

FORTY-ONE YEARS AGO ALASKA BECAME OURS

Generation of Seward Is Generation of Past and Country Today Is Beginning to Realize His Predictions Are Fulfilled.

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Washington, June 20.—Forty-one years ago today the formal transfer of the district of Alaska from the czar of Russia to the government of the United States was completed. William H. Seward, secretary of state, believed he had done a great thing for his country when he bargained and paid \$7,200,000 gold for Alaska. Nearly everybody else believed that Mr. Seward had simply thrown away that much money, that Alaska was nothing but a waste of ice and could never amount to anything. Just before his death Mr. Seward declared that the greatest accomplishment of his very active public life was the annexation of Alaska. Then he added, "but it will take the country a generation to find out Alaska's value."

The generation of Seward is a generation of the past, and the country today is beginning to realize that his predictions are fulfilled. The Portland exposition three years ago taught the people a great deal about Alaska. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle next summer will teach them much more. Meanwhile Alaska is pushing forward in its development without pausing to the south of the continent.

Sixty years ago the North American coast of the Pacific ocean whispered the slightest promise of its present splendor. The Oregon country was awaiting settlers, now that American ownership had been made certain, and the California territory was passing from Mexican to American control. Gold had just been found in California, and the great rush to the golden west was beginning. The romantic story of those 60 years which have produced the great states of Oregon, California and Washington is known to all Americans.

But few remember that the "forty-niners" sought for gold with pick and shovel which came from the forests of the peninsula of Alaska, Russian America and the metropolis of the Pacific. Few remember that the first steamships which plowed the waters of the great west of oceans were launched from Sitka shipyards. Few remember that Alaskan mail clothing and Alaskan cutlery were used by the San Francisco pioneers.

The story of Oregon and California is an unbroken tale of triumph. Alaska is triumphant now, but there is tragedy in its past. To begin at the beginning, the peninsula of Alaska was discovered in 1778 by Vitus Bering, a Danish navigator in the service of the Russian government. He gave his name to the great straits which separate America from Asia, and claimed the country for the Russian crown. A few years later a band of Russian adventurers undertook to settle the land. They so cruelly mistreated the natives that a massacre provoked and the world indignantly avenged. Thus the Russian dominion in America was built on a foundation of cruelty.

A commercial city. The Russian government began to pay serious attention to Alaska in the early part of the nineteenth century, and set about making Sitka a commercial city. Shipyards and factories were built, a trans-Pacific commerce was established, and for years a thriving trade was carried on. But the destruction of fur-bearing animals, the mistreatment of the natives, the growing importance of the United States, the waste of capital in developing useless coal mines and the gathering of coal for which the great Russian capitalists were interested contributed to the decline of the Russian trade. Finally the time came when the great Russian capitalists withdrew and Sitka degenerated into a fishing village. Its very name was almost forgotten, and the world forgot the fetters of ice which the world imagined bound it.

Thought Purchase Mistake. Thus it happened that the country believed Mr. Seward had bought Alaska for Russia. It was declared that the sale of the district was only a trick which enabled Mr. Seward to pocket \$20,000,000 in return for assistance offered by Russia to the Lincoln administration during the civil war. The country declared that would never return the purchase price in contributing to the American trade.

Forty-one years have passed. Here today the amount paid to Russia yielded each year from Alaskan fisheries. In the last decade Alaskan gold mines have produced more than \$100,000,000 worth of gold, and the production is continuing. To this is now being added the produce of coal mines and oil fields, the importance of which is increasing rapidly.

The present population of the territory is about 80,000, of which 35,000 are white men and the rest natives. With such a sparse population and with such a comparatively small development of mineral resources, the territory between Alaska and the United States proper now amounts to more than \$50,000,000 a year.

Great Agricultural Lands. So far from being a land of never-melting and unrelenting ice, it is now known that Alaska has agricultural lands which are greater in extent than the total area of the New England states, New York and Pennsylvania. As long ago as 1876, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Philadelphia awarded to grain grown in Alaska. The wheat-growing country is nearer to the pole each year, and another decade will see Alaska an important factor in the grain producing of the world.

