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A Correspondent Who Talks About It Plainly Yet Truthfully.

A correspondent of the Eureka (Nev.) Leader recently sent that paper a letter that so plainly and accurately depicts the situation here, that we reproduce it. He wrote on the 21st of May, as follows:

Wood River is probably in the mouths of half the population of the many mining camps on this Coast, and if such is not the case we Wood Riverites have been greatly misled and imposed upon. All last winter did we live in the hopes of having our patience rewarded this spring and summer by a rush never before equaled on this Coast, and we as willingly believed it. We have waited, and are still waiting, and probably will wait for quite a time to come—two years, at any rate.

After reading the above paragraph some of your readers will say Wood River has gone; her bottom has fallen out; she is another White Pine—mostly all talk and on paper. But, nay, gentle reader; you are mistaken. Wood River will—maybe next year, but surely two years hence—turn out more bullion, ore, rich poor men, and such likes of all mining camps, than has been even yet anticipated by our own prejudiced (?) selves. I don't speak for all of Wood River, but I guess the majority is with me. Wood River is not gone in by a good deal. She is just what any cool-headed mining man or old-timer has said she would be at this time, and the sole trouble lies in our inhabitants expecting so much for so young a country.

FOR A NEW COUNTRY

this is too far from civilization to develop itself in a single year, or even two, because what was known of this country previous to last year at this time is simply nothing. What is known now? Well, just now it is known that our mines go down to a considerable depth, a fact we did not know one year ago. We also know that some of our poorest prospects on top have turned out to be our best mines. We also know our winters, on an average, are not as hard as their reputation would have them be. We also know, and by experience at that, that a new mining country as far from the outside world as this is cