

STEEL-MAKING ORE EQUAL TO MESABI

**Spokane Men Own a Tract They
Hope to Develop for Use
in the West.**

Spokane, Wash., February 12.—Steel-making iron deposits, tributary to Spokane, believed to be equal in value to the celebrated Mesabi ore of Minnesota, are to be opened up and developed by Spokane men. The company predicts that the near future will see the west being furnished with steel rails and other iron ore products

from western factories, operated by western people.

It is estimated by three engineers that there are 200,000 tons of iron ore at the property ready for shipment as soon as the rails are laid. All of this ore is in such state that it can be loaded on the cars with a steam shovel.

Within a few months the property will be on the main coal and coke road from Crows Nest Pass, and the close proximity of this coal will make the iron deposits more valuable. The land owned by the company comprises a tract three-quarters of a mile in width and one and a half miles long.

On the ground are several distinct iron ledges which carry ore which averages 62 per cent metallic iron, besides valuable silver-lead deposits assaying from \$13 to \$60 to the ton. The ground has been examined by iron men from the Mesabi range in Minnesota and they pronounce it as being equal in

value to the ore found in that place.

Among the men who are backing the enterprise are: H. H. Shallenberger, Sol Mayer, Frank Rosenhaupt, E. M. Adams, E. H. Mackey, E. H. Knight, Frederick Stone, M. A. Pierce, J. W. Cope, J. W. Forrest, John Hasty, H. W. Greenberg, Dr. Edward Desmond, Martin Henley, D. K. McDonald, J. L. Drumheller, H. G. Kidder, W. P. Keeler, J. K. Dow, Spokane, and E. W. Tinkle, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.