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## BETHESDA SPRINGS.

EDITOR "WEST SHORE."—I will endeavor to give some information concerning this wild, romantic region. It is about sixty miles east of Eugene City, thirty from the Three Sisters, about twenty from the summit of the Cascades, and four miles from the McKenzie bridge. The road is somewhat rough up the McKenzie mountain road, and pretty new, it does very well.

About eighty rods south of Horse Creek, a stream that heads at the Three Sisters and flows into the McKenzie a short distance below the bridge, this great phenomenon of nature, Bethesda Springs, is located. A stream of water four inches in diameter gushes boiling out of a rock and runs down a ravine. For the first two hundred yards it falls about one hundred feet, after that the descent is more gradual for a distance of a hundred rods to where it empties into Horse Creek.

There is a nice slope of ground to the east of the Springs, suitable for an orchard and garden; it is so situated that hot and cold water can be easily led to it in pipes for irrigation by a small outlay of money, and I could then make tropical flowers bloom here the year round.

A fine stream of the best water in the world runs down another gulch some six rods east of the Springs. In all these streams there are great quantities of trout, while, all through the woods an abundance of whortleberries of the red variety may be found, and three miles from here, on a high, flat mountain, are great quantities of the blue variety. On this mountain is also a fine prairie, covered with

splendid grass. Three miles to the southeast is Lookout Mountain, from which can be seen the Three Sisters, Mount Hood, Jefferson, and the most wonderful mountain scenery I ever beheld. I went on one high peak, from which there is a perpendicular offset of three hundred feet; I threw a rock down, and I think it went six hundred yards before it stopped.

An immense canyon lies between here and the Three Sisters. Any one wishing to view the most wonderful mountain scenery, with deep canyons,

and immense forests in them, bold and towering peaks, cold brooks, creeks, and the cold, dashing McKenzie river, with great quantities of the red-side and speckled trout sporting in it, let them take a trip to these Springs and they can have a chance to feast in one of Nature's most romantic spots. The hunter, too, can have fine sport here—bear, panther, cougar and elk, are quite numerous, and during the summer season, deer are plentiful; some persons have killed three hundred during the summer, just for their hides.

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THE HOME OF AN OREGON FARMER.—The beautiful scene so cleverly portrayed by our artist on page 147, is located in the Willamette Valley, not many miles from Salem, and only the extreme modesty of the owner of this beautiful home prevents our giving his name. It is but a few years since that he arrived here a poor and needy immigrant, and where now his lands yield abundant harvests, a wild and thick forest was located. By industry, economy, and the help of our rich soil and magnificent climate, he has been enabled to accomplish the result as illustrated.

This case is by no means isolated. Most of those who are now our solid and wealthy farmers, came here it seems but a few years since with a not over-abundance of worldly possessions, and their now beautiful, peaceful and prosperous homes, are the best evidences of the fact that farming in Oregon is profitable; and let us add that a greater result can be accomplished here with less labor than in any other State in the Union. It is true that most of the lands adjacent to railroads are now taken up, and those arriving here must be prepared either to purchase improved farms or go further back into the interior, where marketing facilities are not so good; but those who are willing to "watch and wait," will see that in a very few years, and whilst they are really clearing the lands and placing them in first-rate condition, roads will be made and cities built that will make their lands fully as valuable, and as near good markets, as what are now considered "the choice spots."

PREACHERS OF persons who are very studious are apt to become unsocial and selfish. This danger should be cautiously guarded.



ROMANTIC SCENERY NEAR BETHESDA SPRINGS, OREGON.—From a Sketch by our Special Artist.