

GATESVILLE.

Gatesville, the present terminus of the O. P. R. R., is about 40 miles east of Albany, and in some respects is a very pleasant site for a town. The water power there is not utilized, but is immense, and will some day attract the attention of the capitalist. Nearly all the adjacent land is yet in timber, and that of a very superior quality. Two miles south of this place, in Linn county, is a most lovely valley, known as King or Upper Fox valley. This valley is only one by five miles, and here nature has been profuse with her bounty. The soil is deep alluvial and very rich, all covered over with elegant cottages and nice farms. Miners and home seekers will find something good for the inner man at the Gates house, and all necessary accommodation for a mountain trip. The Heiness brothers are prepared to fit out a pack team and guide for all parties, and they are reliable gentlemen. Nearly all the land lying east of Gatesville is government land and is unsurveyed, but squatters are taking up claims rapidly and find abundance of fine land. The mining interest, however, is the most exciting. Twice a week two and three parties are obtaining outfits here, and going in every direction up the Cascades in search of the precious metal. From the present outlook the excitement will reach the fever heat of '49, if unchecked by ill luck and the chagrin of miners. There have been some extra fine surface finds ten miles southeast of this place and ten miles up the North Santiam. Just north of Gatesville there is a fine output of iron ore, and all the adjacent hills seem to be full of the much coveted and greatly needed ore. Some shrewd fellow will make millions here some day.

CALIFORNIA LETTER.

SANTIMONICA, CAL., April 1.
EDITOR EXPRESS:—

Having reached California safe, and looking around for the past four weeks I have seen nothing that suits me as well as Oregon. I have to buy water, and that's not very good; and also buy my fuel, and that's nine dollars for wood. If a person's fool enough to come here I feel sorry for the poor soul, for if he don't like to burn wood he can pay \$14 a ton for coal.

The way they fooled the people here, I think it is a shame; but I'll take old Oregon for plenty of good land, wood and rain.

Here if a person wants a job of work they'll have to look around; and if you buy potatoes you will have to pay two cents a pound.

When a man lands in this country where he's never been before, if he isn't a good rustler he'll always be poor.

Web-foot takes the cake! Yours truly
PETER LE FORGE.

WORDING OF DEEDS.

In the wording of an old deed a certain boundary line was described as terminating at "a stump where Daniel Harrington licked William Jones." This reminds a downcast editor of the Green Bag that in the early days of the township of North Hatfield, Mass., a road was described as "running from Pochoag meadow to the stream where old Mr. Doolittle's horse died."—Ex.

A six-year-old boy wrote his first composition on water: "Water is good to drink, to bathe in, and to skate on. When I was a little boy the nurse used to bathe me every morning in water. I have been told that the Indians don't wash themselves once in ten years. wish I was an Injun!"

You may give the stars in a nail keg, hang the ocean on a rail fence to dry, put the sky to soak in a gourd, and unbutton the bellyband of eternity and let the sun and moon out, but don't think that you can escape the place that lies the other side of purgatory if you don't pay for your paper.—Ex.

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