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Latest from Alaska.

Steamship Idaho, Capt. Carroll, arrived at 6:20 A. M. this morning, from Sitka. She left Sitka for Harrisburg Oct. 15th. Left Harrisburg Oct. 18th for Chiloet at head of Lynn Canal, and left that place the same evening for Wrangell where she arrived on the 19th, and left on the 21st for Port Townsend.

The U. S. Revenue Steamer Corwin arrived at Sitka Oct. 13th from Kodiak, and proceeded to Juneau City. The Corwin reports that the Esquimaux at Point Barrow had discovered the remains of Lient. Putnam, of U. S. Steamer Rodgers, who was lost on a floe of ice. The natives, with their usual superstition, refused to touch the dead body and it was not recovered.

The Corwin also reports that the body of Bishop Nestor, of the Russian Church, who was lost on his steamer St. Paul, on her last trip down, some two months ago, has been recovered by a party of natives who were sent from the Island of St. Michael. The natives assert that they were directed to the body of the Bishop by two angels who hovered over it in the shape of two white albatross, or gonzys.

The steamer Rose, Capt. A. T. Whitford, struck a rock in Sitka Harbor, and punched a hole in her bottom. She is being repaired at Sitka.

On the night of the 17th, while the Idaho was at Harrisburg, a miner named McGuist fell overboard and was drowned. His body was recovered and buried.

The Idaho passed the Corwin on the night of the 18th, about 30 miles from Harrisburg where she was bound with Major Morris, Collector of Customs, on board on a tour of survey of his district.

The report of the Juneau mines is excellent. One hundred and fifteen thousand dollars of gold have been taken this season, mostly during the month of October. At Treadwell's quartz vein on Douglas Island, fifty-four thousand dollars of gold have been taken out during this season.

A foot of snow fell in Juneau basin the early part of October, but it has all melted. Fresh snow is seen on the mountains, and the miners are getting into their winter quarters. The weather north is cold and disagreeable, thick, with strong south-east winds.

Among the passengers by the Idaho is Charles C. Bartlett, Esq., of this city, who comes to renew his stock for the Spring campaign in the Juneau mines, and who will remain here till the season open in Alaska. He has left his store in charge of a clerk.

Capt. Wm. Stevens, of Wrangell, came on the Idaho and has gone to Victoria for medical advice. He has been suffering for several weeks from a violent attack of erysipalis in the head.

The Idaho brought 80 passengers, cabin and steerage, but we were unable to ascertain their names. She brought \$125,000 in gold dust, an evidence that the gold mines of Alaska have a real, lasting value. She left at 10 A. M., for Victoria, and we understand will proceed from there direct to San Francisco.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT GAMBLE, Oct. 23.—Arrived barkentine Kiekitat, from Honolulu.

Ship Theobald arrived at Port Blakely yesterday, 12 days from San Francisco. She will load lumber for Shanghai, China. Her arrival brings the fleet at Port Blakely up to nine vessels in number.

The International Fisheries Exhibition.

The International Fisheries Exhibition to be held in London next year will be on a grand scale. The London Times of a recent date says: "Mr. Birbeck, M. P., head of the Executive Committee, has issued a report which informs us that the Imperial Government of China has applied for space, that Canada wants 10,000 square feet, and the United States nearly twice as many. There will prizes be offered for models of fishing and carrier boats; four money prizes offered by Ashmead Bartlett-Counts for the best collection of fishing rods, a prize of \$500 given by the Baroness Bartlett-Counts for the best plan for a fish market, and a prize of \$300 for the best model of a carrier boat, the boat to be specially adapted for preserving the lives of her crew. The English Government will strike medals at the mint as rewards of merit, will issue diplomas of honor, and will probably make a grant of public money towards the expenses of the Exhibition."

The United States Fish Commission will make an unusually large display of everything pertaining to fishing in the United States, and have their assistants and collectors in every part of the country now at work. Mr. James G. Swan, of this city, for many years connected with the Smithsonian Institution, the U. S. National Museum, and U. S. Fish Commission, has been instructed by Professor Baird to procure a complete series of everything illustrative of the methods used in fishing by all the Indian tribes within his reach. He has just returned from Cape Flattery, where he has procured a complete outfit of whaling gear, sealing gear, halibut, and other fish lines of native manufacture, with models of canoes illustrating the method of killing whales and seals, and fishing by the Maah Indians. Mr. Swan will also receive by the next steamer from Alaska similar specimens illustrating the modes of fishing adopted by the natives of Alaska, and will, as often as opportunity presents, have photographs of Indians engaged in fishing occupations. Mr. Oregon Hastings, photographer of this city, has been engaged by Mr. Swan to execute this part of the work, and has already commenced. Mr. Swan requests us to state that he will be ready to receive any articles illustrative of fishing, either among white men or Indians, to be sent to the International Fisheries Exhibition, and will give all needed information to persons who may write him at this place. It is hoped that everyone will take an interest to have Washington Territory, and particularly Puget Sound, well represented in that great International Fisheries Exhibition, as such an opportunity is not likely to occur again soon.

