

who was sent there in 1867 by the Bishop of Nesqually. In 1873 Father De Ryckere erected a hospital which was opened in October following under charge of five Sisters of Charity from the Mother House of Leavenworth, Kansas. A stone Church, 26x60 with a residence in the rear, was completed in 1876, having cost \$4,000. This Mission extends over a circumference of sixty miles.

The discovery of gold in the Boise Basin of Idaho in 1861-2, having induced a large immigration, Archbishop Blanchet appointed the following year Rev. A. Z. Poulin and Rev. T. Mesplie to attend to the spiritual wants of Catholics. Three Churches were built in 1863; the first at Idaho City, was blessed on the 15th of November; the second at Placerville, on Dec. 20th; and the third at Centreville on Christmas Day.

During subsequent years spacious Churches were erected at Granite Creek, Silver City and Boise City. On December 13th., 1867, three Sisters of the Holy Names, from the Mother House in this city, took their departure for Idaho City to open a day and boarding school which they conducted for two years, but the transitory nature of the population forced them to abandon the enterprise.

#### VICARIATE OF IDAHO.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Second Plenary Council of Baltimore, in 1866, the eastern portions of the Diocese of Oregon City and Nesqually were erected into the Vicariate Apostolic of Idaho March 3rd, 1868, with Rt. Rev. Louis Lootens of California for its Vicar Apostolic. Having been consecrated by the Most Rev. Archbishop of San Francisco, August 9th., 1868, he took possession of his Vicariate early in 1869. Bishop Lootens obtained his resignation July 16th, 1876.

The Southern Missions of Idaho are now

attended by two secular priests, Rev. A. J. A. Archambault and Rev. Joseph Pickl. Both priests and the faithful in Idaho have long and earnestly desired the Episcopal Visitation of the Coadjutor Archbishop; and, as a matter of interest to Catholics, I desire to append the following

#### ITINERARY OF ARCHBISHOP SEGHERS VISIT.

I.—From Portland to Lewiston, Idaho, a mile from the Nez Perces Catholic Mission—401 miles by steamboat in three days, two days on the Columbia and one day on the Snake River. II.—From Lewiston North to Pine Creek—the new Mission where the Cœur d'Alene Indians were removed to a few years since—60 miles on horseback in two days. III.—East to St. Ignatius' Mission among the Pend' d'Oreille Indians, 250 miles over mountain roads rendered difficult through fallen timber. Time: six to eight days on horseback. IV.—Thence south to the Mission of St. Mary's among the Flat Head Indians, seventy miles on horseback in two or three days.—(Missoula City is half way between the two) V.—From St. Mary's south-east to Deer Lodge, 120 miles on horseback or by stage from Missoula. VI.—Deer Lodge south to Ogden 475 miles by stage. VII.—From Ogden west to Kelton, 70 miles by railroad in three hours. VIII.—From Kelton north to Boise City 300 miles by stage. IX.—Thence north west to Baker City, the farthest eastern Mission of the Archdiocese, (350 miles from Portland) by stage in two days. X.—Thence south-west to Canyon City, 90 miles by stage. XI.—Thence south-west to Jacksonville by stage. XII.—From Jacksonville to Portland, visiting the intermediate missions and stations at Roseburg, the Coast, from Gardiner City to Ellensburg; Corvallis, Salem, Gervais, St. Louis, St. Paul, and Oregon City.

The performance of this Episcopal tour will occupy nearly three months. Let us all pray that Archbishop Seghers may have a safe and prosperous journey. Upon his return he will subsequently visit the Missions at Grand Round Agency, McMinville, Cornelius, Astoria, Dalles and Umatilla Agency.

Your humble servant in J. C.,

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