published by the Educational Publishing Company, Boston, Massachusetts. Price, \$1.00.

Goldendale, Wash, has most excellent prospects of receiving the railroad facilities it has so long needed. On the 21st of May a party started out from there to survey the line of The Dalles, Goldendale & Northern, and the following day the surveyors of Hunt's line to Portland passed through the town. Either of these roads will be a great acquisition, and both of them would find it profitable to pass through a town so prosperous and commanding such a wide area of country as Goldendale.

The Tacoma Mining Company has applied for a patent for twenty acres of mineral ground four miles above Orting, on the south fork of Payallup river. A vein of silver ore has been discovered there that shows good indications of being very valuable, and the company has decided to develop it.

Arrangements have been made for erecting an opera house in Seattle to cost \$200,000. An effort will be made to complete the theater portion in time for next winter's season, but the main structure will not be finished till next year.

The Northern Pacific railway will expend more than \$500,000 in improvements in Spokane Falls this year. A considerable portion of this will go to the erection of freight warehouses and a fine passenger station.

The town of Montague, in Northern California, has organized a company that will build a fine roller mill with a capacity of seventy-five barrels of flour per day.

The *No Name Magazine* is the name of a monthly published at Baltimore. It promises to be a thorn in the side of "literary rings," real or imaginary.