

LETTER FROM NOME

Great Stampedes for the Various Rich Creeks.

GOOD RESULTS OF BEACH DIGGING

Supplies Are Reasonably Plentiful—Fuel Is High-Priced and Lumber Is Hard to Get.

TACOMA, March 16.—E. W. Beachwood, of Tacoma, received a letter from K. J. Becker, at Nome, Alaska, in which he says:

"At present all lines of supplies, except dogs, are sufficiently plentiful. Lumber is \$200 per 100 feet, and hard to get. Milk and cream low, and rice and ham 50 cents per pound, and rice and ham short. Dog teams have cleaned the river and beach already. One hundred pounds of a single sack of coal, when you can get it, costs \$60.

"For profit, canned meats is a good staple, but not flour or sugar. Never in history has there been such stampeding. Bonanza districts has been hit only by grasshoppers, and now there is a grand rush for Kokosadapapa.

"The big excitement is at Milk Creek, 75 miles above Prince of Wales. It is attracting a big lot of attention, and good results are shown. Above Cape Rodney is the latest, called New Eldorado district, and it is surely good, along with a three-mile area being prospecting of quartz. The trail is hot with people for this district. There will no doubt be a big stampede for Norton Creek, as it is a man is secured. Other creeks yield 10 and 15 cents at the surface.

"The beach is being worked with good results, and coarse gold at times shows up. Several \$5 and \$15 nuggets, and one worth \$25, were found about one and a half miles up, and on top of the ground."

PREFER OREGON MINES.

British Columbia Miner Wants to Come South.

C. Fielding, a successful mining man of Slokan, B. C., is in Portland, with a view to locating in Oregon. The mining districts, if he finds conditions favorable. Mr. Fielding is the original discoverer of the Arlington silver mine, near Slokan, now known as the richest of the British Columbia. He says American enterprise has developed enormous wealth north of the 49th parallel, within the past 10 years, and that now British capital is willing to take the developed properties of the hands of the original owners. Americans prefer to live in their own country, and are likely to sell out by the railroad companies and to the United States, on account of the pleasanter climatic conditions, as there is altogether too much good sniffling around Slokan.

"Even now," he said, "while flowers are blooming and green grass is waving in Oregon pastures, we of Slokan are shipping our silver ore on sleds over the snow to the railroad station six miles away. British Columbia is a good country to mine in, but not a pleasant one for permanent residence, although the government is very liberal in granting property and no obstacles are thrown in our way to prevent us owning and operating mines. The only tax in mines is a royalty of 1 per cent on the ore exported, which is always cheerfully paid, as life and property are protected, and all ruffianism and rowdiness summarily squashed. Sometimes tough characters come over from the States, but they are few, and they have to keep the peace, and obey the laws, and so they never attempt any overt acts around Slokan.

"A miners' tax of \$5 a year is levied in the district, and this is collected from Americans and British subjects alike. Claims are 100 feet square—more than double the size permitted in the United States—and they can be owned and operated by Americans without molestation." Mr. Fielding will visit Southern Oregon first, as he has heard from reliable sources that good ledges are being opened up in Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties, and only lack capital to convert them into valuable mines. The climate of Southern Oregon, too, is much more agreeable than the British Columbia minefields in the Rogue River and Umpqua valleys, as soon as they have disposed of their properties in the north.

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

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SMALLPOX UNDER CONTROL.

Were a Dozen Cases at Eagle Creek, but Most Have Recovered.

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Trout From Lake Michigan.

Tom Brown, superintendent of the Salmon River steelhead hatchery, and E. R. Greenman, Deputy Fish Commissioner, left today for the hatchery site to begin work on the Spring trout. Mr. Greenman will remain there only a short time. Superintendent S. W. Downing, of the Clackamas hatchery, has received 100,000 trout from Lake Michigan, which he is feeding. These trout will be transhipped in Washington and Oregon waters. When full grown these trout weigh as much as 15 pounds.

GOVERNOR WANTS INTERFERE.

Says Webster Must Hang Unless New Evidence Is Discovered.

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MARION POPULIST COMMITTEE REFERS IT TO ENROLLED MEMBERS.

Variety of Opinion as to Advisability of Joining Democrats—Talk of Independent Action.

SALEM, March 16.—The Marion County People's Party Central Committee met this forenoon in the City Hall, Chairman Geo. W. Weeks presided. The forenoon was taken up with talking. The afternoon resulted in some business, the most important of which was the passage of a resolution to reconsider the action of the last meeting wherein the committee declared against fusion. The resolution also included a recommitment of the endorsement of the Omaha platform and the

pledged that the club should not meet again until called together by the president. Last night's meeting was slimly attended.

It has been decided that William J. Bryan will visit Colfax on March 30, and "speaking" the people for 75 minutes, after going on to Gardfield, Farmington and Tekoa, all in this county, and at each place 15-minute stops will be made. This will be on his road to Spokane. Colfax pays \$100 for an hour of Bryan's money being used for paying the expense of a special train, and was raised by subscription.

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