OFF TO STEILACOOM.

ERNEST HENRY WILLETT, DESPITE HIS PROTEST, ADJUDGED INSANE.

Fully Cognizant of His Own Condition as a Victim of Cocaine, He Offers to Go to the Hospital at His Own Expense and Place Himself Under Medical Treatment—Nobody Will Assume Responsibility for Him—Pathetic Scene When He Pleads With the Judge—Other Court News.

Ernest Henry Willett had an unusually careful hearing before Judge Moore yesterday afternoon on the charge of insanity. He will have to go to Steilacoom. The judge was in doubt about it for a while, and thought of sanctioning an arrangement which Willett himself suggested, viz., that he be allowed to go to the hospital at his own expense under a physician's treatment. But after hearing from all the physicians and all the witnesses it was thought best to commit the eccentric patient to the asylum for the insane.

The chief features of Willett's case have already been reported in the Post-Intelligencer. The hearing yesterday developed nothing further beyond the pathetic situation of a man who has evidently enjoyed excellent educational facilities and the culture of refined society, pleading piteously against a decision which he seemed to realize fully and yet which his condition rendered inevitable.

The little group gathered in the judge's chamber at 2 o'clock. Mr. Willett was nervous and almost painfully attentive. Not a whisper escaped him. The high tension to which he had strung himself impressed the most sluggish and indifferent listener. Behind the formal questions and answers lurked the history of a man's life—the sufferings and sins, the wild dreams that had mocked him apparently like phantoms, and the delusions as real, perhaps, as the experiences of broad daylight and a normal pulse.

One thing about Willett's case is worth noticing: He is pretty wideawake to what goes on around him. He seems fully conscious of his own condition and of what brought it on him.

"What first suggested to you the idea of taking cocaine?" asked one of the examining physicians.

"Sherlock Holmes, in Conan Doyle's book," he answered quickly. "I noticed that whenever he had a difficult problem to solve, or anything which needed the stimulating of his mental powers, he took cocaine. I had a task before me which demanded an increase of mental power. That task is now done, and I no longer have need of the stimulus."

While Drs. Sharples and Marion, who conducted the examination, were filling out the blank with their diagnosis of the case, the patient showed the first symptoms of real terror. Intuition seemed to tell him that his request would not be granted.

"Are you going to send me to the asylum? Please don't send me there; it will almost kill me. Won't you let me go to the hospital?"

Thus he talked on rapidly, but never incoherently, filling up every possible pause, and appealing by turns to Judge Moore, the physicians, Chief Reed and Capt. Hogle, venturing to correct both the last named gentlemen in their version of his appearance at police headquarters.

"No," he said, with his perfect modulation and cultured Anglican accent, "I gave up the revolver voluntarily. "I did not wait to be searched for it. Wasn't that true, Mr. Reed?"

Not that he was for an instant rude to the police officers. Far from it. He did what few men would have thought of under the circumstances; he apologized humbly to Chief Reed for the trouble he had given.

"He proposed to me," said Chief Reed in his testimony, "that if I would accompany him to London he would give me $100."

"That is true," quickly interjected Willett, "and I would be in position to do it. I have recently been able to furnish proof of a transfer, a business transfer, by which I became heir to $500,000, with an annual income of $20,000."

Willett stated that his weekly income of £5 which he now enjoys would be stopped in case he were sent to the asylum. He named Dr. Hasell as his nearest friend; not because he had any special claim on that gentleman's acquaintanceship, but because they both chanced to come from the same town in England. But after Dr. Hasell had been called he distinctly declined to assume any responsibility for Mr. Willett, and as there was nobody else to take that responsibility, Judge Moore decided it was best to commit him.

Cocaine Inebriety.

The medical press comments on the gravity of the increase in many parts of the world of cocaine inebriety. Much of the onus is placed on druggists, dentists, rhinologists and laryngologists, on the part of whom, it is maintained, the free prescription of the drug should be checked. Remembering that every individual may have some special idiosyncrasy against some particular drug, the first application of cocaine should be made very carefully, as, indeed, should every subsequent one. There can be no doubt that many specialists are responsible for establishing the cocaine habit with a great many of their patients in having treated coryzas, hay fevers and other local discomforts of the nasal passages with solutions of cocaine. The constitutional effect is pronounced and alluring. A medical man says he has now in mind almost a score of such victims, who would have done far better to have worried along with their hay fevers and other nasal annoyances, using such palliative measures as menthol, boracic solutions, etc., than to be afflicted with the cocaine habit, which is a hundred times worse than the disease for which it is used.

