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THE EXTREME NORTHWEST.

The Strait of Juan de Fuca, which divides the island of Vancouver from the South from Washington Territory, is the greatest maritime opening to be found on the long coast-line of the Pacific.

It is deep and safe, and a length along the southern coast of that island of about seventy miles, and an average width of about twenty miles.

There it spreads northward into the Gulf of Georgia, dividing the island from the main land, forming in the more southern part a broad expanse of water, while towards the northern end of the island it narrows to a narrow but deep strait.

South of the great inlet the water spreads southward for about a hundred miles into Washington Territory.

This is known as Puget's Sound, but sometimes it is called Admiralty Inlet.

Both of these names, however, should be dropped for something more appropriate.

For it is neither a sound nor an inlet, but a beautiful placid bay, full of islands, with serpentine shores, and thoroughly adapted for a chain of navigation.

This splendid bay, one of the best of the world, with abundance of water to ride in up to the very shores, with its magnificent outlet to the ocean, will some day be the scene of an immense commerce, and of a large population.

The climate is much like that of England, and for maritime advantages this bay surpasses that of any other port. It is nearer to Japan and China, by about seven hundred miles, than San Francisco, and it is also nearer to New York.

Although the strait is only about 48 miles long, it is still south of the shortest line between New York and Shanghai. A straight line, or in other words, the shortest line, between Paris and Peking, across this continent, would cut the Arctic Circle. Hence it is that this northern port, in point of climate, both as regards weather and the advantage of those farther south.

Van Couver's Island, which still belongs to Great Britain, but which will doubtless be ours before long—is nearly as large as Ireland, and has a similar climate. Parts of it are rugged and mountainous, but the soil is good, and bears an enormous growth of valuable timber. It is rich in coal, there being three seams of the best quality.

On the main land opposite the island there is a vein of coal sixteen feet thick, which has been traced for thirty miles, while overlying it is another four and a half feet thick, which has been worked to some extent.

The agricultural capabilities of this island are very extensive. Wheat grows on an average thirty bushels per acre, 64 pounds to the bushel. For oats and potatoes it is equal to, and very much richer than, the soil of the good lands of Ireland. Its fisheries are unsurpassed in the world.

Population and business have not reached the point where they should be, but being attached to and dependent upon a government which is equal to, and very much richer than, the United States, it is not surprising that it should be so.

It is a singular fact that the people of this island are petitioning the Government, begging him that "any regulations which may be pending or under consideration, and which may be provided for by any act of Congress, relating to the settlement of territorial or other questions, you will endeavor to induce His Majesty to consent to the cession of this colony to the United States." This petition embraced British Columbia as well as Vancouver's Island. It is no wonder that these people should petition for their own progressive civilization with the marvelous progress of the American States, and that they should earnestly desire to come in and share its prosperity.

It is fortunate, however, that we have already the best harbor and own our half of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. It is to that harbor that the Northern Pacific Railroad will be carried, and when that shall be accomplished, a movement will be witnessed on the shores of that magnificent bay such as the world has rarely witnessed.

There is no reason why the whole region, including the strait, should not be developed as a great manufacturing center, and that the seat of our western civilization. It is a new way to conquer and acquire territory, and survey the land, and to give up the old method. It is, moreover, a very pleasing reflection that we have good government, and that the people are not only intelligent, but also patriotic.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The evident temper of both houses, as developed by the debate on the proposed bill, shows that it is impossible to pass a bill without a provision as a prerequisite to the admission of the territory.

The terms of the San Domingo treaty, met with very little favor indeed. A member of the Senate, Mr. Forney, declared, on the 10th inst., that he would not vote for the treaty, but would accept the offer of the Bay of San Juan instead of it.

A series of enclosures, beginning with the one of the 10th inst., and ending with the one of the 12th inst., were found at the depot of 340 feet, and sold at the rate of \$10 per ton.

We are, towards the end of the month, to have a visit from the Royal Highness, Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught, and his family, to the British Army.

The Prince is a K. G., and Lieutenant of the 10th Hussars, and is the son of the Duke of Devonshire.

Washington is to visit other parts of the continent.

An attempt will be made to report a bill by the 10th inst. James D. McCabe, of New York, is the author of the bill.

Next week, and they will come up for consideration on the 10th inst.

Where he has personally so many of his constituents, how could any President be responsible when he has so much knowledge as to a very large proportion of applicants on the recommendation of the President.

Reconstruction.—By the prompt and bold action of the President, the large authority given to him last April, in the discharge of his duties, as President of the XXIII Congress, the work of reconstruction draws rapidly to its close, and before the expiration of the term of the President, the work of reconstruction will be completed.

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