

Pacific Coast Company

Most Extensive Coal Mining Concern Operating in the State
Calls for More Colored Men and Miners



Never in the history of the Northwest was coal for local domestic purposes so scarce as was it last winter and the famine for the **coming winter** season promises to be even more aggravating than was it last winter, which, unless precaution is maintained by the consumers, forebodes dire distress.

While a shortage of car service had much to do with last winter's famine, yet the real cause was a shortage of miners and it is the hope of the officers of the Pacific Coast Company that to an extent to remedy the shortage of miners by publishing to the world that miners are wanted at their works at wages far in excess of those paid to miners in any of the Eastern states, and that opportunities for miners to invest their surplus earnings so as to quadruple themselves in at least five year's time, which fact should be as much an inducement for miners in the East to come to the Northwest as the excess in wages over those paid in the East.

Open Shop—The Pacific Coast Company adopted the "open shop" policy fifteen or more years ago, when it imported some 600 Negro miners from the East to take a host of striking union miners' places in their mining camps and it has maintained the open ship policy ever since. There are at present large numbers of colored men employed by the Pacific Coast Company at their mines located at Franklin, Black Diamond, Lawson, Newcastle and other lesser mining properties, nevertheless there is ample room for many more and 300 or more colored miners would be given steady employment at those mines if they could be had. That such miners would be given a "square deal" the prospective comer is referred to George W. Johnson, John Hail, E. H. Richards, Gordon Carter, Emanuel Moore and Charley Scott, all well known colored miners of Franklin, Wash., and Rev. S. A. Franklin, Henry Jones, of Newcastle, Wash., who have been in the employ of this company for the past sixteen years. These men have been given steady employment at good wages and not only

have they, but all others who wanted. Many if not all of these men have invested their surplus earnings in real estate in and about **Seattle** and their holdings have quadrupled in value and they therefore have made **big money** both going and coming.

Good Wages—As at all of the mines in this section the men at the mines of the Pacific Coast Company are paid from \$2.50 to \$6 per day. Living at the mines is cheaper by far than in the city, as the industrious miner has so many opportunities to cut down his store bill by raising all the vegetables including potatoes and onions that his family can consume the year round. Not only raise his vegetables, but the enterprising miner can have his own milch cow, raise his chickens and a few pigs for good measure. The editor of **The Seattle Republican** is thoroughly conversant with the existing conditions at the mines of the Pacific Coast Company and therefore cheerfully recommend them as places where colored men may do extremely well from a financial standpoint and for Southern colored miners it would prove a most desirable change. Colored miners who desire to come to the Northwest and have not sufficient funds to bring their families along with them might come themselves and after they have given evidence of "making good" the company would send railroad tickets for their families and give them credit in the store until they earned sufficient money to look out for themselves. By addressing James Anderson, superintendent of mines in the care of the Pacific Coast Company, Seattle, Washington, or either of the colored miners named above, or The Seattle Republican, Seattle, Wash., any question you might desire to have answered would be cheerfully as well as immediately done. There are good schools at all of the mines, churches and secret societies. The company has good and commodious houses ready for occupancy and house furnishings to begin housekeeping may be had at the company's store at the most reasonable rates.