The greatest number of victims are to be found among society women and among women who have adopted literature as a profession; and there is no doubt that a considerable proportion of chronic cocainists have fallen under the dominion of the drug from a desire to stimulate their powers of imagination. Others have acquired the habit quite innocently from taking cocoa wines fortified with salts of the alkaloid in solution. Both cocoa wines made from cocaine and cocaine lozenges and tablets should be supplied with the utmost caution, and prescriptions containing cocaine should not be dispensed a second time without being reinitialed by the prescriber.

The symptoms experienced by the victims of the cocaine habit are illusions of sight and hearing, neuro-muscular irritability and localizing anesthesia. After a time insomnia supervenes, and the patient displays a curious hesitancy and an inability to arrive at a decision on even the most trivial matter. One drug habit speedily engenders another, and the victim of chronic cocainism is usually addicted to overindulgence in alcohol, besides being a confirmed cigarette smoker.

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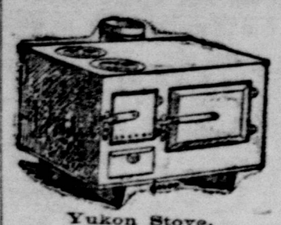

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ASSESSMENT LEVIED.

Court Orders Stockholders to Pay Receiver 30 Per Cent.

In accordance with the request contained in Receiver Tremper's report, as published in yesterday's Post-Intelligencer, Judge Moore has directed an assessment of 30 per cent. on the stockholders of the Spring Hill Water Company, the amount figuring out as follows, with a total of $75,000:

	No. of Shares.	30 per Cent.
Bailey Gatzert estate	348	$10,440
T. T. Minor estate	8	240
John Leary	180	5,400
J. S. Goldsmith	8	240
Jacob Furth	200	6,000
Schwabacher Bros.	250	10,500
Stetson & Post	60	1,800
First National bank	416	12,480
Louis Sachs estate	100	3,000
Martin Sachs estate	100	3,000
H. N. Walter	250	7,500
S. W. Rosenstock	100	3,000
H. H. McWilliams	25	750
Jacob Haas	50	1,500
S. Greenbaum	100	3,000
E. S. Heller	100	3,000
S. W. Heller	100	3,000
James A. McWilliams	5	150

Hoshor's Reply.

The statements recently made by J. A. Hoshor in his suit against Mrs. Fannie B. Kautz, as administratrix of the estate of her deceased husband, Gen. A. V. Kautz, are substantially reiterated in his amended reply filed yesterday, in which he states that the making of the contract by Gen. Kautz was not "without consideration," inasmuch as it enabled him to send his son for four years to the United States naval academy at Annapolis, with an allowance of $500 per annum while he was there. He admits that prior to Gen. Kautz's death all sums due on the contract were paid up to and including that of August, 1895, but says that after his death, Mrs. Kautz requested Hoshor to give her time on the January, 1896, payment, promising that if he would do so she would meet all the other payments as they became due.

Hoshor says that he acted and relied on these promises, and on the strength of them borrowed money and incurred indebtedness. He repeats that Mrs. Kautz, as administratrix, paid him in March, 1896, $60 on the January installment.

Marriage License.

License to wed was issued yesterday for Orvil M. Toyle and Mary S. Sheridan (written Sherdain), both of Olympia.

New Suits Filed.

The following new suits were filed yesterday in the superior court:

D. K. Howard vs. William J. Bryant—Appeal from decision of board of state land commissioners; tide land contest.

J. S. Elliott vs. Ben Berl—Account assigned by Seattle Brewing and Malting Company for goods sold and delivered, $184.86.

C. G. Sanborn vs. C. E. Braburn—Transcript of judgment from Justice Cooper's court.

Thomas B. Hardin, receiver of the Farmers' Insurance Company, vs. Eugene McConnell et al.—Promissory note, $214.66.

A. A. Johnson vs. Charles Rosenfelt—Transcript of judgment from Justice Small's court.

Ella G. Cutting vs. Marion G. Walker Brady et al.—Promissory note, $2,200, interest, attorney's fee, $200, and foreclosure.

George F. Aust, receiver of Kass & Co., vs. J. C. Miller—Transcript of judgment from Justice Austin's court.

Fred S. Tucker vs. R. E. Werkman—Promissory note, $325.

Court Notes.

Shadrach Evans yesterday filed his bond as guardian of Melville Evans and Winifred Evans.

G. T. Mills, A. Scotnes and H. S. Wold have been appointed appraisers of the Mary Eaton estate.

Judge Jacobs has made the writ of habeas corpus, issued some time ago for Edward Roberts, returnable for March 27.

