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The Transfer of Fort Astoria.

(Compiled From Bancroft's "Pacific States.")
In the earlier days of fur trading the American traders in Oregon were more revered by the natives than were the British, but a change eventually came over the spirit of their dreams; since which exactly the opposite has been the feeling of the Indians generally throughout the northwest.
Scarcely a fortnight elapsed after the delivery of the fortress of Astoria to the Northwest Company, when one day Concomly, chief of the Chinooks, and father-in-law of McDougall, the chief trader of the American company, came in breathless haste to the latter, with tidings of a sail seen off the cape, which he was fearful might be a King George ship. "Have we not enough of these people among us?" he exclaimed. "Are you Boston women that you permit these starving ones to take your fort, your goods, and drive you from the country? And now here comes this vessel to enslave us all, but with eight hundred warriors at my back I do not fear them. I will protect you." But McDougall soothed his hotly perspiring and red-painted father-in-law, assured him that the king George men were no longer enemies, and sent him away happy in the possession of a new coat and a pocket full of tobacco, with instructions not to molest white people who were all brothers.

This was the 29th of November, 1813. Next morning the vessel, which was no other than the British sloop of war *Raccoon*, Black commander, mounting 26 guns, came dashing gayly forward, and anchored in Baker's bay. She was immediately boarded by McDougall and his royal father-in-law, each with his retinue; and it was pleasing to see the effect of civilization thus far upon the king of the Chinooks; for from a blood-thirsty warrior we find him suddenly transformed into a crafty courtier. "Ah," he cried to Captain Black, spreading a fine sea otter skin upon the deck, "the Bostonians are brave, but they have no ships like this, no men like these," his eyes running admiringly from the brightly polished guns to the gilt-buttoned officers, and along the line of muzzles. Next day saw Concomly approach the little wharf before the fort from the *Raccoon*, flying the Union Jack at the bow of his canoe, and step ashore in full British uniform. Upon such trifles the destinies of nations often turn.

A Valuable Substance.
Three small boxes arrived on the steamer *Zealandia* Sunday, from Auckland, which, although seemingly of very little importance, the packages weighing some 300 pounds, formed the most valuable portion of the big vessel's cargo. They contain ambergris, an article which has been a scarce commodity since its uses first became known. Deriving its name from the French *ambre gris*, or gray amber, ambergris is a solid, unctuous substance of a grayish color, having streaks of white and black in its formation. The article is found in the intestines of the variety of the whale known as the sperm.

Previous to the complete analysis of ambergris by a Dr. Swediaur, in England, the origin of ambergris was extremely hypothetical. The doctor found that the substance contained the horny beaks of the squid or cuttle fish, upon which the sperm whale feed, and the conclusion arrived at was that the digestive organs of the big fish were not powerful enough to reduce the horny substance. In many cases whales having this secretion in their intestines have been found dead, or when killed, to be in a very wasted or sickly condition. When taken from the whale, ambergris is of a soft consistency and has a disagreeable smell, but after a short exposure to the air it hardens and assumes a sweet, earthy odor. The present value of ambergris ranges from \$6 to \$10 an ounce, and its uses are confined to the manufacture of perfumes. It is requisite to dissolve ambergris in hot alcohol before it can be utilized, and this process produces a substance termed ambrein, matter

allied to biliary concretions found in various mammals.

On the west coast of New Zealand, the natives go along the beach after heavy gales and search for ambergris, and boating parties are also organized to look for this valuable substance as it floats on the sea after being evacuated by the whales. The present lot bought by the *Zealandia* was probably the catch of one of the New Bedford whaling ships cruising around the coast of New Zealand, as the packages are consigned to eastern firms. The value of the present importation, which is duty free, will amount to about \$30,000. In the year ending June 30, 1886, there was only 260 pounds of this article brought into the United States and valued at \$15,650. Since that period 200 pounds were reported as having been obtained by two Providence, R. I., schooners from one whale, and the present shipment is about the largest known to have entered the market for many years past.—*S. F. Chronicle, 17.*

Restored to the Public Domain.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Land commissioner Sparks to-day, in speaking of secretary Lamar's purpose to revoke orders of withdrawal of railroad indemnity lands made by his predecessors from time to time since 1850, expressed the opinion that the revocation will result in 25,000,000 acres of land being thrown open to settlement and entry. The railroads which it is said will be most affected, and the states, territories and localities in which are located much the larger portion of the lands to be restored, are given in the order of the interests involved as follows: Northern Pacific railway in Montana, Dakota, Washington territory, Idaho and Oregon; Atlantic & Pacific, in New Mexico west of the Rio Grande, and Arizona; the Southern Pacific, in southern California; the California & Oregon, from Roseville Junction, near Sacramento, in California, to the Oregon line; the Oregon & California, from Portland to the California line.

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