

TO THE FRONT.

Lebanon is wide awake and all aglow with the breeze of prosperity. We are informed that all of our carpenters and mechanics are engaged in some building. The sound of the hammer is heard in every direction, and the busy whirl of activity is resounding in every corner. Lots are selling rapidly; not so much for speculation as for building, and there have been rapid sales and large profits in the last week. Our wide awake banker, J. M. Ralston, bought of Mrs. Welsh sixteen acres for seventy dollars per acre and sold the same in less than five days to G. T. Cotton for \$100 per acre. Mr. Cotton tells us that one year ago he could have bought the same land for \$50 per acre. So it goes. The same keen eye for business bought of Mr. Liggett, one mile from town, his farm for \$3700, on last Saturday, and on Monday sold it to Frank Moist for \$4,300. There is no place on this coast that offers finer opportunities for investment than Lebanon; the one who gets in with a rush now is the one who will make money. Property will be fifty per cent higher here in six months than it is now. Mr. Chas. Montague and Rev. G. W. Gibbons bought four lots each on Tuesday at an advance of what the property could have been bought one month ago; and thus it goes. The wise step in and make, but the foolish set still and lose.

CHINESE LABOR.

EDITOR EXPRESS:—I saw in your paper of April 5 a hit at the S. P. R. R. for employing Chinese laborers on the railroad as section hands (taken from the Pilot). Now it is very plain that the S. P. Co. do not hire Chinamen because they work for less than white men, but because they are more trusty and are always at their post. They never go off on a drunken spree, but look well to the work they have to do. I have talked with the section boss and they say that they cannot depend on white men. But there is a class of narrow eyed, small brained, lean shouldered men, who are always praying the old prayer of "Lord bless me and my wife, etc." The Pilot speaks as though white men could not get work because of the Chinamen taking their place from them. Now he knows, and you know, and I know that there is not a white man in the country that is willing to work and wants work but what can get it. There are none of them poorer than I, and that have to depend more upon their days work for a living than I, and I am not afraid to compete with the Mongolian. The white men who are without work are those who, if you would offer them \$10 a day and nothing to do but sit in your parlor on a soft cushioned chair and eat chicken salad and cream cake, would not take the job for more than one meal. Their profession is to ride on car brake beams and beg from door to door for alms. For such men I have a sovereign contempt. Draw in your elbows, friends, and give other men a chance with yourselves.

F. W. PARKER.

We are glad that F. W. P. has so much sympathy for the Mongolian, for in this day of exclusion acts and ostracism of the poor heathen, that somebody should take his part, "but as for me and my house" we will take the white man first, last, and all time. But of the two, we would as soon have the Chinaman as the negro. America would be better off if both these races were in their native countries. America for the white man, Africa for the negro, and China for the Mongolian, is our motto, first, last and all the time.

CRAWFORDSVILLE.

This thriving little village on the Calipoola has caught the contagion of improvement, and is booming up like the rest of the valley; five new houses in the past month being no little improvement for this place. Wespent a night at the hospitable house of Messrs Bros. this week and found they had not forgotten their old time Virginia hospitality. The weary traveler will find here a sweet homelike welcome, and every attention that the most fastidious could desire, with plenty to satisfy the inner man. The Edge tool factory is turning out some honest, fine work and Mr. Derrick, the proprietor, is noted for honest work and upright dealing. The planing mills and other factories are doing a fine line of work. The I. O. O. F. organized there this week.

OREGON LETTER.

LEBANON, OR., Feb. 22.

