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TAXING R. R. LAND.

On this subject the editor of the Walla Walla Union writes from Olympia:

An important resolution, reinforced by a resounding preamble, was introduced by Mr. Caton today. It provides for the formation of a joint committee of five to study the revenue law and report by bill or otherwise. In the preamble it is declared that the organic act says taxation shall be equal and uniform, a declaration which means, if anything, that no property shall escape the payment of its share of government. It then relates that the Northern Pacific railroad company has earned a large area of land in Washington, that it escapes payment of taxes on these lands by the plea that it has not received patents therefor; that however when the company sells a portion of its earned lands, the lands sold become liable to taxation. This anomalous condition the committee asked for by Mr. Caton is to endeavor to remedy.

One of the singular things about the revenue law of the territory which has always seemed incomprehensible to us is the very phrase Mr. Caton sets forth in the preamble to his resolutions. How it is possible for the Northern Pacific to give an absolute title to a purchaser of a half section of land, and then escape taxation on the remaining half is a question of such depth and complexity that we have never been able to solve it.

The grant made July 2, 1864 to the Northern Pacific provides that after the commissioners have examined and accepted sections of the completed road, they "shall so report to the president of the United States, and patents of lands, as aforesaid, shall be issued to said company, confining to said company the right and title to said lands." By some peculiar operation of the Department these patents have not been issued as rapidly as the road has been constructed and accepted. By virtue of a clause in the sundry civil appropriation act approved July 15, 1870, and the decisions of the Supreme court of the United States, in some Kansas cases, the company insist that it cannot obtain patents to the land it has earned until it has "paid into the treasury of the United States the cost of surveying, selecting, and conveying the same." At the same time the company insist that the government has no right to exact from the company the cost of surveying and patenting its lands, that the clause in the appropriation act requiring them to make the payment is in violation of their charter, a sort of *ex post facto* law, and therefore void.

The resolutions offered by Mr. Caton received every vote in the Council save that of Mr. Hale, of Thurston. It is to be hoped that the committee may devise some way to make the company bear its just share of the taxes of the country. It is too much to protect the property of the company, pay heavy charges for its use and grant it the further bonus of exemption from taxation.

It has been suggested that congress by repealing the clause in the appropriation act of 1870 might simplify the matter and expedite the issue of patents to the company. It strikes us that even if granted, the exemption from the cost of surveying and patenting the company would endeavor to escape taxation on the plea that patents had not been received, and that it would require an act of congress to compel the company to take out patents for its lands and to record them in the proper counties.

Alaska Fisheries.

Next to the fur trade, fishing is Alaska's most important industry, both in regard to the amount of capital invested and the number of persons employed. At certain seasons of the year the Alaskan waters fairly swarm with fish, and so ravenous are these that they will readily bite a naked hook. The supply is practically inexhaustible, and fine large fish are bought by the canneries from the Indians at \$2.50 per 100. The salmon are not as large as those of the Columbia river, but the great difference in price much more than makes up the great difference in size.

The principal fish of Alaska are cod, herring, several varieties of salmon, halibut and oolachan. Halibut and salmon form the staple food of the Indians, who dry large quantities of them. Should the run of these fish fail for even a single year the sufferings of the Indians would be incalculable. Cod and herring are dried in large numbers for export, and salmon are canned and salted. Thus far there has been no attempt to utilize the oolachans, as they are much more abundant in the northern part of British Columbia, where they are dried in large numbers. The fish is very oily, and when dry will burn like a candle, whence it is sometimes termed the candle fish. The oil has been expressed and bottled, and is said to possess superior medical properties to cod liver oil.

At present there are seven canneries in Alaska, none very large, the average pack being 12,000 cases a year. These canneries are situated at Carter Bay, Cape Fox, Kiawack, Chilcat, Pyramid Harbor, Karluk and Kenai. It will be noted that most of these are located in Southeastern Alaska. This is more convenient as being nearer the market, but those acquainted with the country say that the fish are much more numerous and finer at Cook's Inlet and in that vicinity. The Cutting Packing Company formerly had a cannery at Old Sitka, but abandoned it and moved to Kenai, in Southwestern Alaska. It is represented that they are well satisfied with the move. Two of the canneries named above have been erected this year, and it is probable that next year two or three more will be erected.

In addition to these canneries, fish are regularly dried or salted at Takou, Sitka, Naha Bay, Bartlett's Bay, Unga Island, Chodmagin Islands, and Killisnoo. At this latter place the Northwestern Trading Company have quite an extensive establishment for drying fish and extracting oil. Dried cod and herring, herring oil, cod liver oil, porpoise oil, and whale oil, are their products. The enterprise is a new one, but thus far has been fairly successful.

The German element has, from the first, been a powerful factor in the national development of this country. To it we undoubtedly owe a very large share of our industrial, commercial and agricultural prosperity. We have no artificial stimulants to draw the immigrant to our shores. He has come dependent for his success upon his own industry, intelligence and enterprise. He has brought with him a strong physique, thrifty habits, and a stolidity of character that has proved an invaluable introduction to our national life. The Germans, moreover, have proved themselves singularly loyal and devoted to their adopted country; the active and decisive part they took in our civil war is

sufficient evidence of this. Whenever they have settled, in whatever occupation they have taken up, they have shown themselves to be law-abiding, God-fearing and peace-loving citizens.

The Puget Sound *Argus* says: Mount Adams, in Washington Territory, was recently ascended by a large party. They reached an elevation of 12,650 feet. The crater was penetrated a distance of 100 feet. There was a ceaseless drip of water from the roof of the ice-encased entrance, caused by a warm air current coming from the slumbering fires far below, whence a loud, hissing noise arose. A rock hurled down produced a deafening reverberation.


From a person who travels on the road considerably, says the *Wasco Sun*, we learn there are many emigrant teams passing from California to our state and across to Washington Territory. We saw early on Monday morning two, with four horses each, driven by two young men, who had their wives and children with them, going to the Union street ferry to cross the Columbia.

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