

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1888.
AN EXPENSIVE CHARGE.

From the Smithsonian report, the amount expended in Indian wars from 1776 to June 30, 1886, can at best be estimated. The several Indian wars after 1776, including the war of 1812 in the west and northwest, the Creek, Black Hawk and Seminole wars, up to 1890, were bloody and costly.

Except when engaged in war with Great Britain and Mexico, or during the rebellion, (1860-1865), the United States army was almost entirely used for the Indian service, and stationed largely in the Indian country or along the frontier. It will be fair to estimate, taking out the years of foreign wars with England (1812-1815), \$96,614,912.34, and with Mexico (1846-1848), \$73,941,735.12, and the rebellion (1861-1865) and reconstruction (1865-1870), \$3,374,859,360.02, that more than three-fourths of the total expense of the army is chargeable, directly or indirectly to the Indians. (During our foreign wars, and the rebellion as well, many of the Indian tribes were at war with us, and others were a constant danger, a large force being necessary to hold them in subjection. Still expense on this account is dropped from the estimate.)

The total army expense from March 4, 1789, to June 30, 1886, was \$4,559,419,924. Deducting \$3,514,911,007.48 for foreign wars and the rebellion, the remainder is \$1,044,008,916.52.

Two-thirds of this sum, it is estimated, was expended for war and other services incidental to the Indians, viz., \$696,339,277.68, fortifications, posts, etc., being deducted. The cost of the Indian department proper, from July 7, 1776 to June 30, 1886, was \$232,900,006.34. The amount expended by the war department for Indian wars and incidental thereto from July 4, 1776, to June 30, 1886, 696,339,277.68 making a total of \$929,239,284.02, or almost a thousand million dollars.

According to the report of the commissioner of the land office at Washington, 9,605,194 acres of land have been conveyed from the government to the people during the last fiscal year. This has called for 47,150 patents. Of these, Dakota received the largest number, 16,684, and Kansas the next, 8,744. This statement does not include mineral patents, of which 1,034 were issued. Lands were certified to the several states under swamp grants, to the amount of 96,515 acres, under school selections to the amount of 89,205 acres. On July 1st there were pending and unpatented 238,156 final entries, and 350,953 original entries awaiting final proof. The number of original entries made during the year was 73,854, and final proof was made on 70,468. Railroad selections aggregating 25,429,866 acres, swamp selections to the amount of 781,857 acres, and educational and internal improvements, selections aggregating 1,850,000 acres, are also pending.

AFTER the admission of Dakota, Washington and Montana, the state of New York will not cut so large a figure in national elections. It is well that it should be so. The venal vote of New York city should not hold the balance of political power in the United States. If the power were permanently lodged there the nation could be ruled by the corrupt use of money.

He Grew up With The Country.

Under date of December 7th, Mr. C. H. Walker writes to the *Oregonian* as follows from Warm Springs, Oregon:

Please make a note of the fact that fifty years ago to-day I was born at Wai-let-poo (Whitman's mission), near Walla Walla. I believe I am the oldest living white man born west of the Rocky mountains. My mother, Mrs. Mary R. Walker, living at Forest Grove, Oregon, is, I believe, the only surviving white woman of those who crossed the plains previous to 1840. She made the six months' journey across the plains on horseback. What think you of that ye who come in Pullman palace cars?

I am thankful for the long life given to my mother, and would gladly do her honor before the thousands of Oregon on this my natal day, making the half century.

The Seal Industry.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—It is now stated that H. Liebes will bid for the lease now held by the Alaska Commercial company when it expires at the end of this year, while the private sealers will oppose any proposition to grant a franchise or lease to any one. They want to have the islands in Behring sea protected as a reserve for breeding purposes by throwing the sea open to all comers, but prohibiting any one from killing seals on or within twenty miles of the islands. They want all the seals to be killed in the water. At least nine boats will go north this year from this port.

THE SALMON FISHERIES.

A Letter From the U. S. Fish Commissioner to the Governor of California.

Governor Waterman is in receipt of a letter from colonel McDonald, United States fish commissioner, relative to fish matters in this state, as follows:

"You are, of course, aware that the United States fish commission has resumed work upon the McCloud river, with the specific object of collecting the eggs of the California salmon and hatching out the fry for distribution to the salmon rivers of your state. This work is undertaken in view of the important economic addition to the food resources of that part of the country. It is believed that this work may be conducted upon such a scale as to restore and maintain the salmon in their former abundance in all of your rivers. It is desirable, however—indeed, it is essential—that the work of the United States should be supplemented by such regulations as will permit the salmon to ascend the river in sufficient numbers to furnish the eggs for artificial propagation. This would involve the regulation of time and modes of fishing by law, and the prohibition of the introduction of sawdust and other material into the rivers, which would either directly pollute the waters, or by accumulating upon the natural spawning beds of the fish, destroy these, and make the maintenance of the fishery dependent entirely upon artificial methods.

"I bring this matter to your attention with a view to awakening public interest and discussion, in the hope that when the conditions for the permanence of so important a fishery are well understood your legislature may be induced to enact the necessary laws for their protection."

Regarding this same subject a correspondent has written to this journal the following: "The salmon is not now, nor has he ever been, sufficiently protected in the waters of this state. I speak of the fact, not of the effort to protect him. Effort there has been empirical and ineffective to a degree. It is quite time to reform it, with a view to conserve an important food resource and subserve an honest industrial pursuit, rather than to satisfy the greed of commercial speculation or the whims of sport.

The writer will not enlarge in argument or descriptions on the subject. At various times and ways in former years he has furnished abundantly such 'alms of oblivion.' He knows whereof he speaks, has been requested to say what in his opinion would be a proper 'close season' against salmon fishery, and answers briefly and advisedly, to-wit: "One-half of each week throughout the year; say from sunrise on Thursday to sunset on the next succeeding Sunday, or its equivalent of consecutive time, to alternate with an equal time of 'open season'."

"I can almost hear as I write, a chorus of objectors, high and low, saying, 'That will never do.' Each has his selfish reason, or in absence of it, his notion why it will not do. Nevertheless it ought to be done. The why would fill a volume that the writer will not indite.

"Enact such a law by an amendment of section 634 of the penal code; append the present severe penalty of fine or imprisonment; strike out the miserable fudge of sections 634 and 636 (which latter should also be amended) about a sop to the district attorney and the fish commissioners, and give half the fine to the informer and the other half to the county where the conviction occurs; exempt salmon gill nets from the provision of section 636, about extending across a stream, for this law, if enforced, would long since have practically destroyed the river fishery. Do it, if you want to do good.

Away, for a day of legislation, with your pretty theories and suppositions, science and Isaac Walton's. It is business and not fish lions, flies and a holiday that confront you.

"You are dealing with an industry that is stricken, and a resource of great public beneficence about to be destroyed. "Pay your fish commissioners or dispense with them. Gratuitous service ever yet took more than its value. Put honest men on guard and watch them well. So shall there be no more rascals."—S. P. Bulletin, 8.

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Stockholder's Meeting.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of the Pythian Land and Building Association will be held at their hall at 2 P. M., Monday, Dec. 31, 1888, for the purpose of electing a board of five Directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.
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S. T. McKRAN, Secretary.
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