

AINSWORTH CORRESPONDENCE
High Jinks in the Sand, Skating Parties and Lots of Fun Going on.

To the editor of the Statesman:—Thinking perhaps a few items from Ainsworth would be of interest to a number of your readers, I will endeavor to tell you something of our sport the past few weeks.

Our first party of the season was on Christmas eve, at Mr. Shull's, and was a very pleasant affair, followed by another one on New Year's evening, at the same place. A week or so later there was a candy pulling and dance at the Coyte home, and we noted one of our prominent young merchants was in danger of losing his precious life by being chafed to death by the frantic efforts of some of the ladies to put taffy around his neck. On the 22d there was a surprise party at the residence of M. D. Cady, corner of 16th and Columbia. The company first met at the house of Mr. J. K. McClurken and from there proceeded to Mr. Cady's. As usual on such occasions somebody "got tight." The social equities of the Billings called for a hand got tight in time to answer her husband with another escort, so he kindly asked the young lady's mother to accompany him, which she did, and that in return escorted the gentleman. A very pleasant evening was spent by all and we trust that Mr. Cady will remain well as long as he lives.

For two weeks we have had splendid skating on the Snake and Columbia, and men, women and children have spent all their leisure time on the ice. Last Friday evening a party of the residents of Ainsworth spent some time on the Columbia. The skating on the transfer boat and in the ladies of the party served an excellent lunch to the hungry crowd about 11:30. It was amusing to see a party of notice the movements of some of the younger members of the party. The young ladies were taking advantage of the day and showing their prowess for extra credit in quite an unexpected manner. One even went so far as to attempt to cross the river on the skating board, and fell in when there was a more favorable "wind direction" and also to see him swim. Everything passed off pleasantly, showing good nature and objecting to clearing partners and we came home very late in the morning, tired, but happy. Some of the party had to skate without shoes, and in one case in mustard plaster on S. J. J. O. The 23d of January 1884 will long be remembered by a number of Ainsworth's best citizens.

Yours faithfully,
R. V.

On perusing the newspapers of the day we read reports of the progress made toward the completion of the Northern Pacific. As all well-to-do know, this great enterprise was finally finished in St. Paul, an achievement in this short time it has been a great triumph, and it is particularly noteworthy in view of the fact that the line of the Northern Pacific is the longest in the world, and that it is the only one of the kind in the world. The line is now open from St. Paul to Seattle, and the distance is 2,800 miles. The line is now open from St. Paul to Seattle, and the distance is 2,800 miles. The line is now open from St. Paul to Seattle, and the distance is 2,800 miles.

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SHIPPING.
Buildings, Improvements, and General Progress.

Seattle, Jan. 27, 1884.
Not the least factor in the prosperity of the Queen City is its manufactures, which are no small feature of the place. From the Christmas number of the Seattle Herald, which, by the way, is a newspaper of which every New Yorker might well feel proud, I find that there are the following manufacturing concerns now in operation there: Foundries 3, breweries 2, shippers 3, tanneries 1, boiler makers 3, saw and door 6, ice, 1, saw mills 6, brick yards 3, fish packeries 3, fish cannery 1, barrel factory 1.

The Hall & Paulsen Furniture company is one of the most important, and, judging from the extent of their works and the fine quality of the work they exhibit at their store, must have a good and extensive business. It is their boast that they can furnish either a cabin or a palace on the shortest notice. They are a stock company with a paid up capital of \$100,000; last summer they steadily employed 65 men, and their monthly pay roll foots up \$5,500 regularly. They have a saw mill of their own for their own woods, which consist of ash, fir, maple, alder, cedar, spruce, etc. They keep ready for use two years' ahead \$10,000 worth of seasoned lumber and always have furniture to the value of \$25,000 ready to be shipped to any part of the world from which orders may come. Besides home manufacture they ship goods by the car load from the east, and have recently received 200 sets of chamber furniture from Grand Rapids. The barrel factory with its great works and ingenious machinery, has so often been described that I propose this time to leave it alone.

There are many fine residences going up and right royal they look. Seattle is admirably adapted for showing off a prominent building account of the hills. Those now going up for J. McNaught, M. V. R. Stacey, and Yessler, will cost between thirty and forty thousand dollars each when completed. A \$80,000 opera house is going up and will be completed the coming summer. The Yessler-Lewis building is a magnificent new structure which cost \$120,000; the rents alone fetch in \$1,600 per month. Last year the city spent over \$200,000 for grading the streets, and now have between seven and eight thousand dollars in the city treasury. Two new school houses were built last year at a cost of \$30,000 each; the Central school has a capacity for 800 children; also, together, beside the University, there are six school houses here. The hotel Squires is now building will cost \$12,000, and one at Elliott street \$30,000. The tide flats on the south side of the town are now built over on substantial piles and strongly planked for a distance of 160 acres; it is destined to be the terminus for half a dozen railroad tracks or which there is plenty of room.

