

SETTLING UP.

Every year brings an increasing immigration to Lake county. As a purely pastoral country Lake county has, perhaps, reached the climax of development, but it is now ready to take a step forward, and begin the transformation into an agricultural district which is sure to follow the increase of population. The vast extent of land in the Northwest which is susceptible of agriculture is only beginning to be known. Hundreds of thousands of acres of land in Oregon and Washington Territory which until within a very few years has been thought only valuable as grazing land is now coming into notice as the finest grain producing land in the United States. This opens up for the Northwest a future of infinitely greater prosperity than was ever dreamed of by those who supposed the agricultural land was confined to the river bottoms and valleys. In the past the estimates of the population which Oregon and Washington could sustain were based upon the erroneous belief that the bunch grass hills and the sagebrush plains never would be tilled by the plow and echo the clatter of the thousands of reaping machines which will soon be filling the golden grain of this year's harvest. Favored as Oregon is in respect to climate, soil and commercial advantages, she is attracting a fast increasing tide of immigration. Of this, the greater portion passes up the Columbia river to the inviting fields for settlement offered by the vast extent of unoccupied and fertile land of Northeastern Oregon. Southern Oregon is out of the line of emigrant travel from the east, most of the emigrants going by water from San Francisco to Portland, but the advantages which this section can offer to the settler are being made known throughout the eastern states, and many persons come to the Pacific coast with Southern Oregon as the destination for which they started upon the journey from their old homes. Lake county is yet scarcely touched by the wave of population which is sweeping across the continent, but her time is coming, and we predict this year the beginning of a new era of settlement, the advent of a class of people who come expecting to till the soil and make for themselves comfortable and pleasant homes. The area of grain-producing land in Lake county is sufficient to offer homes for thousands of people, and the climate, although not so mild and equable as we of the Rogue river valley enjoy, is far preferable to the stifling summer heat and the bitter winter winds of many of the eastern states.

At the June term of County Commissioners' Court of Lake county it was decided to accept the terms offered by the California and Oregon Land Company in the tax contest. The company now pay thirty cents an acre, whereas last October their agent, Geo. E. Strong offered forty cents an acre, which was refused. This makes a difference of \$616 dollars in the tax receipts of the county. The county officers evidently made a blunder in not accepting the terms first offered. There were irregularities in the assessment which would have involved the county in costly and perhaps losing litigation, and most prudent persons would have been glad to accept any sort of reasonable compromise. We trust the people of our neighboring county will be able to require the Land Company to pay its just share of taxation, in the future.

New York Tribune: Senator Sessions made the best speech of his life on Wednesday. He defended the Robbins Beef bill against the charge of being a job. He said: "I have read this bill 'through carefully, and I can't find any steal in it; and I can tell a steal when I see it as quick as any man going.'" When the Senate burst into a loud laugh, poor Mr. Sessions seemed suddenly to understand why.

Says the Portland Standard: "If the Kearny ticket in California is made up of the same class of material as the nominee for Surveyor General, it does not reflect much credit on the organization which placed it on the field. Stevenson is well known in this city, and he has many anxious friends inquiring after him. His departure from Oregon was not generally announced."

It is recorded as one of the many visible signs of reviving industry that the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia are now running on full time, with some 2,000 men employed, many working over time. The engines they are turning out are to supply not only domestic requirements, but a demand from foreign countries, notably New Zealand.

STRANGE RELIGIOUS FANATICISMS.

A short time ago we were startled by the intelligence that a father in Massachusetts had plunged a knife into the heart of his little daughter in obedience as he supposed to the command of God. If he had been a raving maniac, no great interest would have been aroused in the case, but upon all other subjects than that of religion the man was perfectly rational. His mind filled with the story of Abraham and Isaac, a diseased imagination brought to his ears the voice of his God, directing him to offer up his only daughter a sacrifice upon the altar of his faith. The deed was done, and then the scales fell from the eyes of the infatuated worshiper and he saw before him the cold, bare fact that he had committed murder. Upon the heels of this horror comes another, which surpasses it in cruelty to its victims. In the town of Anaheim, California, is an association of people called the Societas Fraternita, whose cardinal point of faith is that uncooked vegetables and fruit is the only kind of food which may be eaten without sin against the laws of God. From the Anaheim Gazette of a recent date we take the following:

The readers of the Gazette are acquainted with the peculiar system of dietetics practiced by the members of the Societas Fraternita. They have doubtless had a hearty laugh over the absurdity of the system, and have dismissed the subject from their minds with the mental remark that if these people choose to gorge themselves with pumpkin seeds and green peas, it is nobody's business but their own.

