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Weather Forecast. For Northern California—Generally fair, except scattering light rains in the upper Sacramento Valley, and light snows in the southern portion, clearing away; warmer, except preceded by cooler weather at Sacramento.

LAND HOLDING IN BUTTE COUNTY.

It has been the earnest hope of the Record-Union that the statistics relating to large land holdings in Butte County would show a tendency to the segregation of lands and present a gratifying exception to the tendency in the direction of aggregation; which the statistics of other Sacramento Valley counties have exhibited. The published facts accompanying this, however, leave no room for doubt that Butte County is not an exception to the rule of valley counties in California. We have contented ourselves with taking an observation of the first one hundred large holders, but have added the statistical facts from the tax-roll of 1875. The observation begins with the facts as existing in 1875 and concludes with the official statement of the land holding in 1890.

In 1875 there were eight owners holding 5,000 acres and upward, and the aggregate of their holdings was 108,996 acres, or, practically, 100,000 acres. In 1880 this had increased to nine holders of 5,000 acres and upward, and the whole aggregate was 126,123 acres. In 1885 the holders of 5,000 acres and upward had increased to twelve owners and the aggregate of their holdings was 131,903 acres. In 1890 there were fifteen holders of 5,000 acres and upward, and the aggregate was 195,353 acres. Thus there is a steady progression from 108,000 acres, gradually increasing to 195,000 acres, an increase of over 84,000 acres bodied up by the largest class of land holders. In 1875 eight men held 5,000 acres and upward, the largest holding being 23,062 acres. In 1880, fifteen, or twice the number in 1875, held 5,000 acres and upward, the largest holding being 29,860 acres.

The fifty largest holders in Butte County in 1875 held 184,386 acres. In 1880 the holdings of the largest fifty holders aggregated 216,869 acres. In 1885 the figures show for these fifty largest holders 233,856 acres, and in 1890 the aggregate for the fifty largest holders is 287,688 acres. The increase for the first fifty holders therefore was the difference between 184,386 acres in 1875 and 287,688 acres in 1890, an increase to fifty men of 83,000 acres.

Extending the view to 100 largest owners, in 1875 they held an aggregate of 208,598 acres. In 1880 the aggregate of the 100 largest owners was 233,315 acres. In 1885 the aggregate was 299,923, and in 1890 the aggregate amounted to 357,929 acres. The largest 100 holders in Butte County therefore have increased their holdings 149,331 acres, or an average of 1,500 acres each.

The following tabulation of totals shows the aggregate of the acreage held in four different groups at four different periods:

Table with 4 columns: Year (1875, 1880, 1885, 1890), Holdings (5,000+ acres), and Total Acres. Shows increasing acreage over time.

A scaling-up process of these figures would be noted in the official tables which follow. Attention, however, is directed to the highest land in each case. In 1875, the largest of the 100 holders held 23,062 acres, and the smallest, or one-hundredth, held 500 acres. In 1880, the holding which heads the list is 29,860 acres, and the holding of the one-hundredth man is 1,000 acres. The significance of this is that while the largest holding increased but 6,800 acres on 23,062 acres, or a little more than 25 per cent., the smallest holding of the one-hundredth increased 100 per cent.—the average increase of the 100 being 75 per cent. This shows a steady tendency toward increasing the holdings of medium volume. The increase is in the class of those who hold from 1,000 to 2,500 acres; that is to say, the farms which in 1875 had 500 acres each have now 1,000 acres, and this result could be attained only by the force of an inherent tendency to aggregate the small farms into large ones. Take for instance the holding of the fiftieth man in each year. In 1875, the fiftieth man in the list, arranged in the order of their holdings, giving precedence to the largest, held 905 acres. In 1880, the fiftieth man held 1,018 acres. In 1885, the fiftieth man held 1,692 acres, and in 1890 he held 1,906 acres. Thus, at the half-way point in the comparison we find 1,000 in 1875 and 2,000 in 1890.

In the counties heretofore examined we have found more than 100 per cent. increase in the first one hundred or one hundred and fifty holders. In Butte County we find an increase of 75 per cent. in fifteen years.

The process of "boding up" the land and of eliminating small independent farms is proceeding steadily. We have now the data for the presentation of other counties, and in the next instance, leaving the Sacramento Valley, we will take an illustrative instance from the San Joaquin Valley. We, however, take occasion to warn the people of this State that the soil is being monopolized to an extent which will depopulate the rural districts. With that depopulation will go that honest class of agricultural laborers, who, in other States, eventually become land-owners. The brutalizing process among the farm laborers of the country is already plainly apparent. The large land-holdings of the Sacramento Valley are cultivated by Chinamen and tramps for the most part. The white men who are thus characterized as tramps do not of course include a very respectable number of honest, faithful workers. But those who are tramps have been made so by the condition of land-holding in this State. Aggregations of capital are seizing upon the realty of the country, and the disparity between the condition of the rich and the poor takes

LAND HOLDINGS IN BUTTE COUNTY FOR FOUR DIFFERENT PERIODS.

