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Gold Prospects at Nome.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Director George E. Roberts, of the United States mint, thinks that the gold output of Alaska this year will be at least \$10,000,000. Mr. Roberts visited Nome last summer and made a careful examination of mining conditions in the district. His estimate, made in his official capacity to the secretary of the treasury, of the 1904 output in Alaska is \$9,000,000. These figures will be revised in the final estimate, which is to be made from carefully collected data, but it is Mr. Roberts' belief that the amount of the preliminary estimate will not be materially diminished.

Last season was not a good one at Nome. Water was scarce early in the season, and it was not until the mining season had well advanced that the rains came which filled up the creeks and made it possible to operate claims to the best advantage. Even then there was so little water in some localities that certain claims which certainly would have been developed on a large scale were allowed to lie idle. The same complaint was heard in 1903, but the lack of water was even more apparent last year.

At the same time preparations were making for extensive developments in 1905, and with a good supply of water, this year should mark good progress in placer mining all over the district. In estimating \$10,000,000 as the 1905 output for all Alaska, Mr. Roberts speaks off-hand and, of course, unofficially, but he bases the prediction on the presumption that there will not be a serious drought in the placer districts, and on the fact that many mining companies and individuals are preparing to take the earliest possible advantage of favorable conditions.

TO STEAL LAND.

Plot of Land Grabbers Discovered in Salem.

Salem, Feb. 3.—A plot to defraud the state of about 2,000 acres of state lands was discovered today through the confession of one W. C. Randle of this city, who stated to Governor Chamberlain, before whom he had been summoned, that he had been induced to sign applications for the lands and swear to the necessary affidavits. The statement of Randle, whose deposition was taken before Attorney General Crawford, implicates S. A. D. Puter, recently convicted in Portland on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States government and one Basil Wagner of this city.

Randle confessed that he had received \$20 in cash for his signature to the fraudulent claims and was promised a one-tenth interest in the property after it had been secured. A rigid investigation will be instituted with a view to unearthing additional fraud.

Applications to purchase school lands near Klamath Falls were filed by nine residents of Salem, who swore they wanted the lands for their own use. Clerk Brown became suspicious and summoned the applicants to make personal affidavits. Today each of them appeared and made their applications, each applicant tendering a draft on Laid & Bush's bank for \$200 as first payment on 320 acres of land.

When Randle appeared he was escorted to the governor's office, and there the confession which showed Puter's hand in the transaction was obtained. According to Randle he was approached by Basil Wagner, who induced him to go into the deal. While Randle was making his confession Puter, who was in the rotunda of the capitol, heard of the matter and sought an audience before the board. He told the board that the land was being purchased for California capitalists, who furnished the money, he (Puter) acting as their agent.

Puter did not deny that the applicants were hired to act as mediums for the transfer of the title to the land, but he tried to make it appear that the proceedings were legal by representing that the applicants were to retain a one-tenth interest, which he afterwards purchased for \$20. Wagner did not make a statement.

The following citizens have signed applications which are subject to inquiry: H. C. Randle, S. E. Foster, R. L. Penton, R. S. Haskell, D. A. Smith, H. A. Smith, H. J. Van de Bogart, David Steel, R. M. McFarland.

Aged Man Ducked in Lake.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Feb. 3.—In a spirit of revenge and to scare the victim into leaving the country, a party of men took aged Jonathan Frakes to the shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene in the dead of night and gave him a ducking in the icy waters.

Frakes was accused of giving information in land-fraud cases which are under investigation by special agents of the Interior Department working in Northern Idaho. One case has attracted more than usual attention. A man who made a homestead entry in Washington under his true name also made one in Idaho under another name and cut and sold 1,000,000 feet of timber to buyers at Post Falls, Harrison and Spokane. When he sought to make final proof, the special agent started investigation, alleging perjury.

Purchasers of the timber were forced to settle with the Government. The agent refuses to give the name of the perjurer, saying other cases are hanging fire and publicity now would defeat the Government's purpose to catch other timber thieves. It was presumably for giving evidence in this case that aged Mr. Frakes was maltreated. He lives at a lonely spot on the lake shore, and no one heard his cries for help.

To Stop Rustlers.

Salem, Or., Feb. 2.—The House yesterday passed a bill introduced by Sitz which is intended to put a block in the way of the horse and cattle thief, who makes a business to round-up stock and ship it out of the state.

The bill requires that no stock shall be shipped out of the state until it has been inspected by the stock inspector of the county from which it is to be shipped.

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Talking Local Option Again.

The people of Oregon are again occupied with a discussion of the local option question. There is an agitation for the repeal of the existing law and, as those in favor of the new law say, for the passage of a law that will leave with the people what is really an option of keeping saloons open or of closing them.

Those who are opposed to the present law claim that it professes to be what it is not. It is said that it exists for one purpose and for one purpose only, and that is to cover as much of the territory of Oregon as possible with a legal prohibition of the liquor traffic. It is contended by those who objected to the present law when it was before the people that they argued that it was a prohibitory rather than a local option law and that time has demonstrated that they were right. Those who favored prohibition may enforce it in their own community and in other communities that do not wish it. But those who favor saloons are unable to have them unless a majority of the people of the precinct are so minded.

The present law enables 5 per cent of the voters to raise the "wet" or "dry" question at any time. A bill recently introduced would necessitate a petition signed by not less than 40 per cent. It is admitted by many that this percentage is too large, but those opposed to the present law contend that it would be nearer to ideal justice than to give 5 per cent a prerogative such as they enjoy under the present law.—Spokesman-Review.

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