It has been carefully reckoned by government investigators that Alaska is capable of supporting a grain population of 2,000,000, and the surplus of wealth in like proportion. Alaska has already done enough to justify the wisdom of the purchase which has barely begun to unfold its riches.

The discovery of the rich gold fields

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FINE WILD BERRIES ON WOLF CREEK

People Who Are Settling There Intend to Raise Cultivated Sorts.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Wolf Creek, Or., June 20.—The wild strawberry season is coming to a close here. Bushels have been gathered and uncounted bushels have gone to waste. The first ripe berries were picked April 27. The largest picked, so far as known, measured two inches in circumference. Few berries have been planted in this vicinity, but Mr. Dudley has brought in some which cannot be surpassed in Oregon, and this means no better on earth. There will be a good crop of wild dewberries, blackberries and raspberries and it is no wonder none have been planted here, the wild crops more



Wild strawberries of Wolf Creek, with a \$5 gold piece to show how big they are.

than supplying the local demand. New-comers, however, assured that where there is a market, the wild do so well, cultivated will do better, are planting, and in a few years Wolf Creek colony can support a canner as well as help supply the markets with fresh small fruits, along with standard apples, peaches and pears. Improvement is the order here. A Southern Pacific train has been on the siding for two weeks, a crew of

men installing the block signal system and digging a well at the station. To relieve the congested condition of new-comers, since four families at present occupy a seven-room house, a six-room log bungalow is now going up, soon to be followed by others in the town now being planned. Two purchasers of tracts are preparing to build homes on them, and if the next half year witnesses as great a change as the past two months under the new proprietors, the place will be deserving of a new name. New song books have been purchased and a new organ in on the way for the Sunday school. At a recent meeting of the school electors a special tax of three mills was authorized so as to insure nine months of school next year again.

CHEHALIS COUNTY'S BUILDING AT A. Y. P.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., June 20.—It has been decided that Chehalis county is to have a building of its own on the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle. Enough lumber, shingles and brick have been promised by subscription to put up the building. Former State Senator O'Donnell of Elma contributing 25,000 feet of lumber, while Hoquiam mill men will give 15,000 feet and 50,000 shingles. J. Stewart will give 5,000 brick for the foundation and more if necessary. J. J. Kaufman will give the necessary furniture and J. E. Caldwell will give a piano. The Northern Pacific railroad will haul all material to the exposition grounds free of charge.

ONE RAWHIDE BANK WILL BE REOPENED

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Reno, Nev., June 20.—Bank Examiner Hofer returned from Rawhide this morning and reports that the First bank of Rawhide and the Wonder Trust company are both insolvent. The attorney-general will ask for a receiver for the First bank of Rawhide and Wonder Trust company. The bank examiner states that the Bank of Rawhide is solvent and will soon open again.

Unveiling of Statue.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Quebec, June 20.—Arrangements have been completed for the three days' festivities to be held in connection with the unveiling of the statue to Mr. De Laval. The program will be ushered in tomorrow morning with a solemn Te Deum in all the parishes and missions of the diocese.

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Clever Young People Given Excellent Opportunity to Secure College Education for Pleasant Work During Holidays

Cash Awards Also Offered as Extraordinary Inducements in Addition to Cash Commissions

THE JOURNAL'S THIRD ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONTEST BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 22

Regular Employment Does Not Prevent Boys and Girls From Competing.

