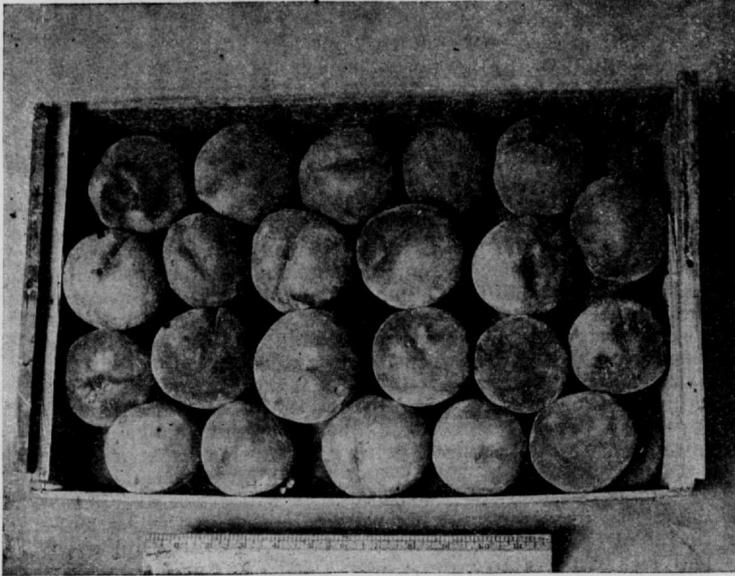


the settlement was so rapid and of such an intelligent class of people, that a school of 60 pupils was maintained through the past winter. The present fall term of the two schools begins with over a hundred. Before another winter comes a four-room brick school house will have been erected in a central locality. A flourishing Sunday school is maintained, and the people who have settled here have given further pledge of their habits and principles by seeking this spot upon which to erect homes defending from unhappy influences by a provision in their deeds and water rights forever prohibiting the saloon.

The question of a substantial town springing up here is only one of time. The needs of the people and the surrounding country will demand it. The water power at hand will bring labor employing industries. This will prove the secondary concern of the promoters, their first being a happy, prosperous, self-sustaining colony. They recognize the fact that the cultivation of the soil is the true basis of industrial prosperity, and that he who cultivates it under right conditions comes nearer than others to realizing what true independence is.

An air of tidiness characterizes Vineland—its trees,



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yards, gardens, homes, streets. To encourage thrift and industry and neatness, moreover, the promoters of this enterprise, known as the Lewiston Water and Power Company, have offered cash prizes to be given this autumn to the best kept and best managed 10-acre tract, the best 5-acre one and the best 2½-acre one. To look at the lands one would believe that all the people were in competition for the same. Prizes are also offered for the best showing in each of many varieties of vegetables.

North of the incipient town, now consisting of a hotel, bakery, three stores, lumber yards, etc., the company has erected fine fair grounds, with excellent stables, where driving and training may be indulged all winter.

The scenery along the north bank of the Snake river, opposite Vineland, is charming in the highest degree. Fit handiwork of the gods the strangely beautiful hills are. Above each other they rise in triangular form, a billowy ocean of them, until the highest of them show against the sky nearly half a mile above you. Running east and west, the effect of light and shade upon them is plainly seen, as the all-day sun casts his rays thereon. One side of each hill or rock appears a living green and one a beautiful bronze, while ever and anon some peak is transformed into a burning blue.

Beyond the town on the west the south bank of the Snake rises precipitately in solemn looking ranks of gray, great fortifications thrown up in other ages by the great forces of nature. And thus while the eye loves to linger on the scenic beauty of those strange hills along the right bank, it

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views with something of awe that majestic masonry on the left.

Well may the people in Vineland manifest their content. Generous soil, glorious climate, gracious water unite to supply their physical wants, while the hills that are round about contribute to the aesthetic and spiritual.

A very strong point kept before the inquirer after Vineland is its climate. The company's plea is "the crisp, dry, calm, invigorating winters, pleasant, exhilarating, healthy. Little fog, little snow, and the mercury seldom below zero. No severe winds in winter, no cyclones, blizzards, sun-strokes in summer.

Although little is said about a city ever being built here, yet as the writer stood upon this beautiful site and realized that it was at the head of navigation in the heart of a great farming, stock, fruit and mining region, that railways going into all that wonderful country beyond must pass this way, that here both by natural and artificial water supply was latent energy sufficient to turn the wheels of many industries, he caught glimpses of the probable metropolis of a vast, rich commonwealth.

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