

NORTHWEST ENTERPRISE

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MAIL ROUTE EXTENSION.

Some parties in Seattle, more or less interested in mail route No. 43,098, are circulating a petition for the extension of the Friday's trip on to Sehome, instead of stopping at Laconner, as heretofore; thereby making two round trips per week. As it stands at present, the mail steamer comes to Laconner, and thence back to Seattle; being, practically speaking, of little or no value to the northern part of the county. By having the mail steamer go to Sehome on Friday, it will undoubtedly conflict with the mail boat running on the outside route, inasmuch as two mail steamers traveling over the same route, and on the same day, will not be allowed by the Government. It is the intention of the aforesaid parties to endeavor to establish a change in the outside route, by having the steamer doing that service withdrawn from all ports on the mainland, with exception of that at Semiahmoo. The people, however, are not in favor of giving up their communication with Port Townsend and San Juan County, and do not propose to tolerate any such proceedings. By having Friday's boat come through to Ship Harbor, and connect here with the steamer Hope, the people on the mainland would be just as effectually served, both as regards mail and traveling facilities, as they would by having an unnecessary boat travel the same waters. We will hail with pleasure the extension as far as this place, as it will be of inestimable advantage to the whole northern part of Whatcom County, as well as to San Juan County. If the parties above alluded to would petition for the extension of the route to Ship Harbor and thence on through the islands of the Archipelago de Haro to Victoria—the latter route, by the way, now under consideration at the Post Office Department—the community would be much better satisfied, and they themselves would derive much greater benefits in a pecuniary point of view.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The lumber cut of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan during the year 1880-1 was, in round numbers, 6,000,000,000 feet, which was about 1,200,000,000 feet greater than the cut of the year following. Michigan furnishes the greater part, Wisconsin next and Minnesota about 500,000,000 feet per annum.

At a meeting of the immigration commissioners, in New York, June 17th, it was decided to close Castle Garden at once to all steamship lines refusing to pay 50 cents for each emigrant. Only two companies, the Generale, Trans-Atlantic and North Queen have agreed to pay the tax. The garden is practically suspended.

JAY GOULD has established an experimental farm on the Staked plains of north Texas. This section is known more familiarly as the "Great American Desert," and the general idea is that it is sterile and uninhabitable. Mr. Gould and others think that the whole section may be turned into a fine grain producing country.

A recent German work gives the following return of the population of the world, counting by millions: Europe, 315,000,000; Asia, 834,000,000; Africa, 205,000,000; America 95,000,000; Australia and Polynesia, 5,000,000; Polar regions, under 1,000,000. Total, 1,455,000,000—being an increase of over 16,000,000 upon the latest census.

Railroad building continues active. From January 1st to June 1st, 1882, 3263 miles were built, against 1480 miles reported at the corresponding time in 1881, 1519 miles in 1880, 619 miles in 1879, 407 miles in 1878, and 461 miles in 1877.

INTEREST in the coming November election is perceptibly increased by the meetings of two Territorial Central Committees, and it will not be long after the 4th of July celebration is out of the way before it will fairly boil.

News from the north brings word that the revenue cutter Corwin, Capt. Healy, arrived at Sitka on the 3d of June with the crew of the Arctic steamer Rodgers, which was burned last November in St. Lawrence Bay, Siberia.

The late election in Oregon resulted in a complete victory for the Republican party, by virtue whereof Oregon will be Republican in its State offices, its Legislature by a good majority on joint ballot, and in its Congressional Delegates.

During the month of May the Northern Pacific land office at Cheney sold 31,562 acres of land for \$83,180. During the same time town lots to the value of \$3,250 were sold. The Tacoma office sold during May, 557 acres for \$1,258. Total sales for May, \$87,958.

British ship captains who bring Chinese to Portland nearly all get fined for bringing more Chinese passengers than the law allows them to carry. They don't like it, but they have to pay the \$50 for each Chinaman in excess, all the same. This Chinese immigration business has only six more weeks to run, when none can get into the country unless smuggled here in some way.

The Walla Walla Statesman has information that Minnie Myrtle Logan died at the New York infirmary, at Elmira, a short time since. As Minnie Myrtle Dyer, a resident of Coos Bay, Oregon, she became the wife of Joaquin Miller, the poet. She was married to him in 1862, while he was publishing a paper at Empire City, Oregon, and was divorced from him in 1869. She became the wife of Mr. Logan in 1877. She was on a lecturing tour when overtaken by the disease, lung fever, which proved fatal.

MARY CATHCART has been sentenced to imprisonment for life in Massachusetts for selling rum without a license. At least such will doubtless be her punishment, unless the Legislature should pass a pending bill to release her. She was sent to jail for six months and additionally condemned to pay the costs of prosecution. She had no money. The statute formerly provided that in such cases three months of duration should satisfy the sentence, and then, on a report by the Sheriff to a Justice, the prisoner should be discharged. But in a recent revision the latter provision was accidentally omitted. Hence there is no present authority for letting Mary out.

AN attempt made to pass in the House of Representatives at Washington, June 20th, under suspension of the rules, the bill which recently passed the Senate authorizing the Secretary of the Treasurer, in connection with the Secretary of War, to examine into and report to Congress the amount of claims made by certain western States incurred in repelling Indian hostilities since 1881, created quite a little excitement. The bill includes the claims of Oregon and Washington Territory. The point made against the bill, was that it was opening the door for claims of every State in the Union for expense incurred in calling out their militia in case of riots, etc.

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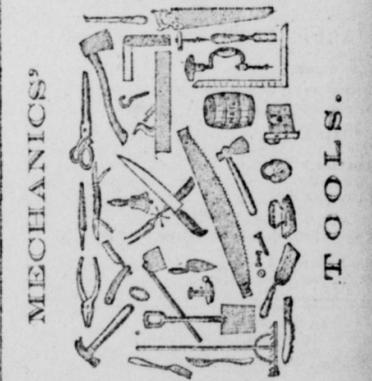
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