

HEAL Relief for the Destitute Cape Nome Argonauts. CANNOT ALL GET BACK HOME

Many of the Stranded Miners Will Be Fed From the Military Stores by General Randall.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Based on reports that have recently reached Washington, War Department officials are endeavoring to realize that there will be much trouble to be faced in Alaska this winter. As first little or no attention was paid to conditions at Cape Nome and elsewhere, but in the face of recent advices General Randall, in command of the military force in Alaska, has been instructed to prepare for the emergency likely to present itself in several thousand destitute miners.

It is very likely that Congress will be called upon to take some action looking to the relief of these stragglers. At the meantime, General Randall will be obliged to extend such help and issue such food as he can. Looking to this form of relief, the War Department is endeavoring to be prepared to meet the demands which are likely to be made upon the authorities in Alaska.

RAILWAY AT CAPE NOME. Five Miles Long and Built for a Mining Company.

The Cape Nome and north-west line is a boundary line is the newly-completed five miles of railroad which connects Anvil Creek with tide water. The line is built on a grade of 100 feet to the mile, and is the longest of its kind in the world. The completion of this five-mile railway will certainly be considered as marking a distinct stage of development in this district. It will be an important factor in the opening up of Anvil and Decker Creeks, which with their tributaries, constitute the basis, so far as the Cape Nome gold-producing problem is concerned. The road is one of the gigantic plans of the Wild Goose Mining Company, and is primarily intended to aid in the working of the claims owned by the company.

Two Washington Postmasters. The Alaska Post Office at Sitka.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Washington Postmasters appointed today are: C. E. Blackwell, at Concomly, and John Axling, at Delta.

Oregon Notes. Lone needs more houses—a brickyard.

After waiting 15 years, Talent has a modern depot. The best-sugar factory at La Grange is to start up August 21.

Hay is finished in Willows County. The yield is good.

Fire has destroyed 200 acres of timber in the north of Klamath Falls. A flock of 180 sheep sold in Benton County a few days ago at \$4 per head.

A Lakeview contractor has burned 300,000 bricks, to be used in rebuilding the town.

The Lakeview contractor has sold a bunch of "feeders" at Medford for \$4.25 per 100 pounds.

Willows County has received large sums of money this season from the sale of horses to cavalry agents.

Marble-cutting at San Francisco market is an industry that has reached Table Rock, Jackson County.

A Ketchikan has sold E. Randolph 200 acres of the Mattoon donation land claim in Clackamas County, price, \$1400.

George Conner has bought from P. F. Scharf, of Morrow County, 2000 acres, 1 to 5 years old, at \$1.00 per acre.

The best wheat yield reported at Elgin is 21 bushels per acre.

The quality is No. 1. It is from a Thompson's farm.

H. Beckley, a Lake County cattle grower, has sold 25-year-olds to a Salem man at \$35 a head.

The farms on Alder Slope are said by the Enterprise Bulletin to be unexcelled anywhere for variety and quality of products.

The work on the road between Marquam and Glad Tidings has been exceptionally good, and is expected to wear a long life.

In Clackamas County, C. D. Thompson has sold Fred Mack 200 acres near the Thompson donation land claim; consideration, \$3000.

Mrs. L. E. Byrner is dead at Hopner, after a four-day illness, leaving a husband and four children.

Mrs. Belle Howe, of Marquam, was last week thrown from a horse, which reared on her face and cut a severe gash, requiring several operations to close it.

The 200-acre ball game at Medford caused two pitchers to be imported—Martin, of San Jose, for Grant's Pass, and Fleming, of Portland, for Medford. The latter won, 9 to 8.

L. A. Allen has sold to John Simon the Tatum tract of 227 acres near the Byrley bridge for \$750, and G. F. Seeley, of Perrydale, has bought at \$2000 the 100-acre Stevens farm at Oak Grove. Both are in Fork County.

The Wallace tract farm near Lincoln will furnish about 15 tons of Bartlett pears to the Salem market. The trees are now being budded, and in a few years the Bartlett will be superseded by later and harder varieties.

Among Oregon's large farmers are the South Bros., of Gilliam County, who raised 5000 acres of wheat. They have been hauling to Blalock, and say they have the best wheat in the world, 60 pounds to the bushel. All their grain is expected to go over 60 pounds.

Clarence Hughes, 22 years old, was accidentally killed at Ashland, August 14, by the discharge of a small revolver in the hands of Louis J. Taylor, who was examining the weapon in the presence of several men when it was discharged. He was released on his own recognizance.

The Lawrence Rustler has this about the rebuilding of his town: "Nine brick buildings are being constructed, and with the four damaged bricks repaired and the concrete, Lakeview is sure of a fire-proof building. Besides, those covered with iron pipes. We predict they will be full of 1901 Lakeview they cannot be rebuilt."

The rattlesnakes at the drug store still crave mice as food, says the Athena Press. Mr. H. says that for 13 months the two reptiles refused, but lately all overtures made to take nourishment, but since their shiny skins peeped out some days ago they appear to have a renewed appetite for mice, and mice only.

