

fronts. Yet these old settlers tell us, are seemingly growing less blightful as the country settles up. This, in fact, appears to be a peculiarly experienced in almost all newly settled localities and is attributable by many to the clearing off and plowing the ground, combined with the freed alluvial gases that commingle with and modify the electrical conditions that obtained at earlier periods. Be this as it may, I do not assume to reason on these lines—I only know the climate is growing less rigorous and it is only once in a great while that frosts seriously injure our fruit crops.

Flash—Lake Trout will weigh from 5 to 7 lbs. and are a fine fish. Mountain Trout grow from 4 to 12 inches long and are as palatable and game as the epicure or sportsman could wish. Salmon Trout average about nine pounds, and sometimes weigh as much as fifty pounds, and are plentiful in the tributaries of Klamath Lake.

Stock Feeding—Commences about the first of January and stock are turned out to skirnish for themselves about the 15th of March.

Housing Stock—No stock is housed during the winter except it be milchcows, team horses and young stock of small farmers, and much of that never gets inside a barn or shelter.

Cold Weather—Generally speaking we have one cold spell during the winter, when the mercury drops from one to five degrees below zero,—this may be for one only or it may last as many as four or five days—this does not occur every winter. Correctly speaking, we have about two months of winter weather.

Warm Weather—In July the mercury will run up as high as 95 or 98 degrees for one or two days, but when night comes you will require the usual number of blankets on your bed.

Destructive Storms or winds—We have neither cyclones, hurricanes or destructive wind storms, but just enough wind to be healthful and invigorating. We have occasionally what is called a thunder shower, and yet we can say it is a very rare thing to hear distinct thunder or see sharp lightning, consequently you will not find a lightning rod in this county. Neither do we know of a single case of any person being struck by lightning in this county.

Ice—The thickest forms in large pools of still water, sometimes as much as 14 inches thick (so we are told, but the writer has never seen it) the usual thickness put up here for summer use is from six to eight inches, and some winters it does not form thick enough to put up for summer use.

Saloons—Some correspondent have asked us how it is possible for us to make claim to as high-toned and well regulated a condition of society as we do, and at the same time support the number of saloons we do? In answering this question satisfactorily, it is necessary that the questioner should be somewhat acquainted with the ways of the people of the Pacific coast, in order that they comprehend the situation as it exists. The fact is, saloons with us and the Eastern people are two different institutions and society treats these here in a different light, for here, the business man be he church member or not, does not lose caste if business takes him into a saloon, so long as he does not patronize the gambling or club rooms, as they are called, he deems his conduct as free from reproach as was that of Cæsar's wife and society deems him so and treats him as being superior to and above contamination by such surroundings. This being a great stock growing country, many cow punchers, herders, camp tenders, etc. are employed the year round, and they belong of all nationalities and transient to a great extent, contribute largely to the support of the saloons, and with all our floating population it is a rare thing to see a drunken man on our streets.

Secret Orders—Embracing the A. F. & A. M. and chapter, J. O. O. F. and Rebekahs, Woodmen, and Circle, Workmen, and Degree of Honor, the Foresters, the Eagles, are in a flourishing condition. Our many mountain streams afford the purest and best water, and good water is obtained almost anywhere by digging or driving from fourteen to twenty-four feet.

The Desert Land Act—Permits one to take 320 acres or less, and his wife can also do the same, on the condition that each will pay 25 cents per acre at the time of filing. They will also be required to expend labor to the amount of one dollar per acre on it each year for three years—this expenditure to be on the improvement of the property, such as fencing, ditching, building or making reservoirs or diverting streams onto it, clearing, plowing, etc. At or before the expiration of the third year each will pay one dollar more, making a total of \$1.25 per acre in cash.

Timber and Stone Land—Per acre \$2.50. Ninety days after application must be proved upon and paid for. One can only take 160 acres or less of this class of land; a wife can also acquire title to these lands.

Homestead—Of 160 acres or less, costs for filing \$16 and advertising fees.

Stage Fares—about 9 cts per mile. From Madeline to Lakeview by Stage \$9.00. Stages leave Madeline one evening and arrive at Lakeview the next evening.

The recent discovery of Gold and Copper deposits 20 miles south of Lakeview, on the divide between Fort Bidwell and Pine Creek, and the discovery of Gold, Silver and Galena on the mountain near Paisley, also the fact that highly mineralized rock is found and exhibited by many herders and vanqueros from many of the surrounding ranges that almost make us know that if these finds prove half as rich as reputed, we may yet find that Lake County has an Eldorado of its own, that only awaits the advent of a class of prospectors, miners, farmers and wide awake business men, who would not only develop and unearth a mineral wealth not dreamed of heretofore, but will hasten the people of far off localities to come and take a look at this land of promise.