But the affair assumes a serious aspect when it is known that the children of the community are compelled to subsist on the same meagre fare. There are three children, one of them being a mere baby, about a year old. The child when eight months old, "was waned upon scraped apple," so Dr. Sullivan says. This has been its diet ever since, varied only by occasional indulgence in dried figs, oranges, raisins, or something of that sort. The result is that the child is nothing but skin and bone. It is being slowly starved to death. Those who have seen the poor little child say that it is undoubtedly dying of starvation, and suggesting the propriety of giving the little innocent that nourishment of which it manifestly stood so much in need. To this arrives a most extraordinary reply was made. The mother wrote:

"I am willing to sacrifice my child to the spirits. It will pass away, it will not be lost to me."

Only a few weeks ago the whole civilized world was thrilled with horror at the recital of the tragedy at Praxtel, where Freeman and wife, Second Avenue artist families, killed their lovely little daughter under the belief that God desired them to offer her up as a sacrifice. But here is a case which exceeds that tragedy in atrocity. In this case the little victim starves to death, and for no inexpressible what can be thought of parents who thus reveal in the agony of their offspring? And what can be thought of a community which will permit such outrageous and horrible deeds to be enacted under the mantle of religious belief? It is said that the District Attorney is the only officer who can legally take cognizance of the case. If such is the fact, we earnestly request him to give it his immediate attention. Let him remember that the child is wasting away hourly, and that if anything is done it had better be done quickly.

The Lakeview Herald seems to have lost its balance when, as it "flies off the handle" in an alarming manner whenever the Indian question is mentioned. The last article it published upon this subject contained the extraordinary assertion that the people of Lake county, especially in the western end, were in favor of the removal of the Klamaths. In the face of the fact that a remonstrance against such removal was signed by almost every citizen in the western end of Lake county, the Herald's authority must be regarded as rather untrustworthy.

State News. Salem has ten opium dens. Lane county cattle are being driven to Eastern Oregon for grass. Stakes are running now on regular time through the Blue Mountains. John Millard, of Albany, has raised a strawberry which measures seven inches in circumference. It is estimated that about 130 tons of wood from the coast and river, will be shipped from Coos Bay this year. M. G. Fosdy, of Gervais, died and was buried at his home on the 11th. He was the first printer to set type in Oregon. At the Salem University Alumni meeting on the 11th a poem by Sue Simpson, entitled "Ashes of Ruess" was read by Miss Bertha Moores.

Mr W J Hill, on the Moore farm, four miles below Eugene, has 1,600 acres in grain, all of which looks well and promises an abundant yield.

Home's cannery at E. J. Leishburg is running on full time. They are catching plenty of fish, and white men have taken the place of celestials of a year ago.

Salem Statesman: Mr D D. Prettymann brought into our office yesterday a bunch of orchard grass, all from the same field, containing 270 stalks averaging five feet in height.

The anti Chinese club of Lewisville, Polk county, is driving all the heathens of that neighborhood, and is doing missionary work in organizing branch clubs at different places.

A letter from Unstilla to the Oregonian says: The statement that citizens of Unstilla are lincensed against the Indians is a gross wrong. Citizens condemn all just and wrong doing. Mr. C. H. Seeley, foreman of the grand jury, told me that the Flat Rock case was before them all day, but no testimony was brought to enable them to find a true bill.

On Sunday last the bodies of John Burke and his daughter Emma, aged 17 years, were brought to Astoria from Clatsop plains. Burke was an industrious farmer and was engaged in clearing some land. On Saturday his daughter accompanied him to the timber, which led to their both meeting a violent death. Mr. Burke had finished cutting and from appearances, it was in the act of being cut, when he saw his daughter standing beneath the descending tree. He ran to her rescue, but too late; both were instantly killed.

WEATHER REPORT. The following is the local weather report for the week ending June 17th at 6 A. M. and 12 M.

Table with 3 columns: DATE, WEATHER, THERM. B. (6 A. M., 12 M.)

JOHN FRALEY, CLOTHIER AND TAILOR. He has just opened a NEW STORE in ASHLAND.

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