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### INTRODUCTION.

DURING the recent visit of Charles Replogle and his wife to this country, it was a pleasure to us to have them make their home with us, when they were not visiting in other parts, and we very much enjoyed their genial company. During these times we came to know a good deal of their work and prospects in Alaska.

From the interesting accounts given, I encouraged Charles Reptogle in a desire he had had on his mind for some time, to write a book on their experiences.

As they were spending the last Christmas holidays with us we thought this might be accomplished then; and, with the aid of a stenographer, Charles Replogle compiled this volume.

As will be seen in the perusal of these pages, he has very much at heart the welfare of the Indians, among whom he has been working; and his great desire is to help them through the development of the

natural industrial resources of the country, to better their condition. From his accounts he evidently has great influence with the tribe, among whom he has been working, and, although he has not made a point of this in his book, he has been adopted into the tribe, and chosen as their Chief. Consequently he has absolute control of the Indians, as the Chief has the making of their laws, and his decision as a judge, in all cases when appealed to, is final. The tribe-" The Eagles"-of which he has been chosen Chief, numbers, I believe, about 2,000; and Charles Replogle thinks that a very profitable business might be carried on by the tribe, in starting a cannery for the preserving of salmon, etc. His idea is, that a small company should be formed, with sufficient capital for exploiting this; but from whom the Indians could purchase shares in the undertaking, as they were able by their industry to accumulate funds for this purpose, and so redeem what money might have been expended in it. In the meantime, whatever money would be advanced by any, would immediately the work could be started, bear a good percentage of profit, until such time as it could be redeemed. The canning business has proved very profitable to many concerns, not having the same advantages as these Indians would have, and who have to employ more expensive labour without the same facilities.

Charles Replogle has obtained a grant from the United States Government of a tract of land, with sea frontage of six miles and depth of six miles, embracing one of the best hunting and fishing districts on the coast, with several rivers and creeks abounding in salmon. His idea is, that this tract of land should be used for settlements for the exclusive use of his tribe of Indians.

Whatever profits may arise from the sale of this book he is intending to devote to the equipment of the "Cannery," or other industrial arrangements for them.

GEORGE S. BAKER.

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