Sale of real estate has been confirmed in the case of Martha A. Miller vs. Karl P. Roos, lot 1, block 2, Oakland addition, $50, March 5.

Sale of real estate has been confirmed in the case of the New England Northwestern Investment Co. vs. the Broadway Investment Co.

Judgment by default for $298 was signed by Judge Benson yesterday in favor of Thomas B. Hardin, receiver, vs. Eugene McConnell et al.

The Andrew McCann estate is now ready for distribution, and Judge Moore yesterday gave an order to show cause April 23 why distribution should not be made.

In accordance with the jury verdict of March 15, Judge Benson has signed judgment for $125 and costs in favor of Oscar Christiansen against the Northwestern Steamship Company.

The suit of the Auburn Lumber Company against M. C. Kennedy, M. S. Bittencourt and L. Jaffe has been settled out of court, the attorneys filing a stipulation yesterday, and Judge Benson has dismissed the case.

D. E. Durie, receiver of the Queen City Printing Co., yesterday filed his answer to J. W. Van Brocklin's complaint. He claims that the $210 payment by E. C. Wilson to Van Brocklin was unauthorized, and asks a court order directing Van Brocklin to pay that amount to the receiver.

Judge Moore yesterday signed a decree giving S. L. Bowman judgment for $1,239 against Henry Beckemeyer and foreclosure of mortgage on ten acres of King county land. The original note on which the suit was based was for only $320, but it was dated August 18, 1891, and the interest was 2 per cent. per month.

F. K. Struve filed his final report yesterday as receiver for the property involved in the suit of the German Savings and Loan Society vs. John G. Scurry, showing that he had made payments as directed by the court and turned the property over to the purchaser at the sheriff's sale. Judge Moore approved the report and discharged the receiver.

The Donohue-Kelly Banking Co., of San Francisco, has filed an assignment of its judgment for $5,472.16 against the Puget Sound Savings bank et al. to George M. Horton, of this city, the consideration named being $6,350. The suit of Julius Horton et al. has been settled, and the assignment of judgment probably had something to do with it, as the stipulation for and order of dismissal were filed yesterday.

Affidavits were filed yesterday by A. L. Jacobs and James L. Crotty, charging that in the case of James McCollum, who was convicted of burglary last December and sentenced to the penitentiary, the record of the trial in the superior court was interlined three days after the case had been disposed of. The words interlined were, "Motion for new trial denied," whereas the original record did not show what disposition had been made of that motion.

Midday Services at Rialto Hall.

At the union Lenten services of the Episcopal churches, which are held daily at Rialto hall, 12:05 to 12:20 o'clock, Rev. H. H. Gowen will speak today on "Hard Times," under the general subject, "Man and His Business."

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HOTEL ARRIVALS.

THE OCCIDENTAL.

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C. Kelly, City.
Julia A. Underwood, Loomiston.
Harvey Ellsworth, Tacoma.
Fred T. Merrill, Tacoma.
G. C. Sawyer, Tacoma.
H. E. Durie, New Whatcom.
Mike Kelly, Victoria.
John Jones, New York.
Mrs. H. S. Teall, Tacoma.
Mrs. L. E. Rock, Tacoma.
Mrs. McArdee, Tacoma.
Marlon Barlow, City.
Fanny Rice Company—
Alex Haig.
Charles H. Drew.
George H. Broderick.
John Wellington Conley.
Miss Becky Haight.
Ralph Bickwell.
C. E. Heidman, Tacoma.

THE NORTHERN.

J. C. Gillespie, McMurray.
O. S. Williams, City.
Frank Britton, Vancouver.
E. T. Ward, Tacoma.
C. W. Snider, Tacoma.
M. G. Barney, Loomis, Wash.
Mrs. M. G. Barney, Loomis.
P. Lynch Garrett, Everett.
W. A. Walcox, Port Townsend.
Mrs. W. A. Walcox, Port Townsend.
P. G. Drighton, St. Paul.
Geo. W. Bloomhardt, South Bend.
M. S. Morehouse, Silverton.
Frank W. Clark, Everett.
Tom Withame, Everett.
B. P. Bradford, Seattle.
Frank Smith, New York.
T. T. Custer and wife, Oak Harbor.
Mrs. B. Custer, Oak Harbor.
Karl A. Beck, Ravenna.

THE BUTLER.

