

CAPE NOME HOPEFULLY

Many Claimants for All Kinds of Property.

\$300,000 BROUGHT BY PORTLAND

Tribulations in Far North Coast and Ashore—History of Lieutenant Herren From Interior.

Portland, June 28.—The steamer Portland, which arrived from Cape Nome, reports that the steamer Rosecrans, formerly the transport Missouri, has gone ashore about 30 miles from Cape Nome. The situation is not considered perilous, it is thought she will have considerable difficulty in getting off. The Rosecrans has a cargo of Government supplies on board.

The Portland brought five passengers only, according to Captain Lundquist.

The steamer Charles Nelson had a hard time of it, she returned to Ulaakaska June 15. While trying to find an opening in the ice her provisions gave out. She was to have sailed again for Cape Nome shortly after the Portland left Dutch Harbor. The captain of the Corwin was holding the wrecked barkentine Catherine Sudden at Nome for salvage. Captain Lundquist, speaking of the conditions at Nome, said:

"What a man gets hold of up there he keeps, and in many instances keeps it at the point of a gun. Restaurants, lodgings, houses, mail, barber-shops, and in fact all kinds of business was left in the hands of agents last Fall. These agents have sold the places and cleared out with the cash. The agents are appearing on the scene, and there are 'razors in the air'.

"On the beach it was just as per usual."

"The Portland brought 10 boxes of gold, aggregating \$300,000, belonging to the Alaska Commercial Company.

GO PASSENGERS FROM DAWSON.

They Had \$250,000 in Gold Dust—Lieutenant Herren.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., June 28.—The steamer Al-Ki arrived from the north tonight, bringing nearly a year's worth of gold dust from Dawson, which had been brought up the river on the steamer Rybil. Among the passengers on the Al-Ki is Lieutenant Herren of the Eighth United States Cavalry, who a year ago started from Cook Inlet with a small command and explored a hitherto unexplored country leading for hundreds of miles over mountains, valleys and plains to the mouth of the Tanana.

The expedition was deserted by Indian guides, and for some months fears for the safety of the party were not only groundless, but on December 11 the party reached the mouth of the Tanana, where orders were received to remain until Spring. The object of the expedition was to ascertain the feasibility of the route through Alaska and to obtain information as to miners, timber and general data of that section of Alaska between Cook Inlet and the Yukon delta.

Colonel E. D. Wiggin, Land Commissioner at Rampart, Alaska, will be in charge of the Al-Ki, bringing the first news from that section. He says the camp proved itself better last winter than ever before, and creeks before considered worthless turned out to be big gold-producers. He estimates the clean-up at \$200,000.

Rampart was deserted the early part of last winter, only 400 or 500 people remaining. They comprised steamboat hands and unfortunate miners. When developments along the route through the proved that Rampart Creek was rich, and those who were at first out of luck are now on the high road to fortune, and Rampart bids fair to rival the Klondike as a gold-producer.

FIVE INDIANS GO FREE.

Hold Merely as Witnesses Against the Horton Murderers.

PENITENTIARY FACILITIES

ADDITION TO ACCOMMODATIONS WHILE CONVICTS DECREASE.

Part of the Present Prison Not Yet Utilized—Benefits to Be Derived From Improvements.

SALTEM, Or., June 28.—The announcement that a contract had been made for the construction of a new wing at the penitentiary, at a cost of over \$120,000, and the subsequent decrease in the number of convicts in the penitentiary is 130 less than a few years ago, naturally gives rise to the question, What is the necessity for the addition of the new wing to the penitentiary? It is a two-story building, and will be fitted up as a kitchen, dining-room and bathroom.

The penitentiary contains 264 cells, not

also furnish steam for the cooking plant. This is expected to effect a saving in fuel. Whether it will save enough on cooking to furnish heat for the new wing is a question.

Space Not Now Used.

