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THE COLUMBIA BASIN.

A WONDERFULLY FERTILE REGION.

HOW IT BECAME KNOWN AS IT IS.

Lewiston Teller, May 16.

Much has been said and written of the great basin of the Columbia between the Cascades and Bitter-root mountains, its climate, soil and productions, and probably in no instance has this basin been overrated. When Gov. Stevens and party first visited this section, he conceived a limited idea of its future and yet he deemed it of sufficient importance to warrant the construction of a railroad to penetrate it from the east, and when the first engineers of the Northern Pacific came through on their surveys

Robert, Their Chief, claimed that it would become the great grazing country of the Union. But none of them foresaw that it would become the great grain country of the United States; but the tests made of the soil by some of the early settlers soon disclosed its wonderful productiveness in wheat, barley and oats. But the knowledge of this fact was very limited till as late as 1874-5, and in fact but little attention was called to it in the east till the Indian wars of 1877-8, when it was penetrated by numerous officers and soldiers from the east, all of whom were impressed with the wonderful fertility of the soil, the salubrity of the climate, and the vast area that invited the agriculturists to come here and settle, and many were the letters to private friends in the east, to the eastern press, and official notes sent to the war department, all conveying in the most authentic manner descriptions of the advantages of this country.

Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson. Of Portland, took up the subject and gave a series of letters, which has done a vast amount of good in portraying the facts and assigning the natural causes why the lands are so fertile and so well adapted to the growth of wheat and other grains. With all this showing, men of large capital have been induced to visit several sections of this basin in person, to see if what had been told them were true, and on coming here had found that not the half had been told them; and they have gone back all inspired with a rivalry to invest means to open up this basin by means of railroads to carry off the surplus the country can be made to produce, and immigration has rapidly come to us, and is still coming in large numbers, and now the whole people of the east is excited about the wonders of this land, and are seeking to release themselves from the ties of home and birthplace and means of reaching this land of promise.

The Great Cry Has Been The Palouse; and emigrants painted on the wagons Palouse or bust; under the impression that the Palouse was all there is of the country. The north and south Palouse and the streams tributary penetrate some of the best lands in the whole Columbia basin. But not more so than do the Clearwater and its tributaries. All these streams drain some of the best lands in the whole Columbia basin, only a small portion of which are yet occupied by settlers, and into no part of which, save the Palouse and Tucanon, are any railroads projecting with prospect of construction within the ensuing five years. But they have the navigable waters of the Snake and limited navigation of the Clearwater as means of ingress and egress. This section last described possesses a milder climate than the Palouse, as the thermometer record of the two years last past fully shows.

The Very Heart of This Section is penetrated by navigable waters while the Palouse country is not, and a large part of this section is better adapted to fruit growing than is any part of the Palouse. When the Cascade division of the Northern Pacific is completed this section will have the choice of an outlet to the sea either via the

mouth of the Columbia or via rail over the mountains to Tacoma with prospect of cheap transportation. If necessary, competing steamers can run between this place and Astoria, the eastern terminus of the Cascade division of the Northern Pacific, and Lewiston will be the central point for business in all this section, with the best climate of the whole northwest. At present we are being overlooked and neglected by the attractions of other localities where railroads are being built and money of the companies is being disbursed. But when the construction is completed, then all towns and places located, in order to become of importance to themselves or to the railroads, must have

A Good Producing Country Around them, otherwise their denizens will only have the pleasure of seeing the cars hurriedly pass by. But when we once get our connection with the sound, as we have suggested, the people of Lewiston and in the vicinity of Clearwater need have no fears that they will be neglected. We are in the best part of the whole Columbia basin, and no railroad engineering north or south of us can rob us of the natural advantages we enjoy, and the man who thinks of bettering his situation by going north along the line of the railroad for any other than a temporary residence while the road is being built, is making a mistake. We may be the last in importance as considered by the capitalists who invest, but when they do come, we will be first on the list of rapid progress to wealth and prosperity; and we must not overlook or forget this prediction.