H. L. Ingles, St. Paul.
L. R. Plechner, St. Paul.
D. B. Hanson, San Francis
E. E. Billingburst, Victoria.
Capt. Moore, Victoria.
A. Blayned, Vancouver.
H. Youdall, New Westminster.
M. S. Williams, Spokane.
L. E. Gilliam, Spokane.
R. C. Ackley, Ellensburg.
G. S. Rankin, North Yakima.
S. Long, Chicago.
M. Markwitz and wife, Portland.
H. D. Dietrich, Portland.
S. Warburton, Tacoma.
W. C. Watkins, California.
N. B. Sachs and wife, Port Townsend.
J. H. Bloedel, New Westminster.
Thos. A. Graham, Tacoma.
G. H. Bacon, Whatcom.
K. W. Perry, R. C. S.
Samuel T. Regent, Blakeley.
J. E. Taylor, San Francisco.
W. F. Carson, Tacoma.
J. W. Enos, Tacoma.
C. C. Darling, Tacoma.
A. A. Eberson, Japan.
Gus Scharf, Portland.
S. S. Loeb, Tacoma.
F. J. Calef, Tacoma.
Wm. Ridpath, Spokane.

THE NEW ENGLAND.

C. Triscott, Arlington.
F. Kelly, Snohomish.
W. Gage, Skagit.
H. M. Olmstead, Havre, Mont.
Jos. Snodgrass, Mt. Vernon.
Mrs. Snodgrass, Mt. Vernon.
Capt. Thompson, Steamer Al-Ki.
I. Tonguer, British Columbia.
H. Greely, Boise, Idaho.
J. R. Pineo, Boise, Idaho.
J. A. Landers, Boise, Idaho.
T. J. Hamilton, Boise, Idaho.
A. Noal, Skykomish.
W. A. Miller, Port Angeles.
W. F. Smith, Oak Harbor.
W. W. Heacock and family, Wellington, Dak.
Chris Humphrey, City.
John Glynn, Boston.
J. F. Alexander, City.

THE RAINIER-GRAND.

J. E. Baily, St. Paul.
C. T. Moore, Juneau.
G. C. Lunt, St. Louis.
Worth G. Ross, Revenue Cutter Service.
A. P. Taylor, Everett.
C. E. Shepard, Everett.
C. R. Cramer, Port Gamble.
R. W. Ballard, New York.
J. L. Holman, Zanesville, O.
T. C. Hilbourn, Chicago.
William McLeod, Fairhaven.
Walter P. Smith, Tacoma.
C. S. Craig, Revenue Cutter Service.
J. M. Hays, Captain Steamer Bertha.
Mrs. W. H. Whiting, Navy Yard.
Mrs. J. H. Hellington, Navy Yard
C. G. Damon, Fenton, Mich.
J. C. Woodworth, Minneapolis.
E. R. Manning, Portland.
F. T. Shortell, Portland.
G. H. Olmstead, Spokane.
Isaac Davidson, Robe.
F. Y. Deming, Olympia.
W. L. Bilger, Olympia.
James Heald, City.
J. Joseph, Portland.
Vincent Scully, London, Eng.
C. B. Knox, New York.
S. C. Sykes, Vancouver.
George A. Bacon, Boston.
Max Kuhn, New York.
S. M. Mears, Portland.
James I. Gulick, New York.
J. W. Phelps, Clinton, Mo.

THE STEVENS.

Henry E. Miller, Spokane.
Albert Busch, San Francisco.
H. C. Pettit, Hamilton.
A. E. Charlton, Tacoma.
Mrs. W. W. Williamson, Tacoma.
E. K. Barnard, Anacortes.
Mrs. Laughinton, Everett.
J. A. McWilliams, City.
M. F. Hammond, Portland.
J. S. Sangeavin, Whatcom.
B. C. Quigley, San Francisco.
J. W. Elliott, City.
A. N. Bussing, Buckley.
E. O. March, Battle Creek, Mich.
J. H. Critchett, St. Paul.
E. Clark Evans, Portland.
James Hagan, Snohomish.
M. Manley, Tacoma.
Charles L. Blethen, Maltby.
L. Short, Tacoma.
H. Bungman and family, Winnipeg.
F. Latham and wife, Minneapolis.
R. D. Abbott, Minneapolis.
Rosco Abbott, Minneapolis.
J. E. Brown, Port Townsend.
Sidney Drake, Spokane.
J. A. Gould, Friday Harbor.
T. P. Fish, Kelso.
Mrs. S. Gangal, Victoria.
J. Smith, Portland.
William Stuart and family, Schoolcraft, Mich.

THE DILLER.

