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### Immigration Matters.

At a meeting of the board of trade committee on immigration, held by appointment at the office of Hon. J. E. Magers last Saturday evening, it was decided to print a few thousand leaflets descriptive of Yamhill county, for use on trains and where they would do the most good, written up in a truthful style, as a means of making known the varied resources of this section of Oregon, and as an aid to immigration. It is very certain that the only proper course to pursue will be that mapped out by this committee. For two years Oregon has been liberally and judiciously advertised abroad, and that the \$10,000 of public money thus expended has been wisely distributed we have not a doubt, as it is asserted beyond the peradventure of successful contradiction that not less than 50,000 people will come to Oregon this year with sufficient means to locate. It is for the purpose of securing to Yamhill county a per cent. of this immigration that the committee ask the co-operation of the citizens of Yamhill county; not from any particular location but from all portions of the county. In consequence of failure of the assembly to provide funds for carrying on the state board it was decided at a meeting of citizens of Portland on Saturday to appoint a committee of one from each county, and five from Portland, to solicit subscriptions to a fund for continuing work of the state board of immigration. It will require \$3,000 a year to bear expenses. Within five minutes \$1,000 was subscribed by five Portland merchants. Of course Yamhill county will be asked to contribute something towards this fund. Now it is proposed that our committee on immigration act as the medium between the immigrant and the people, both as to showing lands and raising funds in aid of the movement. There is not an

area of similar size west of the Mississippi, affording a more attractive field than Yamhill county, and the way to develop this region is to bring into prominence, into general notice, the soil, timber, situation, and natural wealth of the county. This showing, truthful and without exaggeration, attracts immigrants of the right sort who come to make homes and who thus add to the general prosperity of the community. Immigrants of the right sort are needed about as much as anything. Men who are looking for openings, or soft jobs, or who think the world owes them a living, are not needed. And in a general way, it may be said that men who are likely to become public charges are not any more desirable here than any where else. But there are men on the wind swept plains of Dakota, in the frozen recesses of northern Minnesota, in the pine barrens of Wisconsin, that are in earnest in their desires to get a permanent home for themselves and their families; they would be good citizens to have anywhere, but have been unfortunate in their selections of residence. To them and such as them, this section offers unusual advantage, provided they are of sufficient staying quality to accommodate themselves to existing circumstances and accept aid from kindly nature that sends frost and snow but at rare intervals. Our committee, actively employed will do considerable in this regard, and even if apparent personal profit are not at once recognizable, yet there are sufficient inducements for aid in such an effort at common prosperity. Of course the adverse critics must not be forgotten, the clams who open their shells and cry "oh, there you go again; what in the world do you want to bring more people here for! I made a better living and an easier one when there was only 500 people in the place than I can now." Happily such croakers are few and growing fewer, but their retarding influence has done much to keep us in our present backward condition. Fear of competition characterizes a coward. If a man can't succeed because some one else is in the same line of business he doesn't deserve to succeed. But even looked at in the one-sided light of mossback dread of new comers it must be evident to their selfish souls that

the more that come the better the market, and that every immigrant represents a consumer, a purchaser, and a source of probable profit. Our chamber of commerce is taking hold of this matter and with creditable diligence in this as in other regards, is furthering the idea to its best ability. In this the amount of interest and practical co-operation that is exhibited will be the measure of success.

The patriotism of Henry Ward Beecher, at a time when patriotism was of sterling value to the nation, says the Telegram, towers above and over shadows many of the grave political mistakes of his later years. From Plymouth pulpit during the dark day of the rebellion came ringing words of patriotism, cheering the timid, encouraging the downcast, denouncing the traitors, but hopeful of the future, pointing out clearly the path of right and duty for those who loved their country. It is but fair and just to remember this, even while history, faithful to its trust, records much in the life of Beecher that charity would fain conceal.

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