NOME WORKED OUT

That's What's the Matter With Beach and Creeks.

STATEMENT OF MINING ENGINEER

He Made Personal Examination of the Country—Very Few Claims Will Pay for Further Work.

BAKER CITY, Aug. 15.—The following account of conditions and prospects in the Cape Nome country is from a letter just received here from James E. Birch, a mining engineer, who represents the Sea Gold Mining Company, of Cripple Creek, Colo., who was sent to Alaska to make a thorough examination of the country for his company and who gives the most comprehensive and, it is believed, the most reliable report of the region that has yet been sent out. He came down on the same ship that brought this letter:

Nome City, Alaska, July 25.—The exodus from Nome commenced some time ago, and we remained as long as we believed there was any possible chance to get even on the trip, and we believe every person of our acquaintance has left, or will leave, as soon as they can get their business in shape. Nome may prove a good camp for a few people, but we have not met any one who has made anything like wages for either last Fall's work or this year's work, and we have met a good many hundred, who, like ourselves, have not earned a dollar, and this applies to miner, laborer, merchant, mechanic. We have heard of men said to have sold town lots or mining property at fabulous prices, and of fortunes having been taken out of the beach and the creeks and do not doubt there may be such men, but we have not seen the men or any evidence of the truth of the statements. Last Fall there undoubtedly was some foundation for the gold stories so industriously circulated by individuals and the transportation companies.

At Nome last Fall there was a strip of beach about 20 miles long by 50 feet wide, with a five-inch pay streak on considerable of it, laying from five to seven feet deep, that gave good pay, and that had some very rich spots. In places the sand on top of the pay streak would pay, a few men taking out thousands, and a larger number of men taking out hundreds. Advices of rich strikes and clean-ups were coming in from Anvil, Dexter, Buster and Snow Gulch Creeks, and doubtless reports of rich strikes from various other creeks. Many had located or purchased mining or town property, secured title they believed good, opened up pay streaks on beach or on creeks in the districts named, or erected buildings for store or residence. Winter commenced closing in on this condition of things; it was generally thought the first freeze-up would stop work on beach and creek until May or June, and a large number of people left their property to catch the last ships out for the States, with practically all communication cut off behind them, intending, after spending the Winter in the States, to come back in early Spring with supplies and machinery to make the most of their opportunity, the lower-grade sand and the short season. The Winter remained unusually open, and a steady stream of people from Dawson and the Yukon country continued, until over 3000 people were in Nome. They took possession of town lots, tore down buildings, using the lumber for buildings of their own, located mining property regardless of prior location, and with dog teams located mining claims covering every river and creek within 150 miles of Nome, and of every other port on the Coast, for Cape York to St. Michaels, also hundreds of miles of tundra and beach claims and several mountains. The act of location consisted in a great many cases of not over 10 minutes' work, selecting a willow along the center of the creek or river at the commencement of the intended location, and fastening on the willow one of the several hundred location notices carried. On the beach a large number of men were working every day, the weather permitting, and by June 1 practically all the pay on the beach had been worked out, and many of the best spots had been worked over six or seven times.

Rosy Reports Went Far.

While all this was going on at Nome, those who had gone out were telling their friends, families and neighbors of the wonderful richness of Nome and showing the gold they had taken out; were arranging to take family and friends to Alaska, and selling their homes and business for money to put into machinery and for investment generally, in this wonderful, absolutely sure gold field. It has been estimated that 12,000 to 15,000 people left the states for Nome; one ship arrived in April, several in May, and over 50 ships were at one time in port during June. We shipped on the steamer Alliance, which anchored June 14, with 17 vessels in port ahead of her. Shallow water necessitated anchoring about 1½ miles from Nome. A great many idle people were on the beach; small boats came out soliciting passengers to go on shore, and the boatmen gave us the following information:

Three thousand men had Wintered at Nome; the beach had practically been worked out; some men were rocking on the beach, but none making wages; the whole country had been staked; creek claims were doing nothing for want of rain to thaw the ice out of the ground, and as to the tundra, nothing had been found that they knew of; there was small demand for labor, but $1 per hour was being paid for unloading vessels; down at Topkok, near Golofnin Bay, a strike made in early Spring had given rich values, and some pay for 600 feet length, but was quickly worked out.

