

frosts. Yet these, old settlers tell us, are seemingly growing less blightful as the country settles up. This, in fact, appears to be a peculiarity experienced in almost all newly settled localities and is attributable by many to the clearing off and plowing the ground, combined with the freed alluvial gases that commingle with and modify the electrical conditions that obtained at earlier periods. Be this as it may, I do not assume to reason on these lines—I only know the climate is growing less rigorous and it is only once in a great while that frosts seriously injure our fruit crops.

**Fish**—Lake Trout will weigh from ½ to 7 lbs. and are a fine fish. Mountain Trout grow from 4 to 12 inches long and are as palatable and gamy as the epicure or sportsman could wish. Salmon Trout average about nine pounds, and sometimes weigh as much as fifty pounds, and are plentiful in the tributaries of Klamath Lake.

**Stock Feeding**—Commences about the first of January and stock are turned out to skirnish for themselves about the 15th of March.

**Housing Stock**—No stock is housed during the winter except it be milch-cows, team horses and young stock of small farmers, and much of that never gets inside a barn or shelter.

**Cold Weather**—Generally speaking we have one cold spell during the winter, when the mercury drops from one to five degrees below zero,—this may be for one only or it may last as many as four or five days—this does not occur every winter. Correctly speaking, we have about two months of winter weather.

**Warm Weather**—In July the mercury will run up as high as 95 or 96, degrees for one or two days, but when night comes you will require the usual number of blankets on your bed.

**Destructive Storms or winds**—We have neither cyclones, hurricanes or destructive wind storms, but just enough wind to be healthful and invigorating. We have occasionally what is called a thunder shower, and yet we can say it is a very rare thing to hear distinct thunder or see sharp lightning, consequently you will not find a lightning rod in this county. Neither do we know of a single case of any person being struck by lightning in this county.

**Ice**—The thickest forms in large pools of still water, sometimes as much as 14 inches thick (so we are told, but the writer has never seen it) the usual thickness put up here for summer use is from six to eight inches, and some winters it does not form thick enough to put up for summer use.

**Saloons**—Some correspondents have asked us how it is possible for us to make claim to a high-toned and well regulated a condition of society as we do, and at the same time support the number of saloons we do? In answering this question satisfactorily, it is necessary that the questioner should be somewhat acquainted with the ways of the people of the Pacific coast, in order that they comprehend the situation as it exists. The fact is, saloons with us and the Eastern people are two different institutions and society treats these here in a different light, for here, the business man be he church member or not, does not lose caste if business takes him into a saloon, so long as he does not patronize the gambling or club rooms, as they are called, he deems his conduct as free from reproach as was that of Censar's wife and society deems him so and treats him as being superior to and above contamination by such surroundings. This being a great stock growing country, many cow punchers, herders, camp tenders, etc. are employed the year round, and they belong of all nationalities and transient to a great extent, contribute largely to the support of the saloons, and with all our floating population it is a rare thing to see a drunken man on our streets.

**Secret Orders**—Embracing the A. F. & A. M. and chapter, I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs, Woodmen, and Circle, Workmen, and Degree of Honor, the Foresters, the Eagles, are in a flourishing condition. Our many mountain streams afford the purest and best water, and good water is obtained almost anywhere by digging or driving from fourteen to twenty-four feet.

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**Timber and Stone Land**—Per acre \$2.50. Ninety days after application must be proved upon and paid for. One can only take 160 acres or less of this class of land; a wife can also acquire title to these lands.

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Almost every industry and occupation may be pursued here the year round under our climatic conditions. Our hills and mountains abound in antelope, deer and smaller game; while our valleys afford a veritable paradise for geese, ducks, etc.

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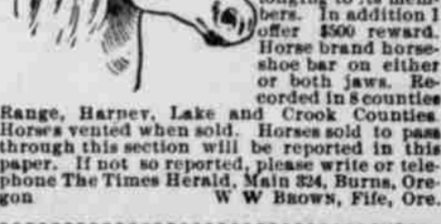
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**STONE ROADS' VALUE**

HOW THEY HAVE BENEFITED A MICHIGAN COUNTY.

Farmers Not Isolated In Rainy Weather and Their Farms Considered More Valuable—Great Drawers of Trade From Other Counties.

If it twenty years or more since the people of Bay county, Mich., decided to pull themselves out of the mud and build a permanent system of public highways, says W. H. Gustin in Auto Advocate and Country Roads. It was Bay county that took the initiative, and had the legislature pass an act permitting the county to establish a stone or macadamized road system, and authorizing it to raise money for the purpose of bonding, and to spread an annual tax on all property in order to raise means to keep in repair and extend these macadamized roads.

Since the commencement of the stone roads there has been a radical change



A ROAD IN BAY COUNTY. (The farmers use wide tires.)

In the manner of building them. At the outset the roadway was excavated to the depth of about eight inches or a trifle more. Then flat limestone was placed in the roadbed, and on top of this was placed a layer of coarse crushed stone, and the top dressing was a layer of finer crushed stone. Experience showed that the foundation stones would work out of place and ruts would form in the road. These flat stones were then entirely discarded and the crushed stone used in their place. This plan is yet followed.

Under the stone road system of Bay county as it is followed nearly every farmer is on a stone highway or within a short distance of one, so that he is never deprived of an opportunity of going to the city. No weather was ever yet experienced when the stone roads were in such a condition where they could not allow a farmer to take a full load of produce to market. During the sugar beet season it is not an uncommon thing to see a farmer station a load of beets upon a stone road and then haul another load from the farm over a clay road to load it upon the standing wagon for drawing to the factory—in other words, he is enabled to draw two and three times as many beets on the stone roads as he can on a clay road.

The farmers invariably use wide tired wagons. Formerly narrow tires prevailed, but it was soon found that in rainy seasons they cut holes through the stone. The size of loads drawn over the macadam roads is limited only by the capacity of the wagon.

There isn't a farmer in Bay county who is not in favor of the stone roads. A farm on one of these highways is considered of much more value than one off on a side road. While it is impossible to say accurately how much more a farm on a stone road is worth than it would be with no stone road, it is known that the owner of the place considers it of inestimable advantage, benefit and value. It saves time, wear and tear on wagon and harness; he can haul larger loads, he is not isolated in rainy weather, a smaller team can accomplish much more than otherwise, and there is the satisfaction of knowing that he can come and go just whenever he pleases without giving any consideration to weather conditions.

While the cost of supporting these stone thoroughfares, these arteries of trade, falls more heavily upon the owner of city property than upon the farmer or the owner of agricultural land, there is no complaint made by the city landowner. He figures that in the long run his city property is made much more valuable by the upbuilding of the farming section, and he pays his stone road tax willingly. What has been the effect of the stone roads upon neighboring counties? Bay City draws trade from as far east as Sebawaing, Huron county, as far southeast as Vassar, Tuscola county, and along the southern line of the county, where the stone roads run hang up to the Saginaw county line. Saginaw county farmers come to Bay City as their market, and they do their trading here. The same can be said of the farmers in the direction of Midland. The farmers all know about the stone roads of Bay county, and they come here on that account as well as the fact that they find a good market here for all of their farm produce.

Bay county has almost reached its limit in the building of main highways. What building will be done in the future will be in connecting the ends of the main roads as a spider connects the main branches of its web. This will accommodate the farmers living off the stone roads and tend to enhance the value of farms which are not now considered desirable, because they are somewhat handicapped compared with others more favored.