The slope in the new coal mine at Beaver Hill is now down 150 feet, and work is being pushed as fast as possible, says the Marshfield News. Miners are nearly across the "cave" in the old mine, and Manager Chandler expects to get coal from it in November. At present he is busily engaged on Davis Shovel, boring with a diamond drill. He intends going down 70 feet.

Under the heading, "A Buck Famine," the Antelope Herald says: "This section of Eastern Oregon, which during the past Spring made the largest sale of thoroughbred bucks ever made in the world, 750 in one shipment, is now unable to supply the local demand, and many shepherds in this neighborhood must go to other markets for their bucks. It is estimated that 2000 bucks are constantly on the lookout for the best, are quick to discover the superiority of the Eastern Oregon sheep, and the local shepherds must herd them as early as possible."

How Prices Dropped. Nuvoo News, July 25.

The provision market is in a bad way, and is to say the least from the standpoint of the miller. Prices in most lines are demoralized and goods of various kinds are being sold at about cost. The beach trader is largely responsible for this condition of affairs, although it is claimed that the regular trader, one dealer said yesterday that groceries are being sold for about the cost of bringing them ashore from vessels. While the retail prices have dropped, the wholesale have not. The water company's water is its good and they put in pipes," he said. Mr. Baldwin seems satisfied with his venture at sea.

Where the Fraud Lies. SPECIAL LAND AGENTS DO NOT DO THEIR DUTY.

They Appear to Be Restrained by Higher Officers From Prosecuting for Fraudulent Timber Entries.

ALBANY, Aug. 18.—The Oregonian a few days ago contained a communication from Ashland relative to the frauds practiced in the disposal of the timber lands. The writer shows that these lands are fraudulently acquired, and that the law is being violated in almost every instance where land is bought under the timber laws of the United States.

Any one who has taken the trouble to inquire about the disposal of the public timber lands within the last three years must necessarily reach the conclusion that there is something wrong in the administration of the land affairs of the Government. A glance at the timber notices which have been and are at this time in the local newspapers throughout the state will show that a large percentage of the applicants are residents of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Washington and states other than Oregon.

It is a matter of public notoriety that these applicants on the same day the profit is made upon their lands transfer by deed the title which they acquire from the Government to some mill company or other corporation.

In many instances the party who makes the timber entry has not in fact been

those who have permitted these frauds. It will not restore the ownership of the land to the Government, which has been despoiled of its most valuable possession, and the added cost of building material on account of this crime against the people is a burden from which there can be no relief.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL CITY. Oregon's Course of Study Commanded—Invitation to Governor Geer.

SALEM, Aug. 18.—Professor G. A. Gregory, formerly Superintendent of the public schools of Jackson County, Oregon, has been spending the present summer at the University of Chicago, where he has been making a special study of school methods. In pursuing that course he has had occasion to study courses of study for grades and ungraded schools.

In writing of his observations he says: "I have not yet met a state course for rural and town graded schools that is as practical as the one Superintendent Ackerman prepared for Oregon. I find some so rigid that, if followed, would become a hindrance to progress; others so brief

PLANS TO RAISE PRICE. STATE ASSOCIATION OFFERS HOP-GROWERS ELEVEN CENTS.

Will Also Advance Money for Picking—Still Higher Price Expected From Outside Buyers.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 18.—The Oregon Hop-growers' Association has adopted a new plan for raising the price of hops. President M. L. Jones said today that Manager Winstanley has orders to contract for hops of the 1900 crop at 11 cents and furnish picking-money, the hops to be subject to inspection as to quality. While the association officers do not advise growers to contract their hops, they feel that the prices will be better, and make this offer in order that those growers who must contract may get 11 cents

THE PROPOSED RAILROAD TO KLAMATH FALLS.



Instead of 10, which latter price is the one prevailing at present.

This new move on the part of the association means that the managers have negotiated with capitalists for picking-money, and propose to control prices by themselves offering the growers what they think the hops are worth. While the managers do not say so in that many words, it is evident that they expect the hop-growers to do better by raising the price above 11 cents.

Mr. Jones says that the bankers seem willing to loan money to reputable growers who put up good hops. He says New York growers are holding for 15 to 20 cents, and have made some sales of early varieties at 18 cents.

H. J. Ottenheimer, representing Lillenthal Bros., has offered to renew his proposition to guarantee the hop-growers 15 cents per pound if they will reduce the production 5 per cent in Oregon, no reference being made to California or Washington. Manager Winstanley says that while the present outlook for hops it would be impossible to curtail the output.

Mr. Barber, of Woodburn, has contracted 800 pounds of hops to Valentine for 10 cents.

This has been the busiest Saturday Salem has seen for about two months. Hop and fruit-growers were in town making preparations for the gathering and curing of their crops, and many farmers were attending the hog-fairs.

EIGHT CARS OF FRUIT SHIPPED. Record for The Dalles for One Week—Melon Crop Short.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 18.—The past week has been a record-breaker in the fruit-shipping industry at The Dalles. During that time six carloads of Pellenberg and three carloads of Bartlett pears have been shipped. Three cars were the purchases of Page & Son, of Portland, the remaining three being packed and shipped by local dealers.

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Hop-growers Not Contracting. Independence Notes.

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