Several passengers returned from shore and stated that cigars and drinks were 50 cents each, a good meal cost $2 to $3; beds, $4 to $8 per night, when they could be had at all; and that so much property had been jumped and was being held with the backing of the local authorities, that there was no such thing as title. One of our passengers thought he had mining property, town lots and residence, went ashore to get the house ready for his family, found everything he had owned last Fall now owned by other people, and with the local authorities behind them. A great many people found the same condition, until finally the United States military authorities were appealed to, and General Randall issued a bulletin, saying he would enforce law and order. Many stocks of merchandise intended for opening up business houses were closed out on the beach at reduced prices, and at an early date it looked as though Nome was a very hard proposition for all of us.

What Miners Were Getting.

During the last of June hundreds of rockers were at work on the beach, some found spots that had been overlooked and took out pay, but after a thorough investigation from Nome to Cape Rodney, 34 miles, we were satisfied absolutely that none of the rockers were making wages or had any show whatever of doing so; we could not see what results the power plants were getting, excepting those operated by our acquaintances, and several where the owners gave us the information and proof. But at this time we know that a very large proportion of them did not make operating expenses.

As to the thousands of river, creek, bench and tundra claims a large proportion of them are now either subjects of litigation or will be if any value worth fighting over is found, as they have been located by from two to seven claimants. Examination of the records shows a very bad mix-up: For example, John Doe located and recorded ground as claim No. 40 on what he calls White Creek, while the same ground is located and recorded by Richard Roe on what he calls Black Creek.

We traveled over and prospected, as practically as the undeveloped condition of the country will now permit, a large scope of country, and by combination with friends, all the Nome District that anything is claimed for. Personally, we walked from Nome to Cape Rodney and return, covering the beach, mouth of Penny River and mouth of Cripple River; then on Snake River and the small creeks emptying into it; from Nome to mouth of Big Hurrah Creek on Solomon River, covering the beach to Port Safety and mouth of Solomon River; mouth of Nome River; mouth of Bonanza River, and Solomon River to Discovery, and there we camped. We were within 12 miles of Council City, and our friends covered all the creeks along the Pilgrim, Kasadapoga and Neukluk Rivers not covered by us, we reporting on our territory and they on theirs.

Claims Do Not Produce.

We know men who would not buy property on Anvil, Dexter, Buster or Snow Gulch because of bad title, but we have to say that outside of those creeks, having covered the so-called rich territory to our satisfaction, we could find only one claim where we would desire to risk operating, and only three claims that we would pay as much as $1000 for, not on account of lack of title, but on account of the lack of prospects for pay gold. Quartz Creek on the Kasadapoga is generally admitted in the neighborhood to have produced pay gold; and Ophir Creek (Lane's property) on the Neukluk, has probably produced considerable money, but both creeks are dry and not producing now. The 50-cent to $1 pans and 25 nugget stories of this district which we had heard ran down to 2 cents per pan, and nuggets, salted from Klondike pokes, made us think they expected the rain to bring gold as well as water.

The production of Anvil, Dexter, Buster and Snow Gulch has been greatly overestimated in print; a number of claims in these districts have not given a profit, for operating; Lindblom, Lane and some others have, no doubt, taken out large values, and we believe a majority of Anvil Creek claims have paid a profit, but this small district cannot make a big mining camp; there is one bench or tundra claim, near head of Anvil, that has given $700 to a shift clean-up, and several others on the same creek claim good prospects, and are likely to make their claim good, but outside of that district we have been unable to find, and do not believe there is, a bench or tundra claim from Cape York to Golofnin Bay that ever produced $30 or that shows any probability of doing so. To compare Nome with any one of several rich Dawson claims does not seem reasonable to us, and on June 24 nine-tenths of whatever goldproducers Nome has were not being operated, through lack of water or from legal troubles; if the Nome District was in the States, with a reasonable length of season for work, ordinary legal rights and some means of enforcing them, near a base of supplies and where a dollar had some kind of value, the showing made by the Nome country would justify systematic and thorough prospecting; but under the conditions existing we do not think the possibility of gain large enough to make it anything of a business proposition.

There has been a tremendous amount of lying about Nome. The Nome Gold-Digger of July 25, 1900, has an article under the heading, "Millions of Gold," which says:

> There is a fabulous amount of gold now being mocked from the beach, Nome to Cape Rodney; hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth, more than the stay-at-homes here in town ever dreamed of; and in no diggings ever discovered on the North American Continent were conditions ever so favorable to the poor man as right here on the shores of Behring Sea here today.

And on the same page appears the following:

> Appeal to Uncle Sam. Chamber of Commerce asks the Government to take Nome's poor to the States. Condition here is becoming frightful. An appeal to the States for help is suggested.

And it goes on to speak of the indigent poor, hundreds of men out of work and out of food. We had little opportunity to learn the condition of the people, but are now satisfied the Government will soon have to take a hand or ignore a very great amount of suffering and loss of life.

JAMES E. BIRCH.

Hoppicking Will Be Late.

M'MINNVILLE, Aug. 16.—Hopmen now say that picking will begin at least 10 days later than last year. Two weeks ago the opinion was that it would begin two weeks earlier, but the hop has been developing slowly lately.

Several recent contracts filed with the County Recorder are conditioned that renter shall do all of the work on the yard up to the time of picking, and in case the price does not justify picking then the renter and owner shall share alike the expense of cultivating the yard, and the product shall not be gathered.

FORT STEVENS CISTERNS

GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR BIDS FOR BUILDING NINE.

New Hospital for the Post Also Soon to Be Advertised For—$20,000 Available for It.

ASTORIA, Aug. 16.—Captain Downs, Constructing Quartermaster at Fort Stevens, today received instructions from the department at Washington to have nine cisterns built to furnish a water supply for the barracks. The cisterns will have a capacity of 3000 gallons each, and will be located as follows:

One at each of the three double sets of officers' quarters; one at each of the barracks; one at the double set of non-commissioned staff quarters, and one at the administration building, the guardhouse and stable.

Bids for the construction of these cisterns will be opened at 2 P. M., September 5. A two-inch test well has been driven to a depth of 20 feet, and the intention is to put in a system of gang wells to secure surface water for flushing and bathing purposes.

Captain Downs also received today the modified plans and specifications for the construction of a 24-bed hospital at the barracks, to be lighted with electricity and heated by steam. Bids for this hospital were opened in June, but they were rejected, as the lowest one exceeded the allotment of $30,000 made by the department. The plans and specifications have now been changed so that it is expected the construction price will be within the allotment. New bids have not yet been advertised for, but it is the intention to open them and award the contract about the middle of September.

The cannerymen who were arrested on Monday by Fish Commissioner Reed for having salmon in their possession in the close season were given a hearing this morning before Justice Brower. They appeared by attorney, and the Deputy District Attorney dismissed the cases upon the defendants paying the costs. The costs in each case amounted to about $4.

The river was literally alive with fish last night, and while all the canneries on the river have closed down, many salmon were caught by fishermen to salt down for their own use. The chinooks among those caught were of exceptionally high quality for this time of the year. One singular and unusual feature of the run is the large number of sockeyes, as in previous years only a few have been in the habit of coming into the Columbia.

A Coroner's inquest was held this morning on the body of Edward Larson, who was run over and killed by a train a few days ago. The jury returned a verdict of suicide, and exonerated the railroad company from any blame in the matter.

BLUE RIVER WAGON ROAD.

Work Prosecuted at Both Ends—Destruction of Young Pheasants.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 16.—Active work on the improvement of the wagon road to the Blue River mines began today. A crew of men and teams started at Walterville and will work eastward, doing the work thoroughly as they go. This crew will be in charge of W. T. Carroll as foreman. A few days later another crew, under L. Simon, as foreman, will begin at Blue River and work westward. The work will be pushed as rapidly as possible, and it is hoped will be well on toward completion before the rainy weather sets in.

In this vicinity there are more young pheasants than ever before, and many are killed every day. Every Sunday, if one happens to be out some distance from town, he can hear the shotguns going in every direction. No attempt is being made to prevent this violation of law, and the hunting is growing more and more general. Those who would otherwise respect the law see their neighbors killing game without molestation, and in order to get any for themselves they go and hunt also. The result will be that a large proportion of the birds will be killed before the hunting season opens.

CASE OF YOUTHFUL DEPRAVITY.

13-Year-Old Boy Charged With Burglary, Robbery and Assault.

LA GRANDE, Aug. 16.—Caske Lilly, a boy aged 13, was today arrested here for burglary. The warrant was issued by John Hough, and the specific charge on which he was arrested is the burglary of the second-hand store owned by Hough and the stealing of a lady's gold watch. But the boy's apprehension for this crime came through the discovery of another crime committed by him. Saturday night he took $8 50 from the pockets of George Woods, with whom he was passing the night, and Sunday he returned for a child's safe, when he was discovered. He confessed having taken the money, and, to make good its return, gave to Mr. Woods a lady's gold watch. The watch aroused Woods' suspicion, and he took it to the Marshal, who easily connected the two crimes. The boy was brought before the City Recorder and released on his own recognizance for trial on Saturday. He must also at that time render an account for assault and battery upon another boy.