Almost every industry and occupation may be pursued here the year round under our climatic conditions. Our hills and mountains abound in antelope, deer and smaller game; while our valleys afford a veritable paradise for geese, ducks, etc.

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The Angel Child.

WHERE, oh, where is the little boy With the angel face and the fluffy hair, The child who met me with shouts of joy When the day was done and I turned from care? He is gone, he is gone, the beautiful child Who used to clamber upon my knee And softly say as he sweetly smiled, "Please, papa, now tell a 'tory to me."

The light still gleams in the window when I journey home at the close of day, Weary from striving with eager men And laboring much for a little pay, But the sweet faced baby who at the door Stood ready to greet me with shouts of joy Is waiting to hear my story no more— Ah, where is my innocent little boy?

Behold, out there where the turf is torn A score of giants who slug and slam, And each of them as a babe was born As innocent as a little lamb! Each of the brawny ones gouging there May once have sat on his father's knee And gladdened a heart that was torn by care, As my little one used to gladden me.

Ah, where is the child with the angel face And the gentle voice and the wee, soft hands? Behold him there as he takes his place And eagerly and half crouching stand! He has broken another man's leg today; His shins are barked, and they've skinned his brow.

My sweet little boy has been taken away; He is getting his name in the papers now. —Chicago Record-Herald.

An Inventive Genius.

Tramp—Please, mum, I'm an inventor, mum. I'm introducun' my new patent combined knife an' fork an' spoon for one armed persons.

Lady—There are no one armed persons in this family.

Tramp—Mebby not, mum, but some time you might meet some person so unfortunate as to have but one arm, an' then you could recommend the great invention to him, mum.

Lady—I certainly should if it is good for anything.

Tramp—Well, mum, just hand me somethin' warm an' fillin' on a plate, an' I'll show you how it works.—New York Weekly.

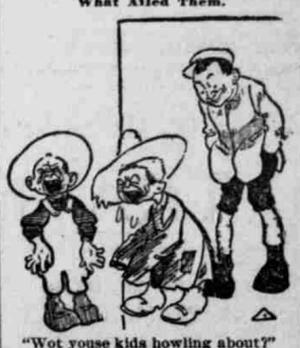
What Ailed Them.

"Wot youse kids howling about?" "We jest had one of them there premonitions dat we ain't goin' ter get nuffin' fer Christmas ag'in!"—New York American.

Lesson in Promptitude.

A Philadelphia lawyer was one day discoursing upon the importance of impressing upon the young mind the necessity for cultivating the virtues of regularity and precision.

"Early in life," said he, "I had this lesson imparted to me by my tutor. He was a Frenchman by birth. I can never forget the earnestness with which he used to descant upon the subject. 'For punctuality, young sir,' he would say, 'permit me to commend to you ze example of ze sun, which rises exactly at break of day, nevaire before, nevaire after.'"—St. Louis Republic.



Caught.

"Did that lady make a complaint against that sneak thief for stealing her jewelry?" "No. She said she'd rather lose it than explain what she was doing when he entered. She was gossiping over the back fence at the time." "Well?" "She was afraid she'd have to repeat the gossip in court."—Detroit Free Press.

In the Midst of It.

"Yes," said the young writer, "I've got pretty deep into my new novel now." "Ah," remarked the friend, "the plot's thickening, eh?" "Yes, perhaps that's it; at any rate I'm stuck."—Catholic Standard and Times.

The Best Artist.

"Dobber is a fine artist, isn't he?" "Yes, but he is not as good as Smeer." "I have been told that Dobber draws the finest pen and ink sketches of anybody in the city." "Yes, but Smeer is fine at drawing customers."—Dallas News.

Awful to Contemplate.

"Most of us seem to forget," said the ponderous person, "that actions speak plainer than words." "Gracious!" exclaimed Henpeck. "If they speak louder than my wife's words I want to keep on forgetting."—Philadelphia Press.

Tommy Remembered.

Mother—Now, Tommy, stick out your tongue so the doctor can see it. Tommy—But, mamma, you told me it was very naughty to stick out my tongue at people.—Chicago News.

No More Romance.

"You ended your novel at the most interesting part—just as the hero married the heroine." "Novelist—Oh, that finished it!—Town and Country.

Ever Test It?

An ounce of sincerity is worth a ton of blarney.—Life.