The following table shows the one hundred largest land-holdings in Butte County in the years 1875, 1880, 1885 and 1890. We have, for the purposes of more ready comparison, placed these years side by side in the table. The table has also been subdivided by footings showing, first, the acreage held in excess of 5,000 acres; second, the acreage held by the fifty largest land-owners; third, the acreage held by the one hundred largest land-owners, and in each case the values of such acreage. Of course, each total includes that of the preceding subdivisions.

Table for 1875: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists top 100 landowners and their holdings.

Table for 1880: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists top 100 landowners and their holdings.

Table for 1885: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists top 100 landowners and their holdings.

Table for 1890: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists top 100 landowners and their holdings.

Summary table for 1875: Total acreage of holders in excess of 5,000 acres, Total assessed acreage in Butte County, Value of same, Total tax of county.

Summary table for 1880: Total acreage of holders in excess of 5,000 acres, Total assessed acreage in Butte County, Value of same, Total tax of county.

Summary table for 1885: Total acreage of holders in excess of 5,000 acres, Total assessed acreage in Butte County, Value of same, Total tax of county.

Summary table for 1890: Total acreage of holders in excess of 5,000 acres, Total assessed acreage in Butte County, Value of same, Total tax of county.

Table for 1875: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists 50 largest holders.

Table for 1880: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists 50 largest holders.

Table for 1885: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists 50 largest holders.

Table for 1890: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists 50 largest holders.

Table for 1875: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists 25 largest holders.

Table for 1880: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists 25 largest holders.

Table for 1885: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists 25 largest holders.

Table for 1890: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists 25 largest holders.

Table for 1875: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists 10 largest holders.

Table for 1880: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists 10 largest holders.

Table for 1885: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists 10 largest holders.

Table for 1890: Columns for Name, Acres, and Value. Lists 10 largest holders.

Summary table for 1875: Total acreage of the 100 largest owners, Total assessed acreage in Butte County, Value of same, Total tax of county.

Summary table for 1880: Total acreage of the 100 largest owners, Total assessed acreage in Butte County, Value of same, Total tax of county.

Summary table for 1885: Total acreage of the 100 largest owners, Total assessed acreage in Butte County, Value of same, Total tax of county.

Summary table for 1890: Total acreage of the 100 largest owners, Total assessed acreage in Butte County, Value of same, Total tax of county.

definition with alarming distinctness. The national American character was conferred by small holding of land. We are evolving a class of serfs and menials on the one hand and a landed aristocracy on the other. It is high time that the people of this State should be apprised of this danger and rise in rebellion against it.

The tendency which threatens to impoverish the masses of our people must be met and arrested. The means for the accomplishment of this result must be adequate, even though they should have the appearance of encroachment upon vested rights. The reform of laws governing the ownership of property, where the species of ownership against which their provisions are launched is found to be inconsistent with the good of society, has usually been denounced as confiscation; but there are species of ownerships a thousand times more dangerous and revolting than the confiscation of property in some instances. In the case of slaveholding, the property of the slaveholder was confiscated because confiscation was a lesser crime than slavery, and because the slaveholder would consent to no other remedy. The unrestricted ownership of certain species of property may confiscate the natural rights of man, and large landholdings belongs to this class. It confiscates the birthright and makes a man born on the soil a trespasser. It denies to a man the full measure of citizenship and permits his residence in a country only on the basis of a tenant. It expatriates him, because it leaves him no choice between emigration and slavery.

Heretofore we have contented ourselves with presenting facts, and shall continue to do so until we can present the condition of land-holdings in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys in a single exhibit. When that is done, with that earnestness born of a profound conviction, we will turn our attention to the question of remedies. Official reports of the land-holdings of Butte County accompany this statement.

reduction of freight rates? If the Call's answer to this proposition is a measure of intelligence it is not equal to the intellectual effort of counting ten. The Call says: "If the importers of merchandise get lower rates by means of the Traffic Association, does it not follow that the same will procure lower rates for farmers' products?" This does not answer the Mail's interrogatories. It is merely an evasion of the whole issue. The Mail did not ask "if the merchants get lower rates, will the farmers get lower rates?" It asked: "Will the merchants mark their goods down if the freight declines?" It would be expecting too much, perhaps, to anticipate an answer at the hands of the Call, since it cannot even understand the question.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS—ESTATE OF EDWARD R. H. BOLZE, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, executor of the estate of EDWARD R. H. BOLZE, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said executor, at the office of the undersigned, at 504 J Street, Sacramento, California.

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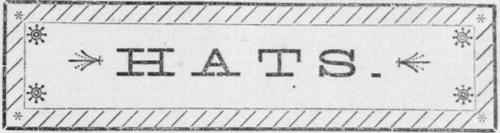
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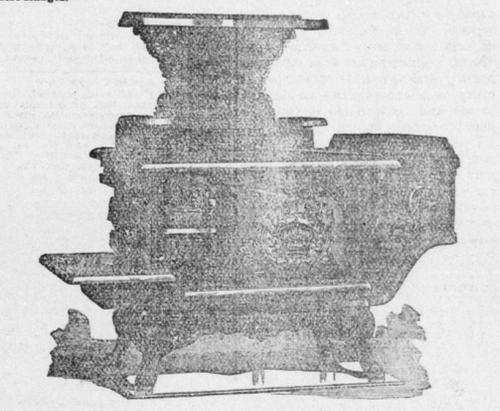
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