MINER LOSES HIS CASE.

Fight Over Beach That Has Already Been Exhausted of Its Gold.

SEATTLE, Aug. 16.—Cape Nome's gold beach is no longer a poor man's heritage. A decision just rendered by United States Commissioner Stevens holds that the 60-foot roadway along the shore of Behring Sea does not exist, and that if it ever did exist it was done away with by section 26 of the new Alaska code adopted by Congress last June.

A test case was made by Frank Sieger, who refused to move his rocker or quit work when ordered to vacate a location made on the beach by George W. Beardsley and S. R. Calden, and known as the Ophir beach claim. A criminal complaint was made against Sieger, and the decision quoted is the result. Sieger has been bound over for appearance at the next term of court.

The effect of the decision is to give to several large corporations lands which have been worked by poor miners, who were enabled to take out a few dollars per day from the sands. Feeling among the miners is running high over the loss of the beach, and every legal effort, it is said, will be made to reverse the decision.

England's Purchase of Supplies.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 16.—Large orders for goods to be used by troops in the Chinese campaign are to be purchased in the Dominion, and already arrangements are being made for a portion of the purchases to be made in Vancouver. Quantities of goods are to be sent through by the next steamers, and a good proportion of these supplies are now being secured in this province. The goods consist principally of Winter clothing, and are to be billed to Wei Hai Wei.

Cottage Grove Postoffice Raised.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The following fourth-class Postoffice has been raised to the third class, to take effect October 1: Cottage Grove, Or.

Oregon Notes.

Albany's Presbyterian Church is being supplied with a furnace.

The peach crop in the vicinity of Corvallis is the best in many years.

Yamhill fruitworkers report no yellow jackets this year, but an abundance of bumble bees.

Lane County's tax levy last year was $148,011. Of that amount, $16,175 has become delinquent.

A Coquille newspaper man advertises a "fine old Stradinarius violin for sale cheap" at his office.

A Wapinitia man brought 11 head of beef cattle to The Dalles, on the 14th, which averaged 1240 pounds.

The insurance on Baker City's iron foundry and machine shops has been adjusted, and the structure is to be rebuilt.

W. J. Slater has sold S. W. Newhouse 40 acres of the W. T. Wallace donation land claim, in Yamhill County, for $2000.

Tom Reed, of Weston, has been to Wallowa County for a footrace with a local sprinter. His friends won $500 on the result.

The Eugene Guard reports the sale of 563 bicycles, of one make, in and about that city. There is no dearth of money in Lane County.

Five letters disappeared from The Dalles postoffice in April 1897. They have just been found in a crack, into which they accidentally slipped.

William Dale, living between Helix and Vansycle, lost 1750 sacks of wheat, on the 14th, by fire, which started from a locomotive spark. The grain was insured.

The Umatilla reservation has been closed to all hunters, because the agent learned that white men were in the habit of shooting quail, which are by law protected for 10 years.

The sheep of William Gurdane, who was killed by his horse falling on him, have been sold—"2800 head, at something over $2 a head, all round," says the Pendleton East Oregonian.

The jurisdiction of Charles A. Sehlbrede, of Roseburg, who was appointed to a Commissionership in Alaska, has been much enlarged recently. He and his wife will soon make a visit to Oregon.

Salem is now declared by the Statesman to have the largest creamery in the state. That paper also says there is no reason why Salem may not become the Elgin of Oregon—the creamery center of the state.

As near as can be learned from hopgrowers, 40 cents per box, says the Lebanon Express-Advance, will be the price of picking this year. Hopyards are in prime condition, and indications point to a good yield of hops.

At Pendleton a young man from Washington has been fined $10 for carrying concealed weapon. The Prosecuting Attorney and the Justice of the Peace are trying to stop the practice. The former says that he "has no objection to any person's using a revolver for a watch charm, but he is going to use his best endeavors to stamp out the criminal practice of carrying such a weapon around concealed in a hip pocket or an inner coat pocket."

TWO QUARTZ STRIKES

BOTH ON GALLS CREEK IN SOUTHERN OREGON.

Little Mining on the California Slope Because of Scarcity of Water—Prospectors Are Numerous.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 16.—The Kubli brothers have recently made another extraordinarily rich strike on the Golden Standard mine, located on Galls Creek. A fine body of ore, varying from 2½ to 4½ feet wide, has been opened. The rock runs $150 to $300 per ton. The ore at the 400-foot level of the Golden Standard is proving to be the most valuable ever found in this mine.