D. O. Pearson, Stanwood.
Thomas Watson, Friedablik, Wash.
S. C. Washburn, Mount Vernon.
L. J. Leake, Cherry Valley.
Alex Bates, Stanwood.
T. J. Daley, North San Juan, Cal.
James R. Beahaney, Tolt.
Mrs. W. C. Coddington and children, Colfax.
H. Case, Clallam Bay.
Mrs. H. Case, Clallam Bay.
E. F. Drake, Fairhaven.
A. C. Gifford, Tacoma.
A. G. McDonald, Fairhaven.
N. K. Trete, Arlington.
J. W. Brokaw, Stanwood.
G. B. Sargent, Concord, N. H.
A. M. Springer, Concord, N. H.
W. F. Miller, New Whatcom.
J. B. Binbols, New Whatcom.

Police Notes.

C. F. Albrecht, the pioneer pile-driving man, who has gone to pieces entirely since his late divorce troubles, was fined $10 for being drunk.

The trouble between H. L. Smith, the Pike street saloon man, and M. Renon, was compromised and Smith discharged yesterday. Smith paid the costs.

George Shearer, one of the oldest offenders in the city, was up before Judge Bogue yesterday, the fifth time since the latter took the office. Shearer is an habitual drunkard and spends about half his time in jail. He was sent up for two days.

R. M. Crawford, for several years clerk of the municipal court, was at his desk for the last time yesterday. G. L. Case, the newly appointed clerk, was about getting his bond of $2,500, which requires two sureties, who will have to qualify for twice the amount of the bond.

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MINES AND MINING.

A RAILROAD FROM INDEX TO GALENA MAY BE CONSTRUCTED.

It Would Be About Fifteen Miles Long and Would Make an Outlet for the Silver Creek, Troublesome and Howard Creek Districts—A Boom in Skagit County Properties.

An all-rail route from Index on the Great Northern to Galena on Silver creek is a possibility of the near future, according to the Everett Mining Herald. It will not be as great a road as the Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific or other transcontinental lines; its length will hardly be greater than fifteen miles; but as a developer of a great mining district it will equal any road ever built.

On March 6 A. W. Hawks and J. J. Sheehan were awarded a franchise by the county commissioners for the construction and operation of a railway from Index to Galena, a distance of perhaps thirteen miles. The franchise provided that construction be commenced on or before September 1, 1897, and completed and in operation within two years. The life of the easement is fifty years.

Mr. J. J. Sheehan, one of the grantees, is a civil engineer of recognized ability, and is said to have located the line as to avoid all difficulties in construction. Being a waterway route the gradients are easy, which adds greatly to its value as a load carrying line.

Mr. Sheehan, who was in Everett Thursday, declined to say anything at present regarding the scheme. It leaked out, however, from reliable sources that immediately after a Federal franchise is secured the work of construction will commence. Already three companies have submitted bids for the work. There would be no difficulty in floating bonds for such a road when its possibilities in the way of freight traffic are fully understood by investors.

The Record believes the construction of this road means a tremendous benefit to every mine and mine owner in the Silver creek, Troublesome and Howard creek districts. It will develop one of the richest mining fields in the Northwest, and bring every claim nearer the time when cheap transportation will prove its value and pay its owner.

IN PIERE'S LAKE DISTRICT.

Active Development Work—Good Ore on Toulou Mountain.

MARCUS, Wash., March 22.—The Piere's lake district, on the Colville reservation, is now attracting wide attention. There are now over 100 men working on various properties in the district, and development work in the camp, which has been predicted to begin with the opening of the spring, has been vigorously pushed. Several outfits have been at work all winter, and a number of them have had good success.

Two weeks ago a report came in from Toulou mountain that ore had been struck at the end of the 200-foot tunnel on the Scotia, and this report was soon afterwards confirmed—an eighteen-foot vein having been cross-cut. Yesterday the Little Giant, the first discovery of any importance in the Piere's lake district, cross-cut eight feet from the bottom of the seventy-two-foot shaft and penetrated the heavy body of copper ore which comes down from the surface. The work was started on the ore, but the shaft was put straight down. This demonstrates the Little Giant to be a mine, and the character of the ore, which is high grade copper carrying gold, is the most desirable in the camp.

Some large samples were sent to the Seattle Mining Exchange several weeks ago and attracted favorable attention; more so, perhaps, for the reason that the officers of the exchange had personally visited the property.

The Piere's Lake & Flat Creek Company owns a large group of claims in the vicinity of the Little Giant, and has a force of men at work on the same vein which also penetrates its property.

The Big Iron has received a large benefit in the way of a judicious expenditure of capital in its development, and promises good results.

Just east of Piere's lake are a number of properties which are owned by a Seattle company that will expend about $5,000 ready cash in development.

Good ore bodies have already been exposed on the Deadwood and Lane groups, and this amount of money will put them to shipping.

SEATTLEITES IN ROSSLAND.

