

SEND OUT NEEDY

Government Relief for Destitute Cape Nome Argonauts.

RANDALL'S REPRESENTATIONS

Estimates That 1000 Men Will Need Aid—New Army Post to Be Named Davis.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—General Randall, commander of the Department of the Interior, has made the following report in the condition at Nome:

At present there are about 15,000 persons in and about Nome. It is estimated that there will be 2000 more persons in the city of navigation. I request that I be authorized to send all destitute persons of the country by any vessel available in case Army transports are not available.

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Statistics and Financial Condition Shown in Annual Report.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 11.—The following summary is taken from the annual report of the County Superintendent Evans, just compiled, for the year ending June 30, comparison being made with the figures for the former year:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes School districts in county, Teachers employed, and Average wages paid men.

MUCH GOLD, BUT NOT ENOUGH.

New Miners Spread Out Over the Cape Nome Country.

CAPE NOME, Alaska, July 28.—An army of prospectors has spread out over the country and up to this time it must be considered that the results are not very unsatisfactory.

YAMHILL COUNTY NOTES.

YAMHILL COUNTY, Ore., Aug. 11.—It cost Yamhill County \$148 to run its affairs for the month of July, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Roads and bridges, Indigent, Stationery and printing, and Miscellaneous.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

HILLSBORO, Aug. 11.—General Ransom, Post G. O. R. of this city, has received a set of the 70-volume publication, issued by the Government, embracing records of the Union and Confederate Armies.

Notes on Way to China.

SPOKANE, Aug. 11.—Thirteen carloads of Government mules, en route to China, via Seattle, were unloaded here today to be hitched to them were seven carloads of harness.

Washingon Notes.

Sedro-Woolley is promised a saw mill in the near future, to employ 75 or more men.

A fine dog died at Aberdeen. The owner held an autopsy. A quantity of ground glass was revealed.

Surveyors are searching for reservoir sites near the headwaters of the Klickitat and Astoria Rivers.

Two-thirds of the Indian children on the Swineminah reservation are said to be suffering with measles. The school has been closed.

A cow was washed ashore at Port Townsend August 9. Indians camping near by promptly divided up the carcass and are living high.

Hamlin Garland, author of stories of Western life, is in Spokane. He is after material for new stories, and expects to hunt up Chief Joseph.

A new kind of wheat known as the Arcadian, was introduced into the Pacific coast last Fall. The farmers who tried it report it of poor quality.

Spokane's industrial exposition will be held this year from October 2 to 15, inclusive. The music will be furnished by the local orchestra.

At Seattle, the Lake Washington cycle path has been closed by a man whose dog it crossed. He wanted \$50 for damages, and has fenced his lot to compel the dog to stay.

The Aberdeen Herald says that "although the black salmon fishing season opened on August 1, hardly any fish are yet running, and it is believed the run will be short on the harbor, as it was this year on the Columbia River."

Robert Jackson, 36 years old, who lived alone in a little house, at the north end of San Juan Island, was found dead in his bed, with a little dog lying beside him. He had lived there alone for many years, and little is known of his antecedents.

Mrs. S. C. Roberts, wife of the School Superintendent at Aberdeen, died on August 9 of acute Bright's disease. The reporter adds: "They were married only last December. Mr. Roberts seems particularly unfortunate. This is his third wife, although he is less than 40 years old."

Millions of shrimps, thrown up on the Hignits Beach by the tide, cause much suffering to the Tacoma News. Herrington followed in immense schools. When the tide ebbed, they were so thick as to form a complete coating and gave the beach the appearance of being covered with snow, as the little shrimps were almost pure white.

C. W. Wheeler, of the Watsburg Times, finds Spokane "unusually dull this Summer," and adds: "Many buildings are vacant, and the business is suffering from a scarcity of customers. And this is another thing difficult of explanation, for the mines are being worked and with abundant success. The surrounding country is fairly prosperous. But Spokane is dull, so say they of all them."

A MASTODON SKELTON.