Water works with a capacity to supply a city of 30,000 people are now vigorously being pushed forward. The water is coming from Lake Washington, from whence it will be pumped into a reservoir holding 3,000,000 gallons, with 315 feet pressure, by two compound engines of 150 horse power. It will supply Seattle with one million gallons daily, and save the city the great expense of maintaining fire engines. The present water is supplied from springs, and is limited for the growing wants of the place. Twenty-five thousand feet of piping have already been laid of 6, 8, 10 and 12 inch pipe, and the company have now under contract 6500 feet of 12-inch, 3000 feet of 10-inch and 6000 feet of 6-inch pipe from the reservoir to Lake Washington. There are two elevations to hold water, the lower in tanks with an elevation of 176 feet, the water running to this from the 345 feet level will be utilized to manufacture electricity with which to light the city. The cost of the works will foot up over a quarter million dollars, and water will be supplied to families at the low rate of \$1.50 per month, factories at 20 cents per 1000 gallons, and special rates to laundries, livery stables, ships, hotels, etc. The owners are some of their residents and rank among the liveliest and most good ahead of all in this city of live men; they are Bailey Gatzert, John Leary, Dr. Thos. Minor and Mr. Farth, of Seattle; and Schwabacher Brothers and Walter Brothers of San Francisco. It is a close corporation. Already Seattle can boast of hydraulic elevators, and when the works are completed the streets will be flushed very easily.

THE HOTELS.
The hotels in Seattle have a good reputation, and it has been said that it is the only place in the territory where a really good meal can be procured. Altogether with the boarding houses they number 2000 rooms. The Arlington keeps up its old reputation, and the proprietors, Messrs. Smith & Farrar, are unremittent in their attention to the comfort of guests. The Hotel Brunswick, owned by Major A. E. Allen, has a most excellent reputation, and its popular proprietor is one of Seattle's most enterprising citizens. There are others, no doubt, equally deserving notice, but I really could not sample more than one at a time, so can only speak from my own experience.

REAL ESTATE.
More home sale real estate transactions have probably taken place in Seattle the past year than in all the other towns and cities of the territory put together. A firm here, Messrs. Eisenman & Llewellyn, informed me that their business the past year had amounted to fully \$300,000, and this is only one firm out of a score. Property is increasing in value daily, and yet it does not appear to have reached an exorbitant figure. Fortunes will yet be made in buying and selling town lots, for I give it as my opinion that Seattle has yet to become a full grown city. The live men of the city who have been and are still engaged in the same, are Messrs. J. K. McClurken, M. V. R. Stacey, a man who will decide in a moment what he will give or take for anything he wants; if he wants it he has to have it. He is one of the most energetic men Seattle ever had, and his present status is due largely to his position with honor to himself and credit to the city. Dr. Thos. Minor is one who has not retired here so long as some of the others but has his future bound up with "The Heart of Puget Sound" as he is fond of terming Seattle. I could go on enumerating men by the score and then leave out half of them; as it is, I have not mentioned A. D. Denny, Judge Lewis, Burt, Raines, McNaught, Better, Harrington, Turner, Yessler, and a hundred others whom I would like to enshrine in the minds of the readers of the STATESMAN.

THE KICKERS.
See is a title of a new brand of fine cigars, just passed on the market by the well known Portland house of Wiltzski Bros., and a box of which has just reached this city. The "Kickers" are a high grade cigar, with a delicate flavor, and when they are more fully introduced, local dealers will find that it will meet with a ready sale.

Dr. Baunister's 4 not find it necessary to amputate his Mitt's patients leg, but he extracted the bone and drove a strong limb as good as new that there is strong hopes of saving it.

We find it more to warn parties against the Heron's Ring, Trout cover and Bakpak trail to the mines. The Rathrum, Fort Coeur d'Alene, Mission and Evolution route is always open.

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Considerable feeling is manifested by many of our farmers, who have settled upon railroad land in this vicinity, regarding the extremely high figure at which such lands are held, and the short time given to settlers by the company in which to make their first payments. A number of petitions have been sent to Washington, and several meetings have been held in Whitman and Columbia counties, to devise means for self protection. Several solid farmers were overheard on the streets a few days since, expressing their views regarding "jumpers" who intended to take advantage of the scarcity of money, and jump such land as the climatic could not pay up on, leaving the benefit of the claimants' years of hard labor in improving the place. From the expressive way in which their lips came together, and the gleam of fire which flashed from their eyes, knowing them to be some of our most respectable and law abiding citizens, we came to the conclusion that it would be extremely unhealthily for any land shak to make such an attempt. All our farmers are tired enough to procure the money to make the first payment, and if the company does not see fit to give it to them, they will take it. They do not want the land for nothing, but are willing to pay for it in yellow gold; but God help the man or man who try to rob them of their honor.

Since writing the above, we have been handed a telegram from Paul Schulz, superintendent of the land department of the N. P. R. R., to R. G. Newland of this place. The language is plain and to the point, and in reply to a letter from Mr. Newland, regarding the scarcity of money at the present time, and the inability of many farmers to pay for their land. It is as follows: PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 2, 1884. R. G. NEWLAND,