The mere fact that boys and girls and young men and young women are regularly employed does not prevent them from competing in the Journal's scholarship contest, nor does it handicap them to any great extent in securing votes. In a great many instances their business connections are very helpful to them in securing large numbers of subscriptions. The accommodating boys and girls through their willingness and courtesy make fast friends around the large establishments in which they are employed, and their fellow workers and heads of department take pleasure in assisting them, especially in their worthy ambition to secure an education to fit them for high salaried positions in the business world. Everyone admires ambition in the young man or young woman and nothing gets the hearty support of the public more readily or more generously than the young person who shows a desire to be self-supporting. Young people should seize opportunities as eagerly as they would gold coins rolling down the street. Failure is very often the result of lost opportunities. Every boy and girl who enters this great contest will display wisdom and will get due praise for his or her desire to earn a higher education. The interesting work of securing subscriptions for The Journal will prove far more enjoyable than if the vacation were spent in unprofitable pleasure when nothing would remain but memories of a fruitless summer. Don't delay getting started in the contest.

CASH AWARDS

In addition to the scholarship awards The Journal will make the following cash awards to help defray expenses of the students who may poll the largest vote:

- Cash with first choice of scholarship.....\$150
- Cash with second choice of scholarship.....\$125
- Cash with third choice of scholarship.....\$100
- Cash with fourth choice of scholarship.....\$75
- Cash with fifth choice of scholarship.....\$50
- Cash with sixth choice of scholarship.....\$25

The above sums in cash will be paid contestants immediately after the close of the contest, in the order of their standing. Cash commissions will be allowed on all new subscribers, in addition to the cash awards, so that a contestant may earn money every day during the contest.

SCHOLARSHIPS

As far as they are at present listed are herewith submitted. More schools will be added from day to day during the contest as the choice of new contestants is learned.

THE WAY IT IS DONE

Each and every subscriber to any issue of The Journal will be entitled to vote for a contestant according to the length of time they pay in advance for their subscription. A schedule of votes allowed on every issue, for different periods, is published today. Every contestant should commence at once to hustle for subscribers to The Journal, bearing in mind that new subscribers count many more votes than old subscribers, for it is only through an increase in circulation that The Journal will receive returns for such a large outlay of cash and scholarships. The public will be kept advised by publication from time to time as to the standing of the different contestants and the votes to their credit. Instruction in canvassing or conducting your campaign for subscribers and votes will be given to any contestant who applies to the contest manager.

EQUAL CHANCE FOR ALL.

For the purpose of awarding the scholarships and cash prizes, the field of The Journal has been divided into four districts, as follows: Multnomah county, Oregon. Willamette Valley (as far south as Eugene). Southern Oregon (all south of Eugene). Eastern Oregon.

A liberal measure of votes is allowed for subscriptions to the semi-weekly edition of The Journal to favor contestants working in districts where the population is scattered. The voting schedule is so keyed and the field is so divided, that a contestant living in the country or on a rural route has an equal advantage with the contestant living in the city of Portland. The young people living in the country have this advantage over their city rivals: they enjoy a larger personal acquaintance.

HOW THEY ARE DISTRIBUTED.

The candidate who at the close of the contest has the largest number of votes, irrespective of locality or district, will have first choice of all scholarships.

The second choice will fall to the contestant of highest vote in the district which does not get the first choice. The third choice will fall to the contestant of highest vote in a district which does not get either the first or second choice. The fourth choice will fall to the contestant of highest vote in Eastern Oregon.

DAILY AND SUNDAY EDITION.

One month: Price by mail, 65 cents; price delivered by carrier, at points having a carrier service, 65 cents; votes allowed, if new, 65 votes; if old, none. Two months: Price by mail or delivered, \$1.30; votes allowed, if new, 125 votes; if old, none. Three months: Price by mail, \$1.95; delivered, \$1.95; votes allowed, if new, 200; if old, 175. Four months: By mail, \$2.60; delivered, \$2.60; votes allowed, if new, 300; if old, 250. Five months: Price by mail, \$3.25; by carrier, \$3.25; votes allowed, if new, 500; if old, 225. Six