Huge One on St. Lawrence Island—Skeletons of People Also.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 11.—While the steamer Robert Dollar was aground on the beach at St. Lawrence Island, on her trip to Nome, her passengers discovered the skeleton of a mastodon 30 feet long, that attracted notice from its resemblance to the wreck of some vessel.

Related to miles on the island, the Dollar's passengers came upon three huts with the remains of five human beings, who had died evidently of starvation years before.

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GREAT RUSH FOR LAND

SPECIAL ACTIVITY TO GET WELL-LOCATED TIMBER.

Where the Demand Comes From and Where It May Be Satisfied—Many Settlers Coming.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 10.—These are busy days at the local land office. Filings under the timber act and the homestead law are many, and it is no unusual sight to find the local hotels full of strangers, faces and of an early morning to see the railway and corridors leading to the United States Land Office crowded with men and women, all waiting sometimes for several hours, their turn to file their claims for the government of 160 acres of the finest timber in the world.

This activity in the timber line is caused East are now filing for homesteads. These make the permanent class of citizens. The people from the East are attracted by the fine climate and the opportunity to secure cheap land. They file and settle on the land to farm, to raise stock and to run dairies. It takes hard work to find and clear a good tract of 160 acres of land for agricultural purposes, but for the one who is not afraid of labor the opportunity is great, and results await his coming.

During the quarter ending June 30, 221 homesteads were filed at this office, covering 35,700 acres; 75 final proofs were received on 12,500 acres; and the cash sales aggregated \$1,910.93, in dollars and cents, the receipts of the office for the quarter were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Fees and commissions, Cash sales of land, and Total receipts.

The present quarter promises to be the most active in the history of the office, and the receipts are expected to exceed those of any other corresponding period of time. In the 11 counties included in this land district, 3,776,550 acres remain unappropriated and unreserved, of which

TROLLEY LINE TO FALLS CITY.

The project of building a trolley railway line to Falls City is engaging the attention of citizens of that town, Independence, Ore., and also has the Southern Pacific Railroad.

A trolley line is now in operation between Independence and Monmouth, and the Falls City line is to be an extension of that road, swinging around from Monmouth to the Luckiamute bottom, and following up the stream to Falls City, a distance of about 10 miles from the present terminus of the trolley line. The business of the Falls City country has a great deal of timber, and agricultural products to ship.

largely by the lieu selections filed by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, which under a recent act of a generous Congress is permitted to select any vacant Government lands in this state, in place of that lost by it in the Mount Rainier National Park Reserve of Washington. Since December last this company has had the timber lands of the State of Oregon timbered, and already ready during the present year has selected over 120,000 acres of the best timber land.

The people of Oregon, realizing at last the opportunity to secure a quarter section of timber and the last chance to avail themselves of their timber right, have taken many acres of this land, but it is by the people from the East, who live in states once densely timbered, that most of this filling is done. They see the timber disappear there, and knowing its value, come to the Coast, and the return to their homes, again to cross the continent to make their final proof and payment for the land. They know what timber is, what it has been, and its future value.

This impetus given to the timber business has caused many locators to come here from Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and other lumbering states, who have opened offices in many of the Valley towns and are deep in correspondence with their people East in regard to the greatest of Oregon timber, the Douglas fir. Two expert locators have been selected and locating them upon choice quarter sections for a fee of from \$50 to \$100. These locators seem to be for the most part honest men, and their few complaints have reached this office in regard to fraud in the locations. This was not the case a few years back, when the last timber craze swept over the country. Many locators, in the business then, and the intending purchaser for \$400 of a fine timbered claim often found it bare of trees.

Then the big lumber companies of those states have their men to the state, cruising, surveying and selecting vacant lands, locating it with Cascade forest reserve, with state selections, and in other ways securing large compact bodies of timber. Their purchasers are also in the best of timber, and buying tracts of the best timber, located to the best possible advantage with regard to streams, and other things that are necessary to the business, so as to bring it early into market. All this is to protect their future business when the lumber shall have been exhausted in the East, and the locators of them contented, is already in sight. Then they will come West to engage in the manufacture of lumber and to make fortunes from the timber of this state, while our Oregonian dreams complacently on.

