

Pulse of Western Progress.

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It is for the purpose of supplying the mines of the Homestake company with timber. The work will employ more men than at least three months, but it is thought that before that time the road will be in shape to operate.

The New Year mine at Granite has about 500 tons of mill dirt and forty tons of first-class ore on the dump. The mill ore will be held until the new mill is completed. The first-class will be shipped shortly.

The Olson property, near Animas Forks, has been sold to a company of eastern men for \$250,000. Six cars of ore that yielded 500 per ton in gold were shipped out by the owner this season.

The Livingston land office last week had an inquiry from a New York party desiring information about the adaptability of this section for growing grapes, saying that about 200 Hungarians were now coming to America and desired a location for grape culture.

The Montana Railroad company is putting in a small acreage of winter wheat in the vicinity of Dorsey to test the practicability of growing this grain in that section without irrigation. Shrubbery and prairie grasses there are thousands of acres in that locality that could be made productive.

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WILL DEVELOP CALIFORNIA. The Klondike excitement has been a good thing for California, as it has stirred a comparatively small percentage of her population to action...

The Klondike has been experimenting with its motive power on the passenger line of the Black Hills branch. The two big six-wheel locomotives have been used by Chadron and Deadwood.

The second crop of Utah watermelons appeared in the markets last week. The melons are of large size and fine flavor.

The Old Glory company's Blaine mine, five miles west of Lead City, is a real treasure trove of rich ore from a vein that is the full width of the tunnel.

Montesano is working to secure the establishment there of a shingle mill. The Tacoma schools have adopted the vertical system of writing.

The Palouse Creamery company has been in business two years. The average price paid for butter fat during that time has been 14 1/2 cents per pound.

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TO IRRIGATE FLAX. The effort made in this state to promote the cultivation of flax and the production of flax fiber has not escaped attention abroad, says the Oregonian.

The Sheridan Enterprise says: "It is currently reported that assays of the Lost Cabin ore have been made at the Grant smelter in Omaha which run over \$500 to the ton."

White Sulphur Springs, Mont., has succeeded in disposing of \$30,000 in bonds, the proceeds of which will be used to construct water works.

Montana has eleven regularly organized posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, with a total membership of 496.

Whitman county, Washington, last week harvested 1,500,000 bushels of grain, worth about \$2,500,000.

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BOUND FOR THE GOLD FIELD. Omaha Man in Alaska Holed for the Klondike Mining Region. FRED HJEL WRITES OF HIS EXPERIENCE. Many Hardships for the Seeker After Wealth, But Not So Bad as Has Been Printed in Newspapers.

The Bee has been furnished a letter from the Klondike country written by an Omaha young man, and which is published herewith. There have been columns published about this much advertised country, but the local character of this letter will give it a special interest. It is written by Fred Hjel, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hjel, who left Omaha on his trip to the far north about August 1. The letter was written at Skagway, Alaska, September 12, and was addressed to his mother. It is as follows: "I think it was just a month ago that I landed in Seattle, and arrived here on August 20. We have had a hard time getting our goods over the White pass from here to Lake Bennett. One man's outfit is at that place, and he is building a boat in which we will go down the Yukon river, perhaps as far as Stewart river. The balance of our stuff is half way over, a part here at which we will start tomorrow morning, and seven or eight days we will have everything on the lake. "We have ten horses, but one is lame and will not do us any more, and the country there is a terror. It is simply awful, up and down among rocks, mud and trees. We pack about 150 pounds on a horse and we have to walk all the way down the river, and on a trip and a half, making about 125 miles. Both of my heels are sore and you bet there is no fun in the job, but we are going to get there all the same. I was afraid my party would not get over, as it is liable to snow at any time, but now we are safe, I think. There are only three in our party—Ed S. Brooks, J. O. Holden and myself. "There are all kinds of reports being sent out about the hardships for men and horses on this trail, but you can't believe them. We have read letters sent from here in the papers that come back from Seattle, and the people here would not know anything about things that were written about here. We don't worry, as we are taking no chances and will come out next summer safely. We will build a cabin down the river at the mouth of one of the streams that empty into the Yukon, and above the Stewart river, or rather this side, so that we will not be anywhere near Dawson City, or the country that is liable to be short of provisions this winter, and there is no danger for us, as we have fully a year's supply. "I have developed a tremendous appetite and can't eat enough to satisfy it. I had a little touch of rheumatism, but it is all gone now. We had a nice ocean voyage on the Bristol, we had a good start, so far as the American flag is good enough for me next time. "After we got all the goods and horses which we bought in Victoria off from the Bristol, we had to start on a week before we could get on to the trail, as they were working along it and would not let anyone pass. But you should have seen the string of loaded pack horses that started on the trail. There must have been 2,000. Lots of them are dead from starvation and exhaustion and from burrs from falling off the trail. We have had plenty of food for ours, and they were out of a pack from the Yukon valley in Washington, and we had no more than 150 lbs. of flour, but because they did not have stock enough to carry their outfits and not enough to buy more horses. "Two or three weeks more will end the horse business as the summit of the trail will be blocked with snow and then there will be a thousand or more horses that will have to be shot, as there is no feed in the country to keep them till spring. I don't know whether or not we will be able to sell ours when we get through, as they are getting cheaper every day. They cost us \$50 each and when we landed here they would have brought us \$150 each, but other outfits are getting through with their horses and the price is dropping. "Skagway was a lively town up to a week ago, but all of those who are going as we are are getting out, and others are going back on the steamer. In two weeks more there will be only three left who are waiting for the steamer to take them to the coast next spring. We will be a whole season ahead of those and may have enough of it before winter sets in next year. "There are others but none "just as good" as Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache.

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