

THIS GREAT COUNTRY.

What Col. Roberts Says of It.

[From the Palouse Gazette.] COLFAX, W. T., Sept. 12, 1878. Editors Palouse Gazette:—In accordance with your request that I should give you some memoranda of my present trip through this portion of Washington Territory, I now do so with pleasure.

I left Colfax under the guidance of your excellent townsman, Capt. James Ewart, early on Monday morning, Sept. 9th, for the purpose of seeing as much as possible north of Colfax in four days, and returned on Thursday evening, after one of the most interesting journeys I have ever taken. You are aware that I made an examination of this country in 1869, at which time there was no Whitman county, no Colfax, and no white settlement excepting the "California Ranch," over a large area where I now find a country thickly dotted with excellent wheat farms, and numerous houses and barns, saw and grist mills, etc., with nearly all the comforts usual to early civilization in territory recently the home of nomadic Indian tribes. It is doubly interesting to me, not only on account of the extensive white settlements which have been made since my former pack-train trip through this country, but on account of the revolution which practical tests and ample experience have brought about respecting the agricultural capabilities of the lands. Nine years ago, the impression so far as I then learned, in the neighborhood of Walla Walla, (where the principal settlements of the southeastern part of the Territory had then been made), was almost universal that this country was too dry for general agriculture without the aid of irrigation; and that accordingly, the hills, which constitute a large portion of this part of the Territory, were only adapted to grazing. My report of this region at that time was that "this was a magnificent grazing region, well adapted to agriculture where there was water sufficient for irrigation, but not elsewhere." It is unnecessary for me to say to you and other residents of Washington Territory that my statement was entirely erroneous. It was, if possible, more than erroneous, for experience has proven not only that the hills are capable of cultivation without irrigation, but that they produce the very best and most abundant crops of wheat, oats, barley and vegetables of all kinds.

In my present journey, from Walla Walla to Colfax, eighty five miles, and from Colfax to Spokane Falls, sixty-five miles, going by a route extending eastward to the Idaho line, and returning by a route varying nearly twenty miles west of that line, nearly the whole distance of one hundred and fifty miles, is through a grand wheat growing region, without any irrigation whatever. I have never seen finer wheat, barley and oats in any country or any place where the average yield per acre is greater. The Red River Valley on the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad, in western Minnesota and eastern Dakota, is the only region known to me where the yield is as large. The grain, in both of these great producing regions is perfect, and unsurpassed in quality by any raised elsewhere on this continent.

I am told that many of the settlers came in soon after the location of the Northern Pacific Railroad, between the mouth of Snake River and Lake Pend d'Oreille—the expected early completion of the railroad being a strong inducement. At that time nothing was known of the remarkable adaptability of a large scope of country, including much of Walla Walla, Whitman, and a considerable portion of Stevens counties in Washington, and Nez Perce county in Idaho, to the raising of cereals. Circumstances beyond the control of the company have hitherto prevented the construction of that portion of their railroad; but the general business of the country is now reviving, and meanwhile the country of Whitman, which did not exist in 1869,—not till January 1872,—only six and a half years ago, already contains over thirty-seven hundred souls, of whom eleven hundred are voters, and I understand that a large proportion have come in during the last two years. The Indian scare seems to have temporarily checked the immigration, but it is only temporary, and it is very obvious that such a country as this must be very rapidly settled, so that before the Northern Pacific Railroad can be constructed across the Columbia Plains the population will probably be more than doubled.

The Railroad Company, instead of being the pioneers through this region, saying to the settler, "Come, and occupy this great pastoral country," now hear the voice of many settlers,—of thousands, saying, "Bring on your railroad, and carry out our millions of bushels of grain to the seaports of the Pacific." Although it is still a splendid grazing region, it is yet more important as a grain producing region. Such a country cannot remain long without railroads. It is proper for me to say that the company have for sometime been aware of the value of this portion of Washington

Territory, but, judging by myself, I will venture to say that the actual view of it cannot fail to surprise and gratify every one who can enjoy the opportunity of seeing it for himself. For one I hope to see more of it, and I trust that the expectations of settlers generally, and of citizens of your flourishing town will be fully realized.

Very respectfully yours, W. MILNOR ROBERTS.

Reinforcements for Sitting Bull.

OMAHA, Sept. 14.--Information was received at military headquarters last night that several Cheyenne Indians had left their reservations in the Indian Territory near Fort Reno, and were coming north. It is thought that the Indians, after crossing the Kansas Pacific, intend to cross the Union Pacific between North Platte and Sidney, and preparations are being made to intercept them. Company G of the 9th Infantry will leave Omaha to-day at noon for Sidney, the point of rendezvous. Company K leaves Cheyenne and Company --, of the 4th Infantry, leaves Fort Steel for the same place, from which the expedition will move to intercept the Indians. The expedition will be commanded by Major Thornburg. The Indians are said to have become enraged at the treatment they are receiving at the hands of the government, and left the reservation September 10th with the hope, it is said, of reaching Sitting Bull's camp. They are already being pursued by a detachment of cavalry, who are to be joined at Fort Dodge by reinforcement of infantry, and it is likely that they will be overtaken and stopped before they cross the Union Pacific.

N. P. R. R. Matters.

The following statement is made of the earnings of the Northern Pacific Railroad for the ten months from Sept. 1 to June 30:

Table with 2 columns: Item, 1876-7, 1877-8. Rows: Gross earnings, Expenses, Net earnings.