Mr. Editor:—I saw a piece in your paper from S. C. Main of Sodaville, Or. I will just say that I have known Main from the cradle up. I have just come from his house, pleased to find him improving in health. I will try and explain a few ideas that Main don't know. No man can come here and know as much about the country as Mains claims to know, in so short a time. First, Mains has not been five miles from Sodaville since he came here. Second, Sodaville at the foot of a mountain and is a summer resort, is the famous soda springs and it is as rocky a place as you will find in the country and he thinks that he has seen all of the valley. Mains is not to blame for his opinion, but I will bet him \$20 he has not been on the Willamette river since he has been here. He said that the grass dried up in July and they had to feed until spring. Nonsense. The grass here dries up in August, but stock does well until Christmas. How does that strike you fellow farmers? My neighbor sold 100 head of cattle the other day fed from this washy grass, Mains calls it, for three cents per pound they were nice fat cattle and had never eaten two tons of hay in their lives. I have lived in Madison county ten years, and I have been here in Oregon three years. I am well known in your town, perhaps too well. Mains said in his letter that the price of land ranged from \$35 to \$70 an acre. He can buy fine farms from \$20 to \$30 per acre, near town, and possessing other advantages. Mains says that long feeding makes butter 40 and 50 cents per pound; here is where he is off, business men, lumber men, workshops and foreign demand takes all of the butter and cause the high prices. Mains had better travel over the valley and take a view of the country and may be he would see something besides setting and doing nothing, as he is right about failing in Sodaville for they ate to lazy to scratch their own head, for I saw a man give another two bits to scratch his head, but this does not speak bad for the country. I have tried myself to get Mains to go to Albany, 20 miles distance to see a fine business place, but he said it was too far, it would cost him one dollar to make the trip. I would say to Mains I have 30 head of cattle and they have not eaten two tons of hay this winter, and some of them will make good beef. Men need not come out to Web-foot thinking they will find fine government land with fine houses and orchards, like some think, for it is not here. Wm. Avery came here and tried to get him to buy a timber-claim which would have cost him \$600, but he thought it too much. Now the property is worth \$1,400 cash. The erection of a saw mill on the creek near by and the discovery of a fourteen-foot vein of coal one mile distant is what caused it to raise in value, so you see it takes a pretty smart man to discover the resources of Oregon in four months. As for not seeing a cattle sale since he has been here, is because they don't buy cattle at Sodaville. If he had cattle to sell or wanted to buy, he could find all he could pay for, and as for no trading going on bless his heart every body is a trader.

Mr. Editor I don't know as I ever saw you, nor don't care if I never do, if you will just print this for me, as I am a naturalized Web-foot, and if you come along by my ranch stop and I will feed you on good trout and buck meat.

Now, gentlemen, if you want as fine a climate as you ever lived in, and as fine soil as you ever tilled, and as fine a fruit country as ever you saw, and as fine water as you ever drank, and as fine timber as grows, come out to Web-foot and bring three or four thousand instead of three or four hundred dollars, and if you don't find just what you want call on Mr. Cyrus, Lebanon, Oregon, and if he don't fix you I will set them up.

Mr. Editor, I will quit, and if this is published I will feel proud, as this is my first, and my children will feel proud to see "dad" defend his country. Yours respectfully, J. W. BISHOP.

—Madison (Nebraska) Reporter, Mar. 8.

LEBANON PRODUCE MARKET.

(Corrected weekly by C. B. Montague.)  
 Flour—Per 50-lb sack, \$1 15; per barrel, \$4 50.  
 Bacon—Sides, 15c per lb.  
 Butter—Fresh, per 2-lb roll, 40c.  
 Eggs—Per dozen, 12c.  
 Chickens—Per dozen, \$4 50 to \$5 00.  
 Ducks—Per dozen, common, \$4 50 to \$5; Pekin, \$6.  
 Geese—Per dozen, \$7.  
 Turkeys—Per lb, live weight, 12c.  
 Hides—Per lb, dry, 6c; green, 2c to 3c.  
 Sheep pelts—According to wool, 15 to 50c.  
 Deer skins—Summer, 30c; winter, 25c

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JOSEPH BUHL,  
CHARLES WULZ.  
Lebanon, Or., Feb. 27, 1889.

Thanking the generous public for their liberal patronage to the old firm, I respectfully solicit a continuance of the same, and promise by prompt and fair dealing to satisfy all parties.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

DR. W. C. NEGUS,

Graduate of the Royal College of London, England, and of the Bellevue Medical College.

THE DOCTOR HAS SPENT A LIFETIME OF study and practice, and makes a specialty of chronic diseases, removes cancers, scrofulous enlargements, tumors and wens, without pain or the knife. He also makes a specialty of treatment with electricity. Has practiced in the German, French and English hospitals. Calls promptly attended day or night. His motto is: "GOOD WILL TO ALL."  
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