Portland to China.

Standard, 25th. So soon as the Oregon and California railroad shall be completed so that we shall have overland communication by rail with San Francisco, it is expected that there will be very little travel by water between here and California. There will not then be need for all the fine steamers that now ply between the two great seaports of this coast. We learn that it has been determined by the great railroad and navigation company of this northwest to start a line of steamships between Portland and China, thus inaugurating a direct traffic with the Celestial empire for the benefit of our city. And when the transcontinental route for this city east shall have been completed the railroad company will be prepared to accommodate the eastern trade by a more direct communication with China than they can secure by the way of San Francisco. This grand scheme is one of the mammoth enterprises that have been long in contemplation by the master minds that have been laying the plans for the great railroad and navigation schemes that in magnitude have shaken the financial giants of Wall street. It is reported that the Columbia will be the first of the steamships that will be put on the Oregon and China line, and it is not certain but that she may be put to this trade sooner than is anticipated. Ocean steam navigation is much more expeditious than sailing vessels; it becomes cheaper by its celerity, and more advantageous by its certainty.

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Church Fairs.

New York Letter.

Mr. Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the Norwegian poet, lectured last Wednesday evening in a German hall on Third avenue, previous to his departure for his home in Norway, before a much smaller audience than would have gathered to see and hear him had the public been made aware of his intention.

Mr. Bjornson is another Col. Robert Ingersoll in the strength of his convictions; but he has a clearer insight, and a sounder, more scientific basis for his thought than the famous orator. His central idea was that morality does not grow out of religion, but religion out of morality; and that consequently religions improve and acquire a truer, more scientific basis with progress and development in moral ideas. This is a reversion of what we have been accustomed to consider as the spiritual order; but it is worth thinking of, for certainly church morality is capable of improvement, and a beginning might be made in the method of conducting church fairs. It is not too much to ask that fairs or affairs of the church shall be conducted on at least equal principles of honor, just dealing and sincerity, as those of the common secular life. Yet this is proverbially not the case. Church fairs are usually held to pay off a debt; this is wrong, to begin with. Churches ought not to set the example by going into debt—they ought not to build such costly edifices as to compel a debt, which often paralyses it and destroys its usefulness. Granted the debt, however, which the church fair is to pay off, the question is in the minds of all connected with it, or instrumental in promoting it, is how to get the most of the least—how to induce people, under the guise of making purchases, to pay the largest sum of money for the most worthless, or least worthy article; or if value must be given for value received, how to get that value for as nearly nothing as possible through cajolery, fear or loss of future and more profitable patronage, or any one of the influences which persons who think the end justifies the means can bring to bear in order to gain their object. This getting something for nothing, or as near it as possible, and selling the same for a high figure, is immoral and pernicious as going in debt. The step between this and taking what belongs to another is not so very great, and the church ought to abandon such practices, and every pastor rigidly set his face against them and refuse to countenance them. The only one I know of, however, who does do this is a woman, Rev. Anna Oliver, whom the governing powers of the Methodist church refuse to ordain. The church fairs now are just beginning, and there is not a shopkeeper who does not tremble at the demands that will be made upon him—not a newspaper that will not be laid under contribution. The answer to remonstrances is always: "Oh, but it is such a good cause!" But why is it necessarily a good cause? If a church cannot be supported legitimately, it is either because it is not needed or because it has not the right kind of a pastor, and the quicker it finds out what is really the matter the better. At any rate, if church fairs are to be undertaken, every pastor should put his foot down on one or two points: First, that there shall be no begging or influencing shopkeepers to sell at ruinous rates. Second, that there shall be no gambling chances, or lotteries, or grab-bags, but that the articles for sale, as far as possible, shall be voluntary, home-made, or selected and paid for by contributions; and the enterprise the pious work of persons interested in the object, and not the result of effrontery and a willingness to trade on the necessity and courtesy of others.

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Letter From Mr. Davidson.

Astoria, May 26, 1881.

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