The increased gross earnings of the last ten months exceeded those of the first ten by \$238,123, or 35.5 per cent. The increased expenses were in excess only \$38,216, or 9.4 per cent., while the increased net earnings amounted to \$199,907, or 75.4 per cent. This is a wonderfully good statement for the Company to present, and one to which its members can point with unfeigned pride.

At the annual meeting in September stockholders will be asked to decide upon the question of extending the road westward from its present terminus at Bismarck; also on the question of building or aiding to build the proposed new line between Minneapolis and Sauk Rapids, to secure a St. Paul connection independent of the St. Paul and Pacific Company.—Er.

They all do it.

There is a large number of half-breed children at the Standing Rock Agency. From a report recently made by General Carlin the inference is very plain that soldiers are not the only debauchers of Indian women at frontier posts. The Agency before mentioned the post-trader, physician, agent, blacksmith, stage driver and mule-persuader frequently live in open adultery with Indian women, and the mongrel race now propagating is almost wholly attributable to this unblushing licentiousness. Mr. Hay's dragnet circular to agents will bear fruit before long, and when the reports are compiled, it is to be expected that the boys in blue will suddenly find themselves the parents of more children than they, in their most ardent moments, ever dreamed of.—Avalanche.

A way Passenger.

He was a "calle'd tramp," and approached Capt. Jase Phillips as the train hauled up at Pewee. "Is you Captin ob de kears?" "Yes," replied Jase. "Don't want fo' ter hire any deck hands, dux ye?" "No, I'm not running a steamboat." "Zac'y! Mout I ride straddle ob de cow-snatcher to de nex landin'—I's basted an' a long way from home!" "Get on! All aboard!" and the negro straddled the "cow-snatcher." Ed. Gilligan pulled out the trolley wide open and the train had not gone more than a half a mile before the engine collided with a cow, throwing it over a fence into a cornfield, and the negro after the cow. Next day, coming down the negro limped up to Jase at the same depot and said: "Boss, I didn't ride fur with you on that cow-snatcher. Kase, you see, de cow wanted to ride, too, an' dar wan't room fo' bofe ob us; so we got off togedder up here in a co'nfild fo' to res' De nex time I rides wid you I'll freeze to de tail-gate ob de wagon—hit's safer.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

An orator, who was much in demand in political campaigns, being asked by an admirer the secret of his success, replied: "When I have facts, I give 'em facts; but when I haven't, I yell and saw the air."

A Rising Star.

Annie Pixley is among the rising stars now on the American stage, says a Seattle exchange. Many of our readers will remember her as a school girl in Olympia. Soon after she made her appearance on the stage in minor parts throughout Oregon and Washington Territory. Being possessed of a rare grace and beauty, and having a natural adaptability for the stage, she soon rose to the more important parts. About 1872 she married a promising young actor, her present husband Mr. Robt. Falford. Soon after they went to California and have been playing in some of the best troupes in that city. We now learn that Annie Pixley has accepted the proposition made her by John McDonough, and will play the title role M'Lisa the coming season, in place of Miss Katie Mayhew. She commenced her engagement, in that play, at the Grand Opera House, in New York, September 9th.—P. Standard.

THE DAYTON CHRONICLE HAS THE FOLLOWING:—Brother Howard and Deacon Moses have mutually agreed to be good Indians until Spring. In the Spring, all things being favorable, Moses will go on the war path, and Howard will camp on his trail "just a day behind." A farce, a farce. The pioneers of this country will have to settle a bloody Indian war next Summer, and no mistake. The great Indian pow-wow at Umatilla was simply bosh, the whim of a foolish old man. The Pendleton Independent says there is no effort whatever made by those in authority to arrest or punish guilty Indians. The golden promises made by Howard have already vanished into thin air.

This Upper Country.

While absent in the valley, we were frequently asked our opinion about this country by old friends and acquaintances, and we generally answered about as follows: We have been in over half of the States and Territories of the Union, and have become quite thoroughly posted as to the productions of every country on the globe; and we are of the opinion that this country is the best country in the world, all things considered. It has a good climate. It produces all the cereals in greater abundance than any other country on the face of the wide earth; and also vegetables of all kinds, and fruits, such as grapes, apples, pears, peaches, plums, cherries, strawberries, currents, etc.—Dayton News.

Fear of Explosion.

The Virginia Enterprise would have us believe that on last Sunday a miner in the Ophir accidentally swallowed three giant powder caps that he was holding in his mouth, while climbing down a ladder. He was much alarmed at the mishap. He feared an explosion and insisted on being hoisted to the surface at once. He feared that something might fall upon or knock against him and thus precipitate the dreaded catastrophe. What he wanted to do was to amble home as gently as possible and quietly crawl into bed. On his way home a fellow "struck" him for a half dollar and he says: "Pledge you my word, I thought I'd fly all to pieces on the instant."—S. F. Exchange.

A Paramour Murdered.

VISALIA, Sept. 13.--A fearful tragedy occurred in Visalia last night. William J. White, having cause to suspect his wife's chastity, told her yesterday that he would be absent from home all day, but last night about 9 o'clock he silently entered the house and secreted himself. At about 10 o'clock Dr. Mehling, the family physician came in and entered Mrs. White's bedroom. White went in and a scuffle ensued in which White cut Mehling's throat from ear to ear with a pocket knife, and also cut him in other places. Mehling died before help arrived. Mrs. White states that the doctor was on a professional visit.

Rises in the West.

"The sun rises in the east," explained the teacher. "Yes, an' there's suthin' rises in the west, too," chimed in one of the smaller boys. "Well, what is it?" asked the schoolm'am. "Injus!" shouted the urchin.—Er.

They all Take It.

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