Another class of timber men is the Eastern firm which sends men West to cruise the lands located by individuals, who buys their land at a fair price as soon as final proof is made, and who secures large tracts in this way to speculate upon and resell to the East. So it may be seen that if one is to be left in the scramble for timber lands he must make a lively hustle for it.

Where is the best timber located? This is the question constantly asked by the newcomers and by correspondents in the East with eyes upon Oregon timber. While the state is sprinkled all over with timber, yet there are a few bodies of it. One is in the foothills along both sides of the Cascade Range, another follows the western slope of the Coast Range to the ocean, while a third is along the Siskiyou Mountains in Southern Oregon, extending over into the great Klamath Basin; the other lies in Eastern Oregon.

In this district the recent locators are for the most part in Linn, Lane and Coos Counties, although some locators have been partial to Klamath County, and others are invading distant and mountainous Curry County, both claiming much for their respective districts. The Valley of the Siuslaw and its tributaries has been a favorite field for purchasers, as the logs may be timbered to the headwaters of the streams to tidewater, and thus brought upon a ready market, realizing a good profit upon a short investment. The headwaters of the Calapaloo and the Santiam in another favored region, and locations have been so numerous that an office of that county looks like a checker-board. The aim of all investors is to secure a tract of timber near the railroads or on streams down which the logs may be driven, so that their timber may not long lie idle awaiting a market. Now, however, that this land is all taken by the first comers, locations are being made wherever the timber can be found, knowing that sooner or later it will be in demand, and that no better investment may be had for so small an outlay.

The amount of timber standing on an acre, or even a quarter section, of land in Oregon is a revelation to Eastern lumbermen, who cannot believe that it until they see for themselves. With locators here a tract carrying 5,000,000 feet of timber above 12 inches in diameter is only picked up on a second crisscrossing, while in the East 2,500,000 feet would be no considered fine timber for a quarter section of land. Much of the fine timber land of this state will go \$20,000, and even \$30,000, feet to the quarter section.

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OF THE KLAMATH FALLS ROUTE.

Contractor Who Built in the Siskiyou Reconnecting New Line.

ASHLAND, Ore., Aug. 11.—John Hale, the contractor, is here from Portland, and tomorrow will start in company with the engineers of the Oregon Midland Railway to go over the preliminary survey of the road to Klamath Falls. Mr. Hale was one of the contractors who built the Southern Pacific Company's line over the Siskiyou, and is well acquainted with the country to be traversed by the Oregon Midland.

WARM SPRINGS AGENCY.

WARM SPRINGS, Ore., Aug. 9.—Superintendent James E. Kirk has arrived at this agency and will hereafter have entire charge of affairs here, acting as Inspector. J. W. Cowan ceased to be the reservation school, Supervisor A. G. Wright, who has been in charge since July 1, will now go on his regular work of inspection.

Oregon Notes.

A Port Orford man has sent 400 sheep this season to San Francisco by steamer.

Walter Davy is taking a drove of 200 head of horses from Antelope to California.

A Clackamas County lawyer has a yearling Cotswold which weighs 285 pounds.

E. Ehen's 116-acre farm, in Marion County, has been sold to Fred Yeager for \$4500.

Luther Brown died at Oretown recently at the age of 81. He formerly lived at West Salem.

Grass Valley expects not less than 20,000 bushels of wheat will be marketed there this year.

William Martin, formerly of La Fayette, died recently in Colorado. He was a son of Frank Martin.

Henry Fack has brought a big farm in the southern part of Lane County and stocked it with sheep.

At Salt Creek one hop-grower will hire whites only to pick his crop, while a neighbor will employ Indians.

Mr. Carpenter is hearing complaints from the Greenhorn range of the edge of the Greenhorn range of mountains. Here mining has been carried on since 1853. Among the old timers it is claimed that the Greenhorn range was an ideal mining country, low altitude, short winters, good timber and water, and some day will be heard from the Greenhorn range.

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