- ALBANY COLLEGE, ALBANY, OR.—One year's tuition in any department, except conservatory. Value of scholarship \$50.
- BAKER CITY BUSINESS COLLEGE, BAKER CITY, OR.—One year's tuition in shorthand, typewriting, English, bookkeeping and penmanship. Value of scholarship \$100.
- BERNICE-WALKER BUSINESS COLLEGE, PORTLAND, OR.—One year's tuition in combined business and shorthand course. Value of scholarship \$100.
- CAPITAL BUSINESS COLLEGE, SALEM, OR.—Ten months' tuition in business or shorthand course. Value of scholarship \$100.
- DALLAS COLLEGE, DALLAS, OR.—One year's tuition in any department. Value of scholarship \$50.
- HILL MILITARY ACADEMY, PORTLAND, OR.—One year's tuition in all branches without board. Value of scholarship \$150.
- KOLMERS BUSINESS COLLEGE, PORTLAND, OR.—One year's tuition in combined business and shorthand course. Value of scholarship \$100.
- INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS OF SEASIDE, CA.—Complete courses in architecture, chemistry and chemical technology, electrical, civil engineering, steam electric, mechanical engineering and mining engineering. Value of scholarship \$90.
- R. MAX MEYER SCHOOL OF ART, PORTLAND, OR.—6 months evening course. Value of scholarship \$50.
- WHEATVILLE COLLEGE, WHEATVILLE, OR.—One year's tuition in any department of the college. Value of scholarship \$50.
- OREGON CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, PORTLAND, OR.—One year's course in piano department. Value of scholarship \$175.
- OREGON EXPERT COLLEGE, PORTLAND, OR.—Combined course in telegraphy and stenography. Value of scholarship \$125.
- OREGON LAW COLLEGE, PORTLAND, OR.—One year's tuition. Value of scholarship \$150.
- PACIFIC COLLEGE, NEWBERG, OR.—One year's tuition. Value of scholarship \$50.
- PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, FOREST GROVE, OR.—One year's tuition in college department. Value of scholarship \$50.
- FENDELTON ACADEMY, FENDELTON, OR.—Two years' instruction in classical, scientific or commercial courses. Value of scholarship \$100.
- PORTLAND ACADEMY, PORTLAND, OR.—One year's tuition in any of the four academy classes. Value of scholarship \$125.
- MRS. WALTER REED, PORTLAND, OR.—Vocal lessons. Value of scholarship \$100.
- ROSE CITY BUSINESS COLLEGE, PORTLAND, OR.—One year's tuition in combined business and shorthand course. Value of scholarship \$100.
- ST. MARY'S ACADEMY, TEE DALLE, OR.—One year's tuition in music department. Value of scholarship \$100.
- WESTERN ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND EDUCATION, PORTLAND, OR.—Course in elocution, oratory or dramatic art. Value of scholarship \$150.

In the district which does not get the first, second or third choice. The remaining scholarships will be given out to contestants according to their standing, alternating between the districts. The cash prizes will be given out similarly. He or she, however, will keep the cash commissions earned during the contest for new subscribers.

RATES AND CREDITS.

Prepaid subscriptions, only, count for votes in the Oregon Journal contest, many more points allowed for new subscriptions than for payments on old subscriptions. The same number of votes are allowed whether the paper goes to the subscriber by mail or by carrier. In order to procure votes on an old subscription, the advance payment shall be made for not less than three months. Votes are allowed on new subscriptions, for advance payments for one month or more, an outline of the voting values being as follows:

Twelve months: Price by mail or by carrier, \$2.50; votes allowed, if new, 250; if old, 200. Six months: By mail, \$1.25; votes allowed, if new, 125; if old, 75. Three months: By mail or by carrier, 65 cents; votes allowed, if new, 50; if old, 25.

SEMI-WEEKLY EDITION.

This edition of The Journal is sent to subscribers by mail only. Price for 12 months, \$1.50; votes allowed, if new, 600; if old, 250. Six months: Price, 75 cents; votes allowed, if new, 200; if old, 100.

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NOMINATE A FAVORITE

Or several, if you like. If you nominate more than one, select your nominees from different localities. Town.....Date.....

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