

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.

THE rapidity with which cattle are being shipped into Montana this spring is truly alarming. Every paper from the Mississippi to the Rocky Mountains is teeming with items concerning it. The live stock world seems to have awakened all at once to the knowledge of the existence of our Territory and its facilities for stock growing, and every capitalist is seeking to engage in the business. And instead of using good business judgment and buying on the range, they seek to save money in their investment by buying in the States. The result of this movement will be that the business will in all probability get a very black eye next winter. Pilgrim cattle that are accustomed to standing around a hay stack in the States are not calculated to stand our winters and rustle for themselves, and the loss in winter will unavoidably be great. The mortality of pilgrim stock last winter was more than three times that of our natives, and the same will in all probability be the case next winter, notwithstanding they are being shipped earlier and will be in better fix before cold weather sets in. Then the rushing in of so much stock is bound to overtax our ranges, and this will also increase the probabilities of loss. A few unwise journals have advertised that there are plenty of unoccupied ranges in Montana and have gotten up quite a stampede upon this fabrication. But the truth is the unoccupied ranges of Montana are very limited and are dry and remote from the mountains. The shipping in of 25,000 cattle from Wisconsin and Minnesota, 25,000 from Iowa, and the driving and shipping of 25,000 from Texas, will more than stock these unoccupied regions. But we have no assurance that these unoccupied ranges will alone be sought. Herds will in all probability be brought in and turned out upon our ranges that have been fed for ten years. We noticed only recently that there were 9,000 Texas steers in Wyoming en route for the Musselshell, a region in which every meadow of consequence is occupied by a sheep ranch, and upon which there are already innumerable herds. Our position in this matter is for the interest and welfare of the industry. We want to see Montana produce every pound of beef possible and its ranges grazed to their full capacity, but we don't want to see the very life of the industry imperiled by overstocking ranges.—*Husbandman.*

ONE of the best managed and accommodating transportation companies on the coast is the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, whose steamers run from Victoria to various points in British Columbia. Mr. John Irving, the manager, is a gentleman who not only understands the needs of his company, but fully appreciates the wants of the traveling public. The boats of the company are large and possess excellent accommodations for passengers. A trip up Fraser River on one of these steamers is not excelled even by a sail on the world-famous Columbia. The scenery is both beautiful and imposing. Every route upon which the boats run is calculated to impress the most earnest business man with the idea that his journey is but a pleasure excursion.

GOVERNMENT LAND IN KITTITAS COUNTY.

THE Kittitas *Localizer* thus speaks of the vacant land in that region: "The question is often asked, Is there any Government land to be had in Kittitas County? We can say yes; plenty of it yet in the Teanaway Valley. We would judge there are about 45,000 acres of good surveyed land and about 60,000 of unsurveyed, all lying in the beautiful valley west of Kittitas and east of the Snoqualmie Pass, known as the Teanaway country. A wagon road, which runs through this valley, is being constructed over the Cascade Range to Seattle, which brings us within 100 miles of that city—one of the best seaports in America; also the Cascade branch of the Northern Pacific Railroad is surveyed through this valley to the Sound. This valley is unsurpassed for growing grain, grass and all kinds of vegetables, plenty of good timber, excellent water, with abundance of fish, and is destined to be one of the best valleys in Washington Territory for fruit growing of all kinds. It is surrounded by the Cascade Mountains, which protect it from the severe winds. Snow falls on approach of cold weather in the winter and stays on the ground until cold weather is past in the spring, which keeps trees from starting out in bloom until all danger from frost is past. As soon as the snow is gone all Nature is clothed in a garb of green, interspersed with a hundred varieties of wild flowers. The ground does not freeze here during winter, consequently all hardy kinds of vegetables live in the ground all winter and come out in a growing condition in the spring."

VACANT LAND IN LAKE COUNTY.

A CORRESPONDENT writes the *Lakeview Examiner* as follows: "As it may be of some interest to your immigration society to know the extent of the public land that is vacant on this side of the valley, I will give you a short sketch. There are at least 25,000 acres of Government land vacant between Thomas Creek, Cottonwood, Drew's Creek and Dry Creek. It is covered with black and white sage brush, and is easy to get in cultivation. As a general rule, two men with a good team and sulky plow can clear three acres a day, ready to put the seed in, and in better shape than by the old method of grubbing the sage brush. The plow tears the roots out, and all there is to do is to burn brush, roots and all, as the plow turns them out. The land will compare favorably with any in the State, yielding from twenty-five to seventy-five bushels of small grain to the acre. Timber is handy and easy of access.

EXCEEDINGLY desirable lots in Seattle, the "Queen City of the Sound," can be purchased of Eshelman, Llewellyn & Co., leading real estate dealers of that city. These lots are 25x125 feet, and are the same spoken of in their advertisement in another page, in which the size is incorrectly stated at 20x125 feet.

ON the 29th of May the Board of Directors of the Northern Pacific authorized the letting of contracts on the second section of twenty-five miles of the Cascade division leading east from Tacoma.