

IN WASHINGTON CITY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Special.—Six hundred million acres, in round numbers, constitute the total public domain of the United States, exclusive of Alaska.

The Alaska purchase, made May 30, 1867, by the United States, added to the public domain 586,000,000 acres. It was the best purchase the old gentleman ever made, with- out exception, and time has proven the wisdom of it.

In Washington state still subject to entry under the United States land laws, there are 15,256,977 acres, only 1,200,430 of which are surveyed. Idaho has 46,728,477 public acres, 9,322,779 being surveyed.

Lands aggregating 21,256,881 acres have been patented to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, 1,110,915 acres to Washington and 72,250 in Idaho.

The protection of this and other forest reservations is a duty of the interior department, but congress has failed to make sufficient provision therefor.

Public forests differ from forest reservations in that they have not been withdrawn from entry and made reservations by proclamation of the president.

The custom of leasing permits to cut timber on public lands has been found to have many objectionable features.

Permits to cut timber upon public lands for commercial purposes should not be granted, he says, unless accompanied by proper safeguards to the quantity to be cut and the manner of cutting.

The Afognak forest and fish culture reserve in Alaska embraces all of Afognak island and its adjacent bays and rocks and territorial waters, including among others, the Sea Lion rocks and Sea Otter Island.

The area covered by surveys accepted by the general land office during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896, amounts to 3,888,898 acres.

By act of congress approved March 2, 1883, making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government, the sum of \$20,000 was appropriated for "surveying the public lands," of which amount \$10,000 was authorized to be applied to the examination of surveys in the field, etc.

There ought to be no further trouble about getting public land lying within the limits of the railroad grants surveyed.

Still another provision of the law is that "any money which shall be expended of such appropriation and reimbursed and paid into the treasury shall remain a continuing appropriation, and so often as any part of the same being expended shall be reimbursed by any railroad company as herein provided, the same shall remain available for the purposes aforesaid."

The annual report of Hon. Dominic I. Murphy, commissioner of pensions, to the secretary of the interior, shows that there are now 4,932 persons residing in the state of Washington and drawing pensions, the aggregate amount of which is \$76,446.04.

In Idaho there are 1,070 pensioners and they drew last year \$148,453.84. The oldest surviving widow of a revolutionary soldier is Mrs. Lovey Aldrich, widow of Caleb Aldrich, who saw service in New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

The survey of public lands in the Priest river land region in Idaho now in progress was ordered by the commissioner of the general land office on the application of Mr. William H. Phelps, land commissioner of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

The estimated cost of the survey of these lands is \$10,000, and the commissioner was authorized May 12 last to award a contract at the maximum rates for standard and meander township and section lines, respectively, of \$24, \$22, \$18.75 and \$25.50 and \$18.50.

The total amount of fees and commissions collected at the several land offices in the state of Washington during the fiscal year of 1895 was \$41,383.84, divided as follows:

North Yakima, \$1,522.50; Olympia, \$1,445.41; Seattle, \$1,398.25; Spokane, \$1,256.56; Vancouver, \$1,457.81; Walla Walla, \$1,627.37; Waterville, \$1,194.04.

The amount paid to registers and receivers, salaries and commissions, was \$21,514.56. At North Yakima, \$1,283.20, over \$600 more than was taken in at that office; at Olympia, \$6,000; Seattle, \$6,000; Spokane, \$6,000; Vancouver, \$6,000; Walla Walla, \$1,382.04; Waterville, \$1,944.94.

The senator also introduced a bill for the relief of Mr. Marcell, which was referred to the committee on claims.

A concurrent resolution on the subject of the Columbia river salmon fisheries has been introduced by Senator Mitchell.

Since the United States fish commission has recognized the importance of the royal Chinook salmon of the Columbia river as an article of food for the people of the whole country and is making zoological plans to protect these fish, requiring but a comparatively small appropriation for the construction and maintenance of hatcheries and necessary spawning grounds.

The aggregate collections reported to the commissioner of internal revenue by Collector Henry Blackman for the district of Oregon, Washington and Alaska for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, were \$22,388.77.

Three suits for violation of the internal revenue laws were pending July 1, 1896, when commenced during the year and eight were settled in the state of Washington. Four were pending in Alaska.

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Col. L. W. Cox Dead. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 21.—Col. N. W. Cox, a very prominent citizen of Little Rock, is dead. He was a brother-in-law of Associate Justice Brewer, of the supreme court of the United States.

Nogales Feared an Indian Attack. NOGALES, A. T., Dec. 21.—Rumors of another attack of Yaquis have brought another company of infantry from Fort Huachuca to Nogales. Before the attack of last August the Mexican authorities were given warning by an old Yaqui squaw, who said an attack would be made, but they gave no heed.

Big Trade Combine. GERMAN MERCHANTS REACHING TOWARD JAPAN. Twenty Firms to Unite to Secure Control of the Entire Commerce—An Endeavor to Drive America, Great Britain and France Out of the Market.

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San Francisco Report. Wyatt Earp is no stranger to the ring-side, and in his quiet, unassuming way, knocked out a few men himself. He knows a fight when he sees it, and the chances are all in favor of his decision being respected.

Shooting up the town? was as much a part of Dodge City as selecting a referee is now part of the arrangements for a ten-round go. As a corollary it was part of the municipal arrangements of Dodge City to select a marshal.

During the Southern California boom the sports of San Diego amused themselves with prize as well as bull and chicken fights. In the interest of peace and harmony the site for their amusement was Tia Juana, over the Mexican line.

After leaving the church, Mr. Brownjohn distributed leaflets to a few persons outside the building, and the policemen on duty made them "move on," as reading the leaflets obstructed traffic. Otherwise there was no disturbance.

Select your turkey and Christmas meats at Sutter's California Market, 417 Broadway, where the best selected turkeys now in choice meats in the city. Prompt service to all.

All associated banks members of the Seattle Clearing House Association, will be closed on the Saturdays, December 26, 1896, and January 2, 1897, immediately following the holidays of Christmas and New Years.

It is not so much the quantity as the quality of alcoholic beverages which causes intoxication. The Jesse Moore Whisky, famous for its purity, is a safe and wholesome stimulant. Moore, Hunt & Co., sole agents for the Pacific Coast.

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TRAIN ARRIVE AT SEATTLE: From Spokane, St. Paul and East, 2:30 p. m. From Portland, 8:30 p. m. From Olympia, 8:30 p. m. From Gray's and S. Bend, 8:30 p. m. From Tacoma, 10:30 a. m. From Tacoma, 2:30 p. m. From Tacoma, 12:30 p. m. Daily except Sunday. All others daily. This card subject to change without notice.

Through tickets to Japan and China via Northern Pacific Steamship Company. For rates, routes and other information call on or address I. A. NADAU, General Agent, Seattle, City Ticket Office, corner Vesler way and First Avenue. Depot Ticket Office, corner Western Avenue and Columbia Street. Assistant General Passenger Agent, No. 235 Morrison Street, corner Third, Portland, Or.

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