Quite a Colony Has Settled in the British Columbia Mining Center.

ROSSLAND, B. C., March 23.—Though wrapped in a snowy blanket five feet thick, Rossland is still a bustling city, for it has reached a stage of development where mining operations can be carried on regardless of seasons. A stock exchange has been organized, the city is to be incorporated, direct railroad connection with the East and the Coast has been established and Rossland is in a fair way to become an independent business center, tributary to no other city.

The city has an ever-growing colony of Seattleites. Among the first to come from the Queen City was Mrs. N. F. Shaw, owner of the Butte hotel. There are now, in addition, Dr. G. H. Randell and R. C. Pollett, who have formed a partnership as mining brokers; Billy Pyott, who is feeding the hungry on Sour Dough alley; Harry White, who has the management of the Fourteen Consolidated Gold Mines Company, in association with Senator George Turner and Col. W. W. D. Turner; M. A. Green, superintendent of the Rossland-Trail Creek Company's mines; W. T. Chalk, superintendent of the Alki Gold Mining Company; Arthur Lewin, who is running a cigar store; J. L. Parker, former superintendent of the Gilman mines, who has a good business as a mining engineer; James Leddy and his son, Eugene Leddy, who are in the mining business; J. O. V. Seely, who has made some deals. A few days ago A. von Homeyer and John Huntoon arrived on the scene. These gentlemen always give a hearty welcome to any new arrivals from their old home.

A $500,000 Deal.

A Rossland special to the Spokane Chronicle says: The Kootenay and Columbia mining group has been sold to F. August Heinze for half a million dollars. The terms of the sale are unknown here at present. The sale was consummated in New York on Wednesday.

The sale means a great deal for the camp, as it shows that people who should know are investing, and not for speculation. The mine is looking in first-class condition.

The Trail Mining Company's property, better known as the Columbia and Kootenai, comprises three claims, the Columbia, Kootenai and Copper Jack. They are situated on the southeast slope of the Columbia & Kootenay mountain, about one mile northeast of the town of Rossland. With one exception, the Le Roi, it is the best equipped group in the camp, and but three mines have shipped more ore during 1897.

The property is developed by two tunnels, the deepest of which strikes the vein at a depth of 400 feet. Phil Aspinwall about two years ago sold the property through A. B. Irwin to Chicago parties for $40,000.

Skagit River Mines.

A mining man just arrived in the city from Hamilton tells the Washington Mining Journal that since E. C. Strong made the discovery that the Skagit river iron was a capping of copper there has been a young boom there and all the old locations refiled. Over ninety locations have been filed for record, and on nearly all of the claims there is ore. Two companies are at work sinking shafts, and several private parties are doing work. In every instance where work has been done there is encouragement, and all that is wanting to make paying mines in depth. How deep one will have to go is yet not known, but from the appearance and change in the Hamilton shaft at a depth of twenty-six feet it cannot be very great. The hills are full of prospectors, and copper ore in many varieties is brought in. As near as can be shown by the present development, the copper-bearing belt in which the Hamilton mine is situated is from one mile to one and one-half miles wide and ten or twelve miles long. Further prospecting may prove the belt to be much longer. This same ore is found at Marblemount, thirty-four miles further up the Skagit river, but the trend of the veins is northerly and southerly, and would seem to make a junction with the Hamilton belt somewhere on the Sauk river. Silver, gold and lead ore is being brought in from the surrounding hills, outside of these copper belts, and as nearly the entire country is virgin ground there is no reason why a lively and paying mining camp will not boom on the Skagit river this season. The town of Hamilton is already experiencing better times, and those already on the ground wear the same broad smile seen in a booming mining town.

A Concentrator for the Montezuma.

The great showing made on the Montezuma mine, eight miles from Kaslo, B. C., owned by C. L. Webb, Maurice McMicken, E. C. Hughes and L. L. Patrick, has induced them to arrange for the erection of a 100-ton concentrator and a tramway one and one-half miles long, at a total cost of $45,000. Development has shown the ledge to be fourteen feet wide on the average, carrying ore which assays seventy-five ounces silver and 65 per cent. lead, with large bodies in addition which will concentrate four into one, there being 1,000 tons on the dump. Drifting on the vein is now being prosecuted night and day by a force of nine men.

The Robson Road.

While much of the grading on the Trail-Robson road is nearly completed, there is considerable work yet to be done, but the contractors expect to have their work completed on time. The rails are now on the way, and it has been decided to commence laying them from Robson. They will come over the Canadian Pacific railway and be landed at Robson, so that it will not be necessary to do any extensive handling.