Work on the Nye mining property, on Galls Creek, where the rich strike was recently made, is progressing splendidly. The first chute of 100 feet that has been cut shows in the roof of the tunnel of the mine great quantities of fine gold. At 150 feet in the tunnel a new chute has been struck. Along the hanging wall of the vein is a streak of ore 1½ inches thick and half an inch wide, which may practically be called a streak of solid gold. The rock from the Nye mine will be milled at the Kubli brothers' Golden Standard quartz mill. No strike made in Southern Oregon of recent date creates so much interest as does this one at the Nye ledge.

Reports from the other side of the Siskiyou Mountains say that there is little now doing at the mines in the Lower Klamath and Happy Camp districts. Most of the streams are dry, or very short of water supply, owing to the light fall of snow in the Siskiyou and Salmon River ranges. Mines that have heretofore been accustomed to run during the Summer months have shut down. Much development work, however, is going on, and active preparations are being made for an early Fall and Winter run.

The operations of the Pattuna Gold Extraction Company, at Rollin, on Salmon River, near Sawyer's Bar, which company did so well with the tailings from the Ashland mine, in this city, two years ago, do not appear to have been successful. Nor do the rosy reports of the workings there which have been sent out and printed from time to time during the past few months appear to be substantiated by recent developments. The fine plant that was created there, costing many thousands of dollars, has been sold under attachment proceedings for claims to the amount of $1700, and only brought at public auction $300. The failure of the enterprise appears to have been caused by the promoters overestimating the tailings and of their inability to extract the sulphurets.

The mountain sides and gulches of Southern Oregon have never been so full of prospectors as during the present Summer. Old miners say they have never seen the like of it.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY TEACHERS.

Of 58 Applicants for Certificates 48 Passed—The List.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 16.—The County Board of Examiners completed the grading of papers of applicants for teachers' certificates this afternoon. Forty-eight out of 58 passed, as follows:

First grade—Laura Thompson, Tualatin; Aura Thompson, Stafford; Mrs. Elizabeth Buck, Oregon City; J. F. Mitts, J. G. Noe, Needy; Mary L. Young, Milwaukie.

Second grade—Emma Kitchsmith, Minnie Wintermantle, Canby; L. Marquam; Myrtle Cornett, Springwater; Eva Todd, Hubbard; Inna R. Thompson, Stafford; Emma Flemming, Payn; Mamie Adams, Mary Hornschuch, Lou Albee, Oregon City; Maud Stone, Redland; George Murdock, Macksburg; Anna Thompson, Tualatin; Stella Sumner, Sunnyside.

For primary teachers—Majorie Caufield, Nettie Walden, Oregon City; Veva Knight, Vesta Knight, Canby.

Third grade—Mary Nye, Woodlawn; Estella Richey, Barton; Frank B. Peterson, Monitor; C. E. Mohler, Sunnyside; Anna Bachman, Clackamas; Helen Murray, Wilsonville; Myrtle Boen, Beaver Creek; Rhoda Newkirk, Parkplace; Ada Teel, Edna F. Brown, Olive M. Minsmore, Portland; May Jones, Carus; Lilhan Gans, Oswego; Tessie Larkins, Marquam; Cora B. Moore, Grace Miller, Anna T. Smith, May Andrews, Daisy McAnulty, Helen W. Gleason, Gussie Maddock, Hazel Pilsbury, Eva S. Meldrum, Oregon City.

For weeks the Board of Trade special committee has been canvassing the situation to secure a commission-house for Oregon City, so that farmers would have a market for their products. The committee was authorized, if necessary, to give a bonus equal to a year's rent to induce some responsible man to open a house here that would handle a considerable portion of the farm products of Clackamas County. Now a responsible man has appeared who is willing to engage in the business, even if the committee will guarantee him only half rent for one year. In fact, he has concluded that this is a pretty good location for business anyway. The members express a willingness to accept his offer.

Lulah Toedtemeier, of Stafford, today filed a suit for a divorce from her husband, Louis Toedtemeier, a wealthy farmer of that section, on the ground of cruelty. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant owns a farm worth $6000, farm machinery, livestock and large sums of money loaned out and drawing interest, and that she assisted in accumulating this property. The plaintiff asks that the court order $200 paid in monthly for her support during the pendency of this suit, and further asks for a decree for one-half of the property. She also asks for the custody of their nine children, the youngest being only four weeks old.

