

mercury seldom rises higher than eighty-two degrees in summer. The rain fall at Sitka is copious, the annual precipitation being sixty-five to ninety inches. The language spoken by the Indians at Sitka is the Thlinket, although to a great extent they use the jargon common to all Indians of the Pacific coast from Oregon to Mt. St. Elias.

There is a paucity of domestic animals in Alaska as yet, five mules, two horses, and not to exceed a dozen cows constitute the entire outfit in that line, in the southeastern portion of the territory. At Sitka there are a few chickens that sell for \$1.00 each; eggs bring 75 cents per dozen and milk 80 cents a gallon. There is good grazing on islands in the Sitka Harbor and a remunerative industry might be worked up raising vegetables, milk and poultry for the Sitka and Juneau markets.

TABLE OF RATES.

St. Paul to Sitka.....	\$153.50
St. Paul to Portland.....	93.50
St. Paul to Portland, Emigrant.....	53.50
Sleeping car fare, one birth from St. Paul to Portland.....	15.00
Meals on Dining Car, each.....	.75
Portland to Tecoma by rail.....	7.00
Tecoma to Port Townsend by boat.....	3.75
Tecoma to Victoria by boat.....	4.75
Meals on boat on Puget Sound, each50
Portland to Port Townsend by steamer.....	10.00
Portland to Victoria by steamer.....	10.00
Portland to any point in Alaska.....	60.00
Port Townsend or Victoria to any point in Alaska	50.00

The fare on the Alaska steamer includes state-room and meals.

N. B. The N. P. R. R. furnish free of charge sleeping accomodations to the purchasers of emigrant tickets, the purchaser furnishing his own bedding.

During the First Session of the Forty-eighth Congress, the following bill, originating in the Senate, became a law: