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traveler is studying the climate of the bunch grass country. He will probably write a letter to a newspaper of his abode of heat and sand drifts, and make it apply to vast regions that it no more describes than it does a lunar landscape. This language is particularly applicable to a scope of country sloping northward and westward from the ridges of the Blue mountains, sweeping in a semi-circular form from John Day's valley on the west across the Snake river, and reaching well round to the Columbia, at the mouth of the Spokane, a country of not far from three hundred miles in length and averaging not less than fifty miles in width. This is pre-eminently the "bunch grass country" and includes the great Umattila, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Whitman and Spokane grain belts; without question the best wheat region of America, and blessed with a climate so well adapted to insure a uniform and ample yield of farm productions as an other. To some other portions and conditions of the great interior we shall give subsequent attention.

GENERAL NEWS. Grant County News: Recently parties, hunting on the desert west of the Bear Creek buttes, discovered a natural curiosity in the shape of what might be called a miniature air volcano. It is situated on a small hill or knoll, and from crevices in the rocks the air rushes out with considerable noise which can be heard for some distance around. The air is exceedingly cold, and must come from some cavern underneath, having an opening far away from the point where it issues forth. It is indeed a strange feature of that very strange country.

MR. DOUGLASS' VIEWS. The American Doctrine as Defined by Him in 1850. INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE. A Forceful Presentation of the Case Substantiated as Now Put Forward by Secretary Blaine--The Clayton-Bulwer Treaty. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, 1881. ED. STANDARD--DEAR SIR:--I am in receipt of the accompanying note and inclosure from J. Madison Cutts, brother-in-law of the late Stephen A. Douglass, reviving that distinguished Senator's views in relation to Central American affairs, the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, and the Monroe doctrine.

United States, it having for its object to close up the only channel through which the United States could establish and maintain communication between the Atlantic States and our newly acquired possessions on the Pacific. The controversy growing out of this seizure of that transit route led to the Clayton and Bulwer treaty. It is proper however, to remark, that during the last years of Mr. Polk's Administration he had appointed Judge Hise of Kentucky, Minister to the Central American States, and that Judge Hise had negotiated a treaty on the part of the United States with the State of Nicaragua, by which the United States were invested with the exclusive right of constructing a ship canal between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, through the San Juan river and lake Nicaragua, together with the right of establishing towns and free ports at each end of the canal, and of fortifying the same and placing the whole line of the canal and its banks, from ocean to ocean, under the exclusive protection of the United States.

latter had taken the wrong ground, and Clayton was very powerful in debate. Cass vanished, said his wife was sick; and that he had to go home to Detroit. Clayton came on with a speech, which would have just fitted Cass, and asked where he was. He was told Cass's wife was sick; and that he had gone home, and then turning to me, said: "No matter, what he had to say could equally be addressed to me as Cass's follower." When Clayton got through, I made my speech, which used him up. I stated all that I had previously said in the secret session, when the treaty was ratified, and a good deal more. The speech made a great impression upon the country, and gained me great fame and reputation, and the treaty has been odious ever since.

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SORGHUM MANUFACTURE IN OREGON.

The following correspondence taken from the Jacksonville Sentinel, published in Southern Oregon, shows the interest that is being manifested in the development of sorghum culture here, and may, perhaps, elicit further information from growers. The Land Department of the Oregon and California railroad, at Portland, will be glad to receive any reliable details, and if they are satisfactory, there will be no difficulty in securing capital with which to push this industry:

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THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

What is known as the "Monroe Doctrine" had its origin and name in a recommendation of President Monroe, in one of his messages to Congress, at a time when Spain was making arrangements to reconquer and subdue her various colonies in America, which had revolted and established their independence in 1819-20 and '21. It was apprehended by the American Government that the despotic powers of Europe, after the overthrow of Napoleon and the re-establishment of the despotism in Europe, would lend their aid to conquer and subject these Spanish colonies, which had then become independent States; and that while a portion of them would, in this event, be restored to Spain, the others might be divided among the various powers of Europe.

On other tracts he will find bunch grass, but smaller, whiter, fewer and less heavily loaded seed stocks, or hardly any at all; the grass yellowing early in June; the flora limited and low and yellow predominating. This tract is perhaps--indeed, is likely to be--better faced than the other. It is nearer the great river, nearer the railroad which follows the great river. Its altitude is lower. Compare this soil with that brought from the other place. The first is brown, loamy, friable, yet quite adhesive. There is evidently in it a large percent of dissolved lava and other rocks. This is whitish, with little adhesiveness; crumbling in the hand instead of adhering in a mass when pressed. There is a large percent of only partially decayed vegetable fibre in it, sometimes largely intermixed with sharp flinty sand, and again with a dry, whitish, alkaline earth. Still the difference in the appearance of soil and productions from the other place is not so strongly marked that a careless traveler, glancing over it, would say it was at least fifty percent less valuable for farming purposes; nevertheless such is the fact. Beautiful and convenient as the place is you had better not "take a claim" here.

Weather Report for December, 1881. During December, 1881, there were 18 days on which rain fell, and an aggregate of 3.40 inches of water; two clear days and eleven cloudy days other than those on which rain fell.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer: Mr. L. Sohns informs our reporter that while he was in San Francisco, the Matulath Manufacturing Company ordered a machine from the East, by telegraph, which will make a barrel without staves, or out of a single stave. This machine will have a capacity of 2500 barrels per day. It is also to have an attachment for cutting out fruit boxes, etc.

It is to be understood that the following is Mr. Douglas's exact language, and dictated with a view of subsequent publication.---J. M. C.] CENTRAL AMERICA--THE CLAYTON AND BULWER TREATY.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO. Absolutely Pure. Made from Grape Cream Tartar. No other process makes such light, flaky hot breads, or tender pastry. Can be eaten by Infants without fear the ill resulting from heavy indigestible food. In only in cans, by all grocers.

DR. WOOD'S LIVER REGULATORY. A comprehensive remedy for Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Constipation, Chills and Fever, Debility, Nervousness, Sick Head, and other ailments attributable to biliousness. Among its ingredients are Mandarins, Bardellin, Butterbean, Black Root, Rowan, Ratanh Root, Calaya, Sweet Flag, Indian Hemp, Washen, Golden Seal, etc., etc.