County Treasurer Alfred Luelling will issue a call tomorrow announcing that there is money on hand to pay all warrants on the general fund, indorsed prior to October 11, 1897. City Treasurer Linn Jones has issued a call for outstanding warrants indorsed prior to September 1, 1898.

FARMERS SEE A CHANCE.

Make Northern Pacific Take Less for Hauling Wheat to Tacoma.

GARFIELD, Wash., Aug. 16.—The decision of the Northern Pacific to haul wheat over the mountains to Portland for the same rate that is charged for hauling it to Tacoma will probably result in some interesting railroad legislation at Olympia next Winter. A short crop and low prices have caused considerable dissatisfaction among the farmers of this county and they will insist on the railroad company delivering their wheat at Tacoma and rebating the cost of the additional haul to Portland. This matter will be a most important issue in the coming election, and candidates are already being interviewed by the wheatgrowers as to their position on the question.

Mining Stock Quotations.

Following are the transactions at the Oregon Mining Stock Exchange yesterday:

Listed—	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Mountain	$0 05	$0 05¼
Buffalo	1½	2
Copperopolis	5	5½
Gold Hill & Bohemia	5	5½
Helena	31½	32¼
Helena No. 2	6¾	7
Lost Horse	3½	5½
May Queen	2½	2¾
Oregon-Colorado M. M. & D.	5	5½
Riverside	2	10
Umpqua	3	3¾
Unlisted—		
Grizzly	2½	3½
Mountain View	2¼	2¾
Rockefeller	3½	5½
Sumpter Free Gold	1½	2½

SALES.

Adams Mountain ..... 3000 shares at 5
Buffalo ..... 1000 at 2
Copperopolis ..... 3000 at 5
1000 at 5½
Gold Hill & Bohemia ..... 2000 at 5
Helena ..... 3100 at 31½
1000 at 32¼
1000 at 32¾
2500 at 32
1000 at 32¾
Helena No. 2 ..... 17800 at 6¾
6000 at 7
5000 at 6¾
Lost Horse ..... 5000 at 5½
May Queen ..... 9250 at 2½
1000 at 2¾
Mountain View ..... 8000 at 2¾
10000 at 2¾
Oregon-Colorado ..... 2000 at 5
Umpqua ..... 3000 at 3

SPOKANE, Aug. 16.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were:

Blacktail	$0 12¼	Morrison	$0 01½
Butte & Boston	11½	Noble Five	4½
Crystal	3	Princess Maud	1½
Deer Trail Con.	4¼	Rambler Cariboo	23
Evening Star	1	Reservation	8½
Gold Ledge	1	Roseland Giant	1½
Golden Harvest	30	Sullivan	13½
I. X. L.	11½	Tom Thumb	13½
Lone Pine Surp.	9¼	Waterloo	1¾
Mch. Glory	3¾		

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—Official closing quotations for mining stocks:

Alta	$0 04	Justice	$0 01
Alpha Con	1	Mexican	27
Andes	8	Occidental Con	12
Belcher	15	Ophir	66
Best & Belcher	18	Overman	15
Bullion	3	Potosi	14
Caledonia	20	Savage	13
Challenge Con	23	Seg. Belcher	2
Chollar	19	Sierra Nevada	36
Confidence	75	Silver Hill	43
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 35	Standard	4 10
Crown Point	15	Union Con	20
Gould & Curry	16	Utah Con	6
Hale & Norcross	21	Yellow Jacket	21

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Chollar	$0 17	Ontario	$6 50
Crown Point	14	Ophir	54
Con. Cal. & Va.	1 25	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	50	Quicksilver	1 00
Gould & Curry	12	do pref	6 50
Hale & Norcross	20	Sierra Nevada	36
Homestake	55 00	Standard	3 50
Iron Silver	50	Union Con	20
Mexican	25	Yellow Jacket	30

BOSTON, Aug. 16.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 2 50	Humboldt	$ 23 00
Allouez M. Co.	1 25	Osceola	68 00
Amal. Copper	88 75	Parrott	42 00
Atlantic	23 00	Quincy	140 00
Boston & M.	314 00	Santa Fe Cop.	4 75
Butte & Bost.	61 00	Tamarack	202 00
Cal. & Hecla	750 00	Utah Mining	31 75
Centennial	17 50	Winona	3 00
Franklin	13 50	Wolverines	40 50

*Asked.

Tillamook County Teachers.