Mr. Swan will receive articles for the London exhibition till February next. Everything will be forwarded by him to Washington to Prof. Baird, free of charge. In Washington the collection will be arranged and sent to London as a part of the exhibit of the United States Fish Commission.

Sketches of Indians engaged in fishing, in preparing fish, making nets or weirs, or any other avocation illustrative of the fisheries will be of great value. Professor Baird writes that it is his intention to have such sketches photographed on a larger scale, then finished in crayon and mounted. This will give our young artists an opportunity to make pen sketches of anything pertaining to this question that they may see, and there are plenty of such chances. A canoe with a lot of fish, Indian women carrying baskets of fish on their backs, or splitting, drying and packing fish in their camps, and an endless variety of scenes in Indian fishing experience, each of which would make an illustrative sketch. All such sketches sent to Mr. Swan will be forwarded by him to Prof. Baird, and the sooner they can be sent the greater the certainty that they will be prepared for the London exhibit. This is certainly a rare opportunity and everyone old and young should take an active interest in it.

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Alaska.

We have interviewed Mr. J. M. Cooper, a very intelligent Alaska miner who arrived on the Idaho this week. Mr. C. went from Montana to Alaska a year ago last March, and is well known through the mines of the latter region as "Montana Cooper." He has prospected the country over, made important discoveries, and says that those who prospect Alaska mines poor have never remained there long enough to see what there is. His latest find is a fabulously rich ledge of silver ore, discovered some three weeks ago, and he is now getting assays and preparing to develop his claim early next spring. He brought a sack of specimens of quartz rock found at different points; in several of these specimens free gold can be plainly seen with the naked eye. He predicts a grand future for Alaska in more ways than one. Specimens of coal, marble, iron, galena, lead, copper, silver, etc., that he brought down bespeak a country rich in those products. He says the miners are quiet and orderly, and have their own police officer, mode of justice, etc., but that they want civil government very much. The present insecurity is keeping out capital that would otherwise be available in developing the rich quartz mines. One proposition, he says, that is much talked of, is petitioning for the annexation of south-eastern Alaska to Washington Territory—all other prayers for civil government having thus far failed.

Mr. Wm. Moore, who has been in Alaska about four years, was also the victim of an interview by us. His enthusiasm over the future of that country is unbounded. He declares it wonderfully rich in all the precious metals, while its furs and fisheries would supply the world. He owns the Monitor quartz ledge in the basin near Juneau, and favored us with a great mass of information which want of space compels us to lay aside for a future article. Both these gentlemen will remain here and at Victoria all winter, when they will return in advance of an unprecedented migration of hardy, adventurous spirits in search of the untold wealth that but remains to be extracted from earth and stone.

WRITE UP YOUR LOCALITY.—E. A. Carman, acting Commissioner of Agriculture, has addressed an official letter to Hon. Thos. H. Brents, informing him that the Department desires to obtain, for publication in pamphlet form, the leading conditions in each county in Washington Territory, as to character of soil, kinds and areas of standing timber, prospect for coal and minerals, location of agricultural districts, and their present and prospective products; also, of fruits, native and cultivated; necessity (if any) and means of irrigation; present prospects and facilities for stock raising; means of transportation of products; market, and present prices, etc. Mr. Brents, not feeling himself in position to compile and transmit such a mass of minute information in detail, unaided, has addressed circular letters to individuals all over the territory, asking for the desired facts, in the interests of the whole public. Among those so addressed are D. W. Smith and Allen Weir, of Port Townsend, of whom are requested the data in reference to Jefferson, Island, Clalam and San Juan counties. Mr. Smith will take the counties of Jefferson and Island, and endeavor to do the subject justice, while the editor hereof will endeavor to perform a like service for Clalam and San Juan. In so doing, however, they invite the assistance and co-operation of any persons so inclined in each and every precinct of the counties named. Write up all you know of your vicinity upon the topics named and forward at once. It must be understood that no one is receiving, or will receive, any compensation in this matter, except the knowledge of having done something to enhance the best interests of the country. An opportunity is offered worthy of the effort. To have each locality fully and fairly described in a reliable and widespread national publication cannot fail to result in immeasurable good to those parts capable of development. Can you not afford to devote the postage and stationery, and a little time and labor, in attending to this matter with-

out delay? The information need not be in methodical or scholarly shape; write it up in your way, and we will make it presentable if alteration is necessary—all we require is reliability. Such effort as ours is often unappreciated, even by those who are glad to share in the benefits afterwards, but that does not detract from its value or the necessity of its performance.

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