In the south wing of the prison is a space 16 feet wide, and 80 feet long, that has never been provided with cells. A light brick wall extends lengthwise through the center of this room. The question was asked why this room could not be turned into a kitchen and dining-room, and the present kitchen be turned into a bathroom. In answer to this it was said that the shape of the room would not be suitable for the purpose, that convenient connections with the commissary department could not be made, and that this space may sometime be needed for cells. In that case the kitchen apparatus would have to be removed, and a new place provided for it.

The room is high enough, however, for four tiers or stories of cells, and it would not be difficult to erect two tiers at the top, leaving the lower part for a dining-room and kitchen. It is not thought convenient nor advisable to utilize this space

GALLERY OF OREGON NEWSPAPER MEN—No. 1.

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OREGON CITY, June 28.—A. W. Cheney, editor and proprietor of the Oregon City Courier-Herald, is a native of Wisconsin. He arrived in Oregon about 30 years ago, from South Dakota, where he was interested in a printing and binding establishment for a number of years, and settled in Oregon City and shortly afterwards became manager of the Courier, which position he held for several years.

Counting several dungeons. Each cell will accommodate two prisoners, making, theoretically, room for 52 prisoners. There are now 25 confined there. It is not practicable to put two prisoners in each cell, for some criminals are by nature very vicious that they must be kept by themselves while closely confined. The penitentiary could probably be made to confine 500 convicts, though that number would crowd it.

There is no dining-room at the prison, and the prisoners are fed in their cells. The cooking is done in the basement, directly underneath the chapel, in the center of the building. The cooking apparatus consists of a large brick bakeoven, and a long tin range, the latter having been in use since 1871. That both these appliances are sufficient, so far as results are concerned, is evident from the excellent condition of the food that is served to the prisoners. While the steel range, with its old-fashioned kettles and tanks, and baking-ovens, may be out of date, it does good work—probably as good as will be done by the new steam cooking device that will be established in the new wing.

Economy in Feeding Prisoners.

The food is sent up to the main floor of the building by means of a small elevator, and is distributed to the prisoners by convict waiters. Every man in charge in his cell before being served. Each is given a cup of coffee, a chunk of bread, a half-pound of meat and some vegetables, or, perhaps, instead of coffee, and sometimes an addition of fruit. The variety is very limited at one meal, but the bill of fare is changed frequently, and there is plenty of food for all. Under the present arrangement there is no way to feed the men except in their cells. Each must have his food given him in a pan and cup, and as it is not known in advance how much each will need, a full ration for a laboring man must be served. If a man is not hungry or fat any other reason eats less than his full ration, what remains must be sent back to the kitchen and thrown away. It is readily apparent that if the men could all be seated at tables where they would take only what they want to eat, there would be less waste, and they would eat more than they really need.

Cells for Dining-Rooms.

But more important considerations led to the decision to provide a dining-room. Each cell is a sleeping-room, and is comparatively dark, and is supplied with certain sanitary conveniences. It was considered by penitentiary officials that it would be more healthful for the prisoners to eat in some place other than their cells. That the cell arrangements have not in the past proved conducive to ill-health is indicated by the general good condition of the prisoners. That it will be far more satisfactory to eat at a community table is readily believed, but few will incline toward the opinion that the pleasure of the convicts in the dining-room will be less than the pleasure of conducting an institution of punishment.

The building facilities now consist of several small wooden tubs in which are prisoners take a weekly bath. This is 42 men to each tub. The tubs are filled with cold water, which is afterward heated by means of steam. Giving the prisoners their baths is a long and unsatisfactory task. It is proposed to provide a shower bath in the new wing, so that about 50 men may take a bath at once, and be more thoroughly cleansed than by the present slow process. But the new wing is not necessary in order to provide a shower, for a light wooden structure could be erected at small cost that would supply the need.

The steam-cooking plant was another consideration. The cooking will be more quickly done by the new appliances, and may perhaps be more satisfactory. The same furnace that heats the building and provides hot water for the bathroom will

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