

From one filled with enthusiasm comes to the DEMOCRAT a description of Whitman county and Palouse Valley in Washington: From its very northern boundary to its southern, east and west, it is noted and has been proven to be the best wheat producing county of the great northwest. It has never failed in any locality to bring forth a fair average, even in the poorest parts, not less than 20 bushels per acre and from that to 65. The Palouse valley which is the most thickly settled and no doubt the best part of Washington, is dotted along in every direction with rapidly growing towns, and towns that will be in the race with county seats of adjoining states. The farmers of this county are, as a general rule, men who are well fixed and independent. Many of them are retiring from their farm life and moving into the surrounding cities. Elberton is one of the many coming cities. It is the prettiest little place in the Palouse valley, situated at the confluence of the Palouse river and Silver creek, about 12 or 13 miles from Palouse city, and about the same distance from Colfax. It is the center of the greatest wheat growing belt in the county. There never has been a failure in this section. The average yield of wheat in this vicinity is from 40 to 50 bushels per acre, (and this is no exaggeration.) This town has a population of 300 or more, and there are new people coming in every day. Here is to be found the finest water power for milling and manufacturing purposes in the state outside of Spokane Falls. This is also one of the largest wheat shipping points on the U P Railroad. Elberton has at present one flour mill with a capacity of 50 barrels per day. It is kept running day and night. There is also a sawmill of 20,000 feet capacity per day. When running full force, works about 30 hands. There is a fine hotel and many other buildings in course of erection. There is no doubt in time it will be the town of Whitman Co. The Palouse country proper which is mostly in Whitman county, has a population of about 30,000 while the county covers 2700 square miles. As all the Palouse country is susceptible of cultivation it is easy to see that as yet its resources have only begun to be developed. Wheat has been and will undoubtedly continue to be the principal crop of the Palouse country. Last year a Palouse was able to send to president Harrison a sample of wheat from his farm that yielded over 101 bushels to the acre. A few miles from Elberton there is a large butte almost a mountain. It is about 900 feet above the hill tops. It is called Steptoe butte, so called after an army officer, Col Steptoe who, with several companies of his regiment were held there on top by the Indians until they were nearly starved out, but were finally rescued by other troops. There was at that time only one narrow passage to get up, so it was very easy for a few Indians to control the passage down. A few years ago a man by the name of Davis, generally called (Cashup Davis,) so called because he always insisted on cash business whether he was buying or selling, bought the Butte from the R R Co and had a fine hotel erected on top, and had a nice wagon road built up. He has spent about \$20,000 for improvements and anticipates a railroad up the butte in the near future. He has a fine telescope which enables you to get a grand view of the surrounding country for many miles around. He usually has quite a few summer boarders and many visitors during the good weather in winter. The butte is situated in the center of the richest part of Whitman county. You can view some lovely farms from off the top.

On a clear night the ordinary human eye can discover about 1000 stars in the northern hemisphere, most of which send their light from distances which we cannot measure. How large they must be? Round these 1000 stars circle 50,000 other stars of various sizes. Beside single stars we know of systems of stars moving round one another. Still we are but a short way into space as yet! Outside our limits of vision and imagination there are, no doubt, still larger spaces.

Southern California's glacier has been located. For many years tradition has told of such a phenomenon of nature, and recently an expedition was sent out by the Los Angeles Herald to investigate the matter. The tradition was verified, for upon the upper levels of Grayback Mountain a glacier one mile long, and on the average 200 feet deep, was found. The icy mass, according to computation made, moves downward at the rate of 47 feet a year.

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WHISKEY FOR REVENUE.

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To tax whiskey and untax the common necessities of life is a policy rapidly growing in favor among Democrats in Congress.

To add 60 cents a gallon to the whiskey tax—which is proposed by some persons—will increase the revenues by \$63,000,000 a year. It will embarrass no industry, lay no burden upon the people and harm nobody. It will not even diminish consumption, as experience has proved.

The distillers themselves do not object. With the bonding system in force they are not called upon to pay the tax except as they make sales, and it takes nothing out of their pockets. The machinery for collecting the tax is already in complete working order, so that the increase will add nothing to the cost of collection. The danger of illicit distillation no longer exists in anything like the degree it did in the more chaotic time immediately after the war, and frauds of that kind can now be prevented as easily as any others.

In brief, here is \$63,000,000 of revenue to be had for the taking, and its taking will hurt no interest and offend no sentiment, while it will free the hands of Congress for the work of relieving the people's burdens.

M. M. Curtis, Professor of Political Economy at the Western Reserve University of Ohio, and a recent convert to the Democratic party, read a paper before the general meeting of city clergymen, denouncing the Republican theory of taxation. He also gave pension figures showing that while but 1,620,000 men saw actual service during the war, twenty-seven years after the war 1,676,068 pension claims are being paid or are pending.

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