

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 1/2 to 7 lbs. and are a fine fish. Mountain Trout grow from 4 to 12 inches long and are as palatable and gamey as the epleure 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 us 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 Caesar'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.

The Desert Land Act—Permits one to take 320 acres or less, and his wife can also do the same, on the condition that each will pay 25 cents per acre at the time of filing. They will also be required to expend labor to the amount of one dollar per acre on it each year for three years—this expenditure to be on the improvement of the property, such as fencing, ditching, building or making reservoirs or diverting streams onto it, clearing, plowing, etc. At or before the expiration of the third year each will pay one dollar more, making a total of \$1.25 per acre in cash.

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.

Homestead—Of 160 acres or less, costs for filing \$16 and advertising fees.

Stage Fares—about 9 cts per mile. From Madeline to Lakeview by Stage \$0.00. Stages leave Madeline one evening and arrive at Lakeview the next evening.

The recent discovery of Gold and Copper deposits 20 miles south of Lakeview, on the divide between Fort Bidwell and Pine Creek, and the discovery of Gold, Silver and Galena on the mountain near Paisley, also the fact that highly mineralized rock is found and exhibited by many herders and vaqueros from many of the surrounding ranges that almost make us know that if these finds prove half as rich as reputed, we may yet find that Lake County has an Eldorado of its own, that only awaits the advent of a class of prospectors, miners, farmers and wide awake business men, who would not only develop and unearth a mineral wealth not dreamed of heretofore, but will hasten the people of far off localities to come and take a look at this land of promise.

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.

Like all new countries, this affords inducements not only to the capitalist, but to the brainy business man, the frugal earnest every day laborer, who, all in their own line will develop enterprises not now thought of.

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FOR SALE.
Fine Sheep Ranch in Modoc County
The Examiner has for sale one of the sheep ranches in Modoc county, which is the best range in California. It consists of 500 acres all under fence. It lies along Pitt river for 2 1/2 miles. Besides other buildings there are two houses 1 1/2 miles apart. It is an ideal sheep ranch. If taken quick it will be sold for \$8000.

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THE DUST PROBLEM.
Value of Coal Tar Treatment to Overcome It.
France leads in automobiles and in everything pertaining to the motor car. She has an advantage which has meant just as many thousands to her in connection with the automobiles—she has the finest roads in Europe. But the other side of the picture is this—that no people in Europe have suffered so much from the dust nuisance, says a New York American correspondent. Wherever the motor car is there are the dust clouds all over the road, and one of the most pressing problems in France at the present moment is, how are we going to get rid of the dust nuisance?
The leading expert in Europe on the subject of dust suppression is Dr. Guglielmotti. The doctor, instead of looking after his patients at Monte Carlo, prefers subjecting the roads to the coal tar treatment, and this is his explanation: The dust is simply driving invalids and others from the Riviera, and since automobilism has taken such an extension the dust plague has become such an insufferable nuisance that doctors prefer sending their patients to Swiss sanitariums rather than to the dust poisoned Riviera. Automobiles, with their immense weight and excessive speed, threaten to render the Riviera and other parts of France uninhabitable to persons with weak lungs or bronchial affections. When a motor car tears along a dust laden road at full speed what happens? A sort of whirlwind is created and sucks up the dust, which is driven into the human respiratory organs, causing irritation and injury to the mucous membranes, but Dr. Guglielmotti is an enthusiast, and he has the faith that saves.
For several years he has been trying to find a cure for the dust plague, and if he has not yet discovered it I am convinced that it is not far off. Before the tarring process was tried on the roads at Fontainebleau and Melun the inhabitants were obliged to keep their windows closed throughout the summer. Now they can open them without fear of being blinded or suffocated, and the same thing is taking place elsewhere. A great deal has been done by various systems of road tarring, but the ideal system has probably yet to be found. Its coming is only a question of time, and in that, as in so many other inventions for the good of mankind, France will probably lead the way.

NEED OF SIDE DITCHES.
Valuable in Carrying Off Water From Rural Highways.
Every country road in America should have side ditches, says a correspondent of Farm Progress. Few persons know how great an amount of water falls upon a country road, and it might be surprising to know that on one mile of an average country road in the United States, three rods wide, fall each year an average of twenty-seven tons of water.
So insist upon side ditches. There should be one on each side of the road wherever possible. They are necessary because the thousands of tons of water which fall upon the average country road each year in the form of rain and snow should be at once carried away to a neighboring creek or some other water channel as fast as the snow melts, so as to prevent it from forming deep mud and thus destroying the surface of the road.
A side ditch should have a gradual falling and even grade at the bottom with broad sides. With ditches so constructed there is little danger of the sides of banks caving in, and they will easily clear themselves of snow, weeds and rubbish. In locating the ditch it is best to leave it three feet from the edge of the roadway unless the space is too limited to so permit, but in any case at least two feet should be allowed.

Why Roads Should Be Improved.
There are many striking examples of the value of good roads. Wherever roads have been permanently improved it is found that there has been a very great increase in value of the adjacent property, says Good Roads Magazine. Among examples of this sort is that of Jackson, Tenn. From figures recently published it is shown that since 1900 the city has increased 5,000 in population. The roads were improved through issuing bonds to start with, and they have advertised the city so much that families are constantly coming in from adjoining counties, with the result that land values have increased in some cases from 20 to 100 per cent. Property in the city has also greatly increased in value.

An Automobile Road.
Seven miles of automobile road is to be the latest investment of Uncle Sam. It is to run from the point of Sandy Hook through the government reservation south to Highland Beach under the Navesink light and will be used exclusively by army officers and their friends.

Good Road Notes
It is not a good road unless good the year around.
A good road is rather to be chosen than patent springs.
The state of Rhode Island recently voted in favor of spending \$800,000 in the improvement of her highways.
In the state of Pennsylvania all the counties except seven have applied for state aid under the new good roads law.
All the leading farmers and financial interests of Lowndes county, Miss., are behind a determined movement to get better roads for that county. It is likely the county will issue bonds.