

Inquiries Answered.

Five months since, we published, in answer to numerous letters received here from the East, a list of questions and answers with regard to some of the more prominent characteristics of Linn county and the Willamette Valley.

- 1. What is the length of your Winters and Summers? Winters, four months rainy season, and two months occasional showers.

2. Amount of snow in Winter? The last two Winters, none. The greatest depth of snow of which we have any account, reached about fourteen inches, and lasted about one week.

3. Amount of rain in Summer? No rain from first of July to September. During the last winter the thermometer ranged from 45 to 50; in the Summer, from 60 to 90.

4. Range of thermometer? How are the Eastern consumptives affected by the climate in your locality? On some it has a beneficial effect; on others the reverse.

5. Can you raise apples, peaches, pears, plums, grapes, etc? Emphatically, yes. Oregon is celebrated for her "red apples"—in fact she leads the world in the production of mammoth, high-flavored apples.

6. What is the production of wheat, corn, grass, etc., per acre? Wheat, from 15 to 40 bushels; oats, 25 to 50; grass, 2 tons. Of corn there is so little cultivated that we hardly know what would be an average crop—say 25 to 40 bushels.

7. Do root crops (potatoes, turnips, beets, etc.), flourish with you? and what is the yield? Yes, and produce as largely as any country.

8. What are the chances for purchasing wild, or partially improved, lands? Improved lands can be purchased; also, partially improved.

9. What is the average value of each, per acre? Improved, \$10 to \$30 per acre; hill and from \$3 to \$5.

10. Is the country settling up fast or slowly? Population is beginning to pour in upon us from all quarters.

11. What is the comparative amount of timbered and prairie lands? In the valley about one-sixth; in the mountains the best of timber is to be obtained.

12. What is the greatest and least width of the valley? The valley averages from 20 to 50 miles in width.

13. What is the length? One hundred and eighty miles. 14. What improvements, if any? All kinds of improvements, same as in the Eastern States.

15. What kind of soil preponderates? Clay. 16. What kind of timber, if any? White, red and yellow fir, ash, oak, maple and cottonwood.

17. Where is your nearest market? At present San Francisco, California, is our main market. 18. What is the price of wheat, barley, etc., at the present time? Wheat 65 to 70 cents; barley 45 cents.

22. Have you swamp or marsh lands in your locality; and if so, to what extent? We have no such lands.

23. What prospect is there of railroad communication, and to what points? More than fifty miles of the Oregon & California Railroad, commencing at East Portland, is completed, and trains are making daily trips over it.

24. What prices do the following articles command? Tea, 72c@81 25; sugar, 10c@18c; kerosene, \$1; syrups, 75c@81; coffee, 20c; salt, 24c@3c; beef, on foot, 5c@6c; flour, per bbl., \$1 50; tobacco \$5c@81; vinegar, per gal., 50c; pork, 6c net.

25. What are ordinarily good cows, horses and sheep worth? Cows, \$25@55; horses, \$40@250; sheep, \$1 25@2.

26. Of what nativity are the settlers in your vicinity? The great majority are Americans. TERRIBLE STATE OF THINGS—The correspondent of the London Telegraph, writing from Carlsruhe, on August 29th, says:

It is evident from the ease with which the troops have been disposed around Metz, that Marshal Bazaine, with all the remains of his army, is safely included within the walls. The town is now completely blockaded.

On the eastern side General Steinmetz commands with the First and Seventh Army Corps; on the north are the Saxons (Twelfth Army Corps); the Saxons were detached against MacMahon.—Ed.; and Prince Frederick Charles, with the Second, Third, Fourth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Army Corps, together with the Guards [the Guards were in reserve at the battle of Sedan—E.L.], encircling it on the south and west.

Putting the whole army of Marshal Bazaine at 100,000 men, and the original garrison at, say 10,000, we have a total of 110,000 troops; add to this number 40,000 sick and wounded, and 50,000 inhabitants of the town and surrounding districts, now within the walls, and we see that there must be at least 200,000 men to be fed within the beleaguered town of Metz. What is to become of the army? Relief out of the question, and either it must cut a passage through and make good its escape, or speedily be reduced by want, disease and famine.

Already deserters describe the state of things existing there as terrible in the extreme. Metz is not a large place; there may have been food enough to last the garrison for some time; but with the great accession to their numbers which has taken place, their supplies will soon be exhausted.

OCEAN NAVIGATION.—It is reported that a prominent New York ship owner has offered to bet \$500,000 that he has a steamer which can beat by twenty-six hours any steamer which has yet crossed the Atlantic. Also that the steamer is of American build, and will be commanded by an American; and that, if the bet should be accepted, it would enable him to show the world something new about American steamers.

The Morgan County (Indiana) Gazette tells of a man in that county who was recently married to his divorced wife, after a separation of twenty years. After the divorce the woman moved West, and there married a German, who went into the late war and was killed. Two children were the fruits of the second marriage, and none of the first. The woman returned to Morgan county a short time since, and was reunited to her first husband, who had lived single during her absence.

Sullivan County (Ohio) is the home of Estella Whitecomb, thirteen years of age, and who for three years past has for her own choice been engaged in regular farm work, in plowing, sowing, reaping, mowing, and harvesting, as well as driving and managing horses. Last Summer she reaped about forty acres of hay, besides doing her share toward mowing, loading and pitching it.

In Indianapolis, an orphan girl aged 32 years, attempted to poison herself last week, because a youth of twenty summers, named Purcell, for whom she had waited from her childhood, declined to become her husband. Purcell was asked to prevent a future catastrophe, but he replied that "he wasn't going to be scared into it."

Machinery has recently been invented in England which weaves from the hair of cats and rabbits a sort of velvet tissue, distinguishable from silk, but not inferior in fineness and beauty.

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After paying the expense of the entertainment and making the distribution of the Gifts, as above announced, the balance of the proceeds, after deducting the present indebtedness of the Mercantile Library Association, will be made up of such tickets or coupons to the Business Agents of the Board of Trustees, commencing at 2 o'clock A. M., on Friday, January 15, 1871.

This is positively the only postponement which will be made. The Concert will take place on the day above named, commencing at 2 o'clock A. M., and to continue until all the gifts have been awarded.

The funds already in bank are considerably more than sufficient to insure the successful completion of the contract with the public. The sale of tickets will positively close on Friday, the 28th day of October, 1870. All tickets remaining unsold at that time will be withdrawn from sale and cancelled. They will be advertised by their numbers on the 29th day of October, 1870, in one or more of the daily papers of this city. Any diminution thus made in the number of tickets to be drawn, will not effect the number or amount of gifts. They will be as heretofore advertised, to-wit: 628 gifts, amounting in all to \$900,000 gold.

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