The road will be twenty-eight miles long and will cost about $400,000. It will connect with the Columbia & Western road at Trail, and with the Canadian Pacific railway at Robson, thus placing Trail in direct communication with the great silver Slocan and with the Canadian Pacific railway. By June it will be possible to ship in car load lots from the Atlantic to Trail without breaking bulk, and without having entered the United States.

An Inviting Empire.

A vast and resourceful region, bounded roughly on the east by the Spokane & Northern, on the west by Puget sound, on the south by the Central Washington and the Great Northern, and on the north by the Canadian Pacific, has been slow in development for the reason that it has no railroads, says the Spokesman-Review. In round numbers it has an area of 40,000 square miles. In resources it has a magnitude and a diversity hardly equaled by any section of the undeveloped West. These include agriculture, fruit-growing, grazing, mining and timber. It has broad expanses of wheat lands, innumerable sheltered valleys favorable to the growth of all the fruits known to the temperate zone, mineral wealth of incalculable extent, and enough timber to build homes for millions. It has a mild and healthful climate, and is in every way suited to the wants and genius of the American people. The time is not remote when its few thousand population will have increased to several thousand.

Now that the Pacific Northwest, and especially the region contiguous to this undeveloped empire, has entered upon a period of renewed development and activity, railroads will not long remain away from a field so inviting. A line up the Okanogan river, and on to a connection with the Canadian Pacific, would open a broad and productive section and develop a large tonnage. Lines west and north from the terminus of the Central Washington would bring a broad section of fine agricultural lands under quick cultivation, and open an outlet for the mineral wealth of the Colville reservation and the Okanogan country. Still another branch west from some point on the Spokane & Northern would develop the Boundary creek and Kettle river sections.

These facts are so patent that it is not improbable that within another year that broad section will be tapped by one or more lines of railroad.

Railroad and Industrial Notes.

Henry Kyer, agent of the Maple Leaf route, is in Whatcom.

F. W. Parker, commercial agent of the Northwestern, was in Tacoma yesterday.

Kit Carson, traveling passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific, is in Vancouver.

George McL. Brown, district passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific, went to Spokane Monday night.

C. J. Smith, receiver of the Oregon Improvement Company, is expected to return from Portland today.

Fred Allen, general freight and passenger agent of the Seattle & International, went up to Vancouver yesterday.

R. C. Stevens, general Western passenger agent of the Great Northern, leaves for a business trip to Portland today.

J. W. Draper, of the Burlington, and Thomas A. Graham, Puget sound agent of the Southern Pacific, were among the Tacoma visitors to the city yesterday.

J. B. Crichett, of St. Paul, has been appointed traveling auditor of the Great Northern, to succeed R. L. Easterbrook, who has been made local agent of the line at Everett.

William Hammond Hall, ex-engineer of the state of California, who recently was in London, has left that city for Johannesburg, South Africa. It is reported that the object of his visit is to make a scientific examination of the water conditions of that country, and to perfect a plan for an immense reservoir to supply water to the mining districts.

A circular letter was received yesterday at the Great Northern general offices from Capt. J. D. Miller, manager of the International Transportation Company, of Jennings, Mont., stating that his line has acquired the steamer Annerly, the machinery of the wrecked steamer Rustler, and the docks and warehouses of the Upper Kootenay Navigation Company at Jennings, formerly owned by B. W. Jones and C. S. Dupuy. The steamers Ruth, 150 tons; North Star, 175 tons, and Gwendoline, 50 tons, will run daily in connection with the Great Northern, making the connection at Jennings.

The Seattle & International officials are at present conducting the regular examination of the train employes, with the idea of creating a list for advancement in the service of the road. The examination is almost entirely confined to transportation rules, although eyesight and hearing come in for a share of attention. The road has been experimenting with the Brown system of discipline since the first of the year, and finds it very effective and satisfactory. Superintendent Kline yesterday explained its workings to a reporter of the Post-Intelligencer, one feature of which is the nominal suspensions. The employe is kept at work, but his pay is withheld for the term of his discipline and until his record is cleared up by subsequent good behavior or efficiency.

Capt. James Griffiths, American manager of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, who has been in St. Paul in conference with the officials of the Great Northern, returned yesterday. He stated to a Post-Intelligencer reporter that the warehouses at the Arlington dock are filled with freight for the Orient, and that many loaded cars are in the yard awaiting delivery when the ships arrive. The Sakura Maru is expected at any time after the 25th inst., her voyage across the Pacific, in the matter of time, being dependent upon whether she was docked and cleared at Hongkong as was expected. The Tenshin Maru leaves Yokohama for Seattle direct March 28, and the Matsuyama Maru will follow April 14, coming direct. All cargoes will arrive in Seattle before the steamers, and Capt. Griffiths states that the Great Northern has made some heavy freight contracts for future shipments to China and Japan.