TILLAMOOK, Aug. 16.—The result of the teachers' examination in this city gave Miss Pearl Buff, of Hebo; Miss Grace Craven, of Nestowin; Miss Belle Walls, of Tillamook; Miss Alice Payne, of Blaine; and Miss Frances Myer, of Forest Grove, certificates. Two applicants failed to pass. Miss Tacy Wilkinson, of Nehalem; Miss Maggie Toon, of Netarts; Miss Mamie Means and Mrs. Davies, of Tillamook; and Mrs. N. M. Dawson, of Cloverdale, took the examinatio for state papers.

The cranberry harvest will commence about the 27th of this month.

The Harvest in Linn County.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 16.—The threshing of Fall wheat in this county has been completed by most of the threshers, after a run of 14 to 18 days. One thousand to 1200 bushels of wheat and oats has been considered a good day's work, where formerly it has been 2000 and over. The yield is all the way up to 20 bushels per acre, according to locality, the latter being rare. The average will fall below 10 bushels. One threshing crew reports the highest as being 16 bushels. The threshing of Spring wheat will begin in a week or two, and the output will undoubtedly be more. There is much speculation as to the cause of the short crop, because there are plenty of stalks for a big yield. The general opinion is that it has been the work of a small insect or worm in the joints of the stalks, keeping the nourishment from the kernels—the hessian fly.

The yield of hops in this county this year is large and of a splendid quality. The prevailing price for picking will be 40 cents per box.

The Canadian Pacific Strike.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 16.—Although it is currently reported that the strike of the Canadian Pacific Railway machinists and allied unions is about settled, no definite news has yet been received from Winnipeg, and it is stated on good authority that none of the men will go to work before next Monday. In Winnipeg today the mechanics and allied mechanics had a meeting with Mechanical Superintendent Cross and Master Mechanic Orr. It is stated that the schedules demanded by the men will be granted by the company.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Two Old Citizens of McMinnville.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Aug. 16.—Two old and worthy citizens of this city died yesterday. John Narver was born in Pennsylvania January 1, 1823, and came to McMinnville in 1878, where he has since resided. He was the father of six children, two of whom are on this Coast. He left a widow.

John Rhodes, a pillar of the Baptist Church, was born in Missouri in 1834 and came to McMinnville in 1879. Two sons, B. F. and M. D. L., attorneys, both reside in this city.

Mrs. Smith, Oregon Pioneer of 1853.

DALLAS, Aug. 16.—Yesterday Mrs. Susan Smith, a pioneer of 1853, was buried in the Brown cemetery, north of Dallas. She was born in 1816, and married to George Smith, in Missouri. They came to Oregon in 1853 and settled near Perrydale, in this county, where they raised a large family of children, five of whom are living. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ira Townsend, at Perrydale, August 14. Mr. Smith died many years ago.

Washington Notes.

The Fairhaven schools have put in 150 feet of new blackboard.

The steam flouring mill at Guy is to be moved to South Palouse, where water power will be used.

H. J. Snively, of North Yakima, denies that he is a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor on the fusion ticket.

The town of Harrison is figuring on a water works plant and the construction of a reservoir of 100,000 gallons' capacity.

State Treasurer Young has a 1200-acre farm near Pullman, of which 900 acres are in wheat. He rents his land for one-third of the crop. He is now superintending the harvest.

The contract for constructing one mile of the Lynden-Blaine road, commencing three miles northwest of Lynden, has been let by the Whatcom County Commissioners to Jacob Jepperson for $1295.

Hop-picking will be late in the Yakima yards, owing to a recent cool spell, when the burrs made almost no development. It is thought the rush of picking will come toward the latter part of September.

A carload of Chinese laborers passed through Simcoe August 14, bound for the coast. They said they had been driven out of Montana, where they had been working on the Northern Pacific near Missoula.

Lincoln County is making arrangements for an exceptionally fine fair this year. A permanent hall, 70x200 feet, is one of the improvements. The stock pens will probably show some fine cattle and sheep from Eastern Oregon.

A bold burglary was committed at Ritzville Saturday night by two unknown men. They entered the Pacific Hotel and succeeded in securing $20 in small change from the cash drawer, but dropped most of the money in their escape.

The Everett Independent reports a scheme to "loot the city's sewer fund" by paying $17,500 for a block for sewerage discharge. Four Councilmen voted for the purchase, and three against. Taxpayers have begun a suit to enjoin the diversion of sewer funds.

