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A map of the western portion of the United States, designed to show the mineral beit, would twenty years ago have shown Washington and the adjoining section of British Columbia as a blank. There might have been a few spots, such as the Swank, Ruby and Sultan placers and the Peshastin mines in Washington, and the Carlboo, Rock Creek and Wild Horse placers in British Columbia: but otherwise this whole broad stretch of country would have been regarded as barren, so far as mineral was concerned. During those twenty years the people of the Pacific Northwest have been occupied in filling in that blank. They have not worked conthnously: for many circumstances have until late years diverted their attention: but for eight years past they have gradually centred their energies more and more on mining, until now it is their one absorbing interest, to which every other takes a subordinate place. They have proved what has been repeatedly denied, that the mineral belt extends through the whole breadth of Washington and British Columbia, and discovery has been continually bushed northward through Alaska to the confines of the frozen ocean. It is now an established fact, which the most pessimistic sceptic cannot gainsay, that the backbone of the American continent, from the Arctic ocean to Tierra del Fuego, with all its ribs and spurs, has mineral for its marrow. This mineral is of every kind, precious and base, and in every combina tion, and it only awaits the application of man's genius and industry to be turned to his uses

### THE KASLO SAMPLER.

The new additions to the sampler are now about completed. Five new receiving bins have been built flush with the track, allowing the handling of ore in bulk from the cars, and avoiding the necessity of sacking at the mine for shipment. Seven new shipping bins have been built on the lower side of the works. making nineteen bins in all. A new shipping platform has been built, and this will be divided into compartments, each shipping bin having its own ore chute and dockage compartment, thereby avoiding possibility of error or mistake in shipment of ore, each shipment being handled entirely by itself and almost automatically through the whole process. New tramways, chutes and ore cars have been added, and new receiving sheds are being built. At present the shipments are light, on account of poor trails. The Ruth made a good shipment on Saturday, and the Jackson shipped about two carloads. By the time the mines are shipping heavily again, the sampler will be it a position to handle all the ore offered. The Kaslo people fondly cherish the hope of a smelter being built on the bay; but the Kootenay Ore company people themselves have no statements to make regarding the same, though it is more than probable that a concentrator will be built in the near future, enabling the company to handle economically a grade of ore for which they have now no demand.

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