A Warning.

Yukon miners, and especially ladies, should provide themselves with suitable fur robes, lined with extra heavy wool blanket, for sleeping purposes, before going north.

Call and examine at R. Petkovitz' store the wolf and lynx robes made especially for that purpose. Beware of cheap robes, which are worthless for such expeditions. 119 Marion street, between First and Second avenues.

Homes for Children.

Mrs. Libbie Beach-Brown, superintendent of the Washington Children's Home Society, 309 Battery street, has several children she wants to find homes for. Among them is an 8-year-old boy, with light hair, good health, and is said to be an obedient, intelligent child. There is a 12-year-old boy, and two nice girls, one 2 years old and the other 7, have been reported to the society, but not yet received.

The society is receiving children every month, sometimes as many as twelve in a month. Homes in good families for all these children are wanted, and the society is particularly glad to place them with farmers. Further information may be obtained by addressing the superintendent.

DRINK AT MEALS.

An Important Part.

The real trouble with tea and coffee drinking is not generally understood. It is common knowledge with every one that physicians advise the discontinuance of both tea and coffee when a person is sick, particularly when the digestive machinery is affected. Any person with a slight knowledge of chemistry can make the following experiments, securing the results as given. Coagulated egg albumen, when mixed with artificial gastric juices, will be practically entirely digested in eight hours.

When tea is added during the process of digestion, 68 per cent. of albumen will be digested, leaving 34 per cent. undigested, while if a decoction of coffee is mixed with the albumen, the result will be but 61 per cent. digested and 39 per cent. undigested. This means one thing, and the experiment speaks that fact plainly. When tea or coffee is taken into the human stomach, they very seriously interfere with the natural and healthful operation. Where a person has an exceedingly powerful digestive apparatus, he can stand this abuse for a time, but it is sure to tell sooner or later.

In addition to the above it may be said that any ordinary analytical chemist can analyze coffee and show the poisonous alkaloids of much the same character as found in strychnine, whisky, tobacco and morphine. These poisons have a direct effect upon the liver, and a furred tongue, costive bowels, bad skin and various other indications of approaching sickness are apparent. These facts have been recognized by physicians for many years, but it is difficult to induce people to leave off their habits even when those habits are shown to be injurious and to shorten the existence of the human body.

The manager of La Vita Inn, a health institution at Battle Creek, Mich., made a large number of experiments in the direction of a food drink that would be at once nourishing, palatable and fragrant, without any of the poisonous or injurious properties. His experiments were confined to compounding and arranging products of various cereals, or grains, such as were intended by nature for man's subsistence. Being in a position to note the effect of the beverage upon weak stomachs, and patients who needed the most nourishing food and drink that could be obtained, his experiments were conducted under what would probably be considered the most favorable circumstances. After continued use and the most positive evidence of the healthful properties of the food-drink, patients who had been healed wished to continue the use of the cereal drink after their return to their homes, and others made demand for it.

In order to supply this demand and the public generally, the Postum Cereal Co., Limited, was formed. All people who drink coffee and tea do not care to discontinue their use, although quite satisfied of their hurtful properties. There are enough people, however, in America who hold their health in high enough esteem to be willing to give a little attention to their food and drink. There is no habit the creature acquires which produces as much real enjoyment as the old-fashioned habit of being thoroughly well. When a man can inhale a deep breath of pure air and feel that every part of the machinery of the human body is working perfectly, the feeling of comfort produces a deep sense of easy content and thankfulness to the Creator for the mere privilege of living.

Postum Cereal Food Coffee is a thoroughly healthful food drink. It can be taken at each meal by all members of the family, including the children. It quickly establishes itself as an important part of the meal, and when left out, one misses the fragrant odor, the comforting flavor and the health-giving properties.

1 lb. coffee (30 cents) gives 40 to 45 cups.
1 package Postum (25 cents) gives 100 cups.

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New Laces.

Nearer perfection than any we've ever had before, and that's saying a good deal, for our lace buying has long had the popular approval, as attested by its selling. Our prices on laces will be a surprise to you.

Italian Valenciennes Lace, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c to 25c yard.

Italian Valenciennes Lace, 13c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 85c to $1.50 per dozen yards.

Platte Valenciennes Lace, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c, 12½c, 15c to 50c yard.

Platte Valenciennes Lace, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c, 85c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 to $3.00 per dozen yards.

Torchon Laces, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c yard.

Net Top Imitation Venise Laces, 9c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c yard.