C. W. Lucas, mailcarrier from Zillah to Sunnyside, dropped from his horse on the 12th and died in a afterward. His body was found about two miles from Zillah, lying by the roadside. It is supposed that he died from apoplexy. He was an old pioneer and a veteran of the Civil War.

Del McAllister, of Seattle, stumbled on to two cougar cubs near Elliott Station one day last week. Their cries brought the mother beast, and a male cougar, which bit and clawed the young man in a fearful manner. His companions climbed a tree, but a farmer soon appeared, killed one of the cougars, and caused the other to flee.

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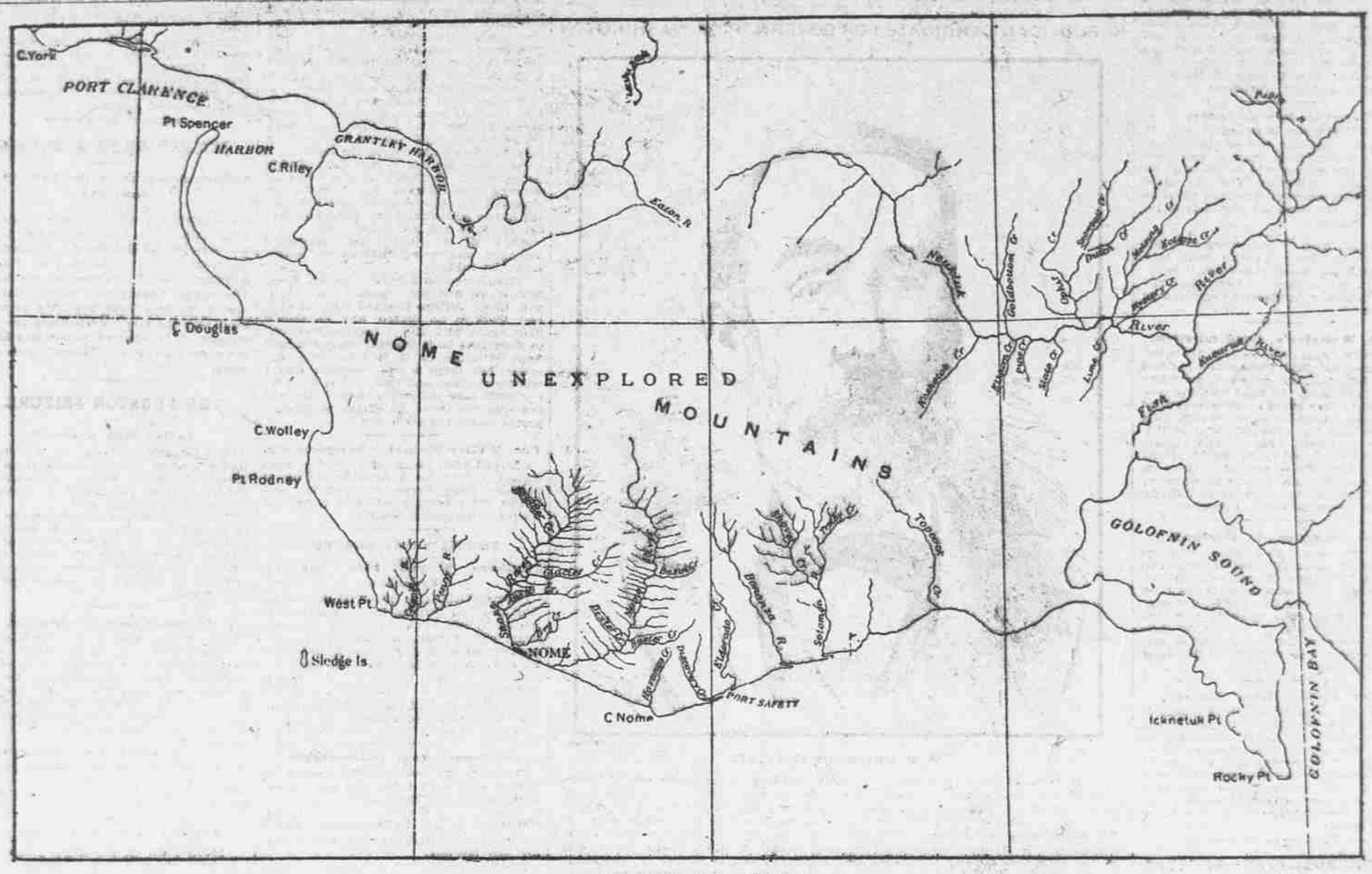

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