WASHINGTON TERRITORY An Eastern Interview

Governor Newell, of Washington Territory, who is here as a commissioner, delegated by various municipalities, corporations and other game." and prominent citizens, to urge upon congress the early admission of their territory as a state, was seen yesterday by a Post reporter, and asked what claims, other than the one of 125,000 population, he would urge.

"I cannot reply better than by stating what our resources are, and thereby demonstrating our ability to sustain ourselves as a state. We consider that we have the ability to asume the functions and bear the expense incidental to stateship, and our people are almost unanimous in the desire that we shall be admitted to the of congress."

"What is the condition of the matter in congress now?"

"Separate bills have been introreported favorably by the respective committees. One bill provides for the annexation of the three latitude."

claim to be self-sustaining?"

"Have you nothing but trees, out of the Territory, and the estigovernor?"

"We have other resources equal three years is 350,000 tons per in value to the wood which I will year. Not one acre in a hundred, tell you about after I have told even then, will be under oultivayou about the hnge cedars we tion. The grain is especially mica, soapstone, marble, granite, This is sent to the Pacific coast, Asia, Australia, France, England and the Nile. There are twelve a great maritime and comercial millions of acres of such timber, center of the Pacific coast. Puget Suits made in the best Style and Guaranteed to Pit-

be added."

"What else have you?"

"About seven millions of acres river." most northerly counties of Idaho, of Puget Sound basin is easy conlying north of the 46th parallel of vertible to the best agriculture and markable feature of Western "What are these natural re- the beaver dam meadows and other during the winter averages forty sources upon which you base your alluvial deposits furnish a soil of degrees above zero. The sum-"Leaving out Alaska, Washing- of the Sound are also highly pro- heat, thunder showers or other ton Territory is the extreme north. ductive, and indeed the entire evils and inconveniences that atwestern possession, and lies be- surface of the country, when de- tach to hot climates. The scen- not a cotton mill, a blast furnace are seid by no other House. tween the Pacific ocean and Idaho, nuded of its timber, if that day ery is grand, the Olympic and nor a rolling mill in the place. British Columbia and the Colum. could arrive, is especially well Cascade ranges being 15,000 feet The manufactories are all engaged H. B. PARKER. bia river. It contains 70,000 adapted to grazing and grain rais, high, with many others of nearly in what is known as "small insquare miles, aggregating . 450,- ing. White clover seems to be equal altitude, covered with eter-000,000 acres. It is divided by indigenous to the soil, and is abso. nal snow, present scenes of grandthe Cascade mountains, an exten- lutely irrepressible in its growth eur not surpassed eisewhere." sion of the Sierra Nevadas, which wherever the sun shines upon it. "No drawbacks to this Arcadia?" run nearly north and south into But the agricultural and grazing two separate regions, differing es- portion lies east of the Cascades, be considered so. There is a wet sentially in their characteristics, the great plateau of the Coumbia. and a dry season, the former exand called respectively east and Here are thirty million acres of tending from January to March. and is sometimes taken for Rheumanism est Washington. The latter oc. land-prairie land-level, undu. This is considered by some people cupies about two-fifths of the ter- lating and mountainous, mainly disagreeable, but it is essential to in general are custive, sometimes afterritory, and is known as the Puget bare of vegetation, save sage bush the great vegetable productions. Sound basin. The surface is hilly and bunch grass. Nearly all of High winds also prevail in Eastern and in some portions mountainous. this country is capable of producing Four-fifths of this is covered with under proper cultivation, prodigdense forests, the trees being of ious amounts of wheat, rye, barley great magnitude. They consist of oats, flax and cultivated grasses. white and yellow fir, cedar, hem- The census report indicates an roundings has yet to be discovered, lock, spruce and pine, with smaller average wheat crop of twentyquantities of ash, alder, oak, pine seven and one-half bushels to the and maple. The fir tree especi- acre, the largest average yield ally reaches, when full grown, are mentioned there. I have seen a enormous size, the average tree field of 2,300 acres which velded the advantages of statehood, being measuring four feet with an alti- an average of thirty-five bushels. tude of from 250 to 300 feet. Many of these 1,000 acres averaged fifty monstrous specimens are found, bushels. The season for seeding some fourteen feet thick. This extends nearly equally well from variety is found nowhere outside October till May, and for harvestof Vancouver's island, Washing- ing, from July to December. The ton Territory and western Oregon. straw, being firm and strong. It is highly bituminous, tough, stands, and the hull, being firm, elastic and enduring, and especi- prevents the grain from rattling ally adapted to the construction of out. During last season, 250,000 naval vessels in all their parts." | tons of surplus wheat were sent

mated production for the next

have. We have gold, silver, cop- adapted for export, not being per, zinc, cinnabar, tin, plumbago, injured by transportation." "What kinds of fruit grow in sandstone and limestone; all these your would-be-state?" are found within our limits. To "Fruits grow luxuriantly to utilize our timber sawmills of large at perfection and many native capacity are operating on Puget to warmer latitudes, such as Sound, the largest of which is at prunes, grapes, etc., grow well, Port Ludlow, a new structure, vegetables also grow exceedingly complete, but not yet in operation, being 436 feet long and 200 beef cattle, of which 250,000 head feet wide. It has a cutting capacity of 218 feet logs. The amount cows, sheep and swine also thrive eut last year was 365,000,000 feet, and prosper."

"How about your coast line?" "Washington is destined to be Plain and Fancy Sewing. lars. There are cedars in exist- this contineut, covers an area of

ter in all parts of the territory. line of 2,000, an average width of The bark of the fir trees is used seven miles, and a depth of thirty mainly for fuel. The forests are to two hundred fathoms, which is filled with elk, deer, bear, foxes, free from rock, bar or shoals. I: rabbits, grouse, pheasants, ducks ramifies through the main portion of Western Washington, furnish-"Have you any coal deposits?" ing easy and safe outlet to the "General McMicken, the sur- world for the products I have told veyor general of the territory, in- you about, and also communicaformed me in a recent interview tion. The rivers afford inland that the entire Paget Sound Basin navigation of 2,000 lineal miles. is underlaid with coal. The indi- the chief being the Columbia, cations are apparent everywhere, which runs northwest 200 miles. The varieties are bituminous, lig. through Eastern Washington bearnite and anthracite. Extensive ing the waters which drain an area mines have been opened at Seat. of 400,000 square miles. Seven tle, Tacoma, and along the line of hundred miles of railroad the Northern Pacific. The mines are already built. The sound is at Seattle and Tacoma are exten- connected with the Columbia, and sively operated, each town having connections will soon be made with facilities for loading vessels at the the Atlantic and Seaboard by rate of 1,000 tons a day, the mines means of the Northern Pacific. being located within one hour of which will be completed this fall: union during the present session rail communication from the three hundred miles only having bunkers, at which the vessels are to be constructed, two hundred laden. Four steamships of 3,000 miles of the road-bed for which is tons capacity are already establised made. These waters are inhabited upon a line which supplies Oregon by salmon, halibut, trout, cod and duced in the house and senate and and California. Five more are to eighty other varieties of fish, and \$3,000,000 worth of salmon were canned last year on the Columbia

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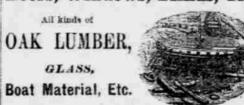
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