U.S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

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State: Alaska

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Lope Sheet No. 2152

LOCALITY:

Stikine River
Between the Big Bend and Popoff Bluffs

1893

CHIEF OF PARTY:

John E. McDermott
This sheet represents a section of the Timicahua River and its valley between the Big Bend and a point nearly abreast of the Pecos Blanket. The mountainous bounds of this valley were surveyed by Assistant Pratt and J. H. Austin and I. H. Miller, and only. The line of junction between them and the low lands along the river are here shown. The valley is extremely flat and alluvial in character. The river is very swift and subject to great changes in height according to the weather. It is very dry. It carries a great deal of silt. The valley lands are densely clothed with cottonwoods; some of the latter growing to a very great size.

The river is constantly changing its channel and shore. On an average stage, a high stage, the process of tearing down old banks and forming new ones goes constantly on.

While the triangulation has been selected many of the signal points have been established in accordance with the usual survey of the United States. Changes in the banks are not only visible from the above ground, but also from above ground on the houses which have been established on this south of the Demmick River. The Indians in the spring, when they are hunting ducks, geese and bear in this neighborhood. The Indians have the regular homes in Fort Brown and only visit this section for hunting or to afford purposes. These usually live in cabins, not of much structure. A single steamboat which goes up the river to Telegraph Creek, inside the Timicahua, represents all the traffic of the river at this date.

April 4th, 1874

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