ough the weather has not been extremely cold. At Yakima City snow is two inches deep; here it is aix inches, on Umptanum mountain, 15 miles from here, two feet deep; while 15 miles further on, in Kittitas valley, there is eight inches and nice sleighing. There is usually three months' snow; sometimes less, and occasionally a severe winter like the last one. The mail has been carried on wheels so far this winter, three times a week from The Dalles through this settlement to Kittitas (north of us 30 miles), distance 150 miles. There is prospect for a daily mail after next July.

—J. H. Purdin in Jacksonville Times.

BUNCH GRASS.

The lands to which this designation applies are located east of the Cascade mountains, and of just such lands there are sufficient for an immense population. Beef enough of the finest quality and standard, wheat enough to supply the civilized world can be rafsed on these lands, and Eastern Washington is composed largely of this bunchgrass soil, with streams innumerable bordered by fertile valleys, all rolling on to that great artery, the Columbia. The country is rolling—but little of it is so high or steep that it cannot be cultivated. No timber grows on these lands, only this peculiar kind of grass which grows in heavy bunches five or six inches apart. This grass is very nutritious; even in the winter when dry it has the strength of good hay, and is much relished by horses, cattle and sheep. Nature has compounded the soil of these lands with the very elements which produce wheat and vegetables and various grains. The great number of streams flowing during the entire year render irrigation practicable. Once this is accomplished, what before seemed an irreclaimable desert, is suddenly transformed into luxuriant farms. Orchards and grain fields now occupy what was once supposed to be a vast waste in nature.

COAL RECEIPTS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

During the year 1881 coal was received at San Francisco in quantities and from sources of supply as follows:

Australia121,767	tons
Great Britain	**
British Columbia	**
Atlantic 26,643	**
Seattle, W. T	
Coos Bay, Oregon 20,621	**
Carbon Hill, W. T 18,307	**

A PRINCELY GRANT.—The Northrn Pacific Railroad Company has, within a month, had 325 miles of new road accepted by the United States Government—100 miles in Dakota and Montana and 225 miles in Washington and Idaho Territories. By this acceptance, the company acquires 5,700,000 acres of agricultural and timber lands in Washington and Idaho and 2,500,000 acres of farming and grazing lands in western Dakota, in al. 8,320,000 acres.

PULLMAN, a new town situated on the South Palouse, 15 miles south-east of Colfax, on the line of the Moscow railroad survey, is on the eve of a boom. It consists of one general merchandise store, two blacksmith shops and soveral dwellings. An extensive furniture manufacturing establishment is in course of erection. The place was formerly called Three Forks, but in petitioning for a postoffice, the name was changed to Pullman,

OREGON STATISTICS, 1881-2.

Compiled from Records on Pile and Certified to as Correct by R. P. Earhart, Secretary of State.

Secretary of State.	
Beater Alberts and Clater in Clater in Colorabia Colorab	COS.111.28.
	Acres Land
1.556,665 1.556,	Value Land.
200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200	Value Town Lots.
	Value Improve-
######################################	Mdw & Imple- monts.
	Not w
	H Furn're Carr'gs, etc.
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Valus Horses & Mules.
11111111111111111111111111111111111111	Value Cattle.
10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1	-
11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	8 A
	14=2
	adebted-
######################################	Eremp-
1,00,000 1,000 1,0	Tagable Property
\$5535558 5559555538 50	PN
######################################	Inh'b 8
	Amogat State Tax.
######################################	Capita
\$ \$5554669634466666666666666666666666666666	28

SHIP BUILDING ON PUGET SOUND.

Vessels below named were built in Puget Sound yards last year—1881:

Name	and Rig.	Where built.	Tonnage.
Sloop	Mystery	Pt. Ludlo	w 6
	City of Seatt	le Seattle	7
Schr.	Two Incks		6
**	Jennie	Pt. Towns	send 15
- 65	Lottie Carson	Pt. Blakei	V 220
**	Maria Smith		365
14	Annie Larson		377
Bark't	ine Wrestler .	Pt. Ludlo	w 470
**	Kitsap	"	694
- 61	Retriever	Seabeck	548
**	M. Winkelm	an "	532
Steam		Pt. Blake	
11		Arcadia	
44		Seattle	
44	Sea Witch	"	38
- 11	Alki	#	45
10	Lillie	te	80
Tot		s, five schooner	

Total: Two sloops, five schooners, four barkentines and six steamers, of the aggregate of 3,509 tons.

PRECIOUS METALS.

The value of the yield of precious metals for ten years past, ending December 31st, 1881, has been as follows:

California\$	185, 327, 304
	321,653,822
Oregon	11,897,549
Washington	1,192,280
Idaho ,	20,488,149
Montana	36, 344, 106
Utah	58,643,136
Arizona	20,728,951
Colorado	97, 368, 848
Mexico	16,060,925
British Columbia	12,610,044
New Mexico	3, 332, 161
Dakota	14,598,822
Alaska	13,000

A SOURCE OF WEALTH.

Quantity and value of lumber, laths, etc., shipped from Puget Sound, W. T., since November 1869:

No. feet	No. Laths	No. of	Spars
Lumber.	& Pickets.	Shingles.	Value.
1869 1,887,000	311,000		
187016,993,000	1,459,000	2,326,000	\$57,600
187125,795,000	563,000	2,727,000	22,350
187224,985,000	262,000	1,505,000	29.459
1873 37, 302,000	955,000	4,608,000	26,624
1874 22,907,000	2,112,000	2,748,000	26,201
187516,907,000	1,365,000	2,076,000	21,860
1876 19, 300,000	1,561,000	2,470,000	13,500
1877 41, 145,000	1,510,000	4,095,000	17.765
187832,695,000	1,874,000	3,200,000	8,115
1879 20, 515,000	1,605,000	2,335,000	16,865
188023,364,000	793,000	3,345,000	3,880

284,196,000 14, 370,000 31,235,000 \$244,291
In 1879 the exports above given are for ten
months only, or until Nov. 1st:
Lumber valued at \$2,841,900
Shingles "62,470
Spars 244,291
Laths and pickets 57,486

릐	Latins and pickets	57,400
Z	Total	\$3,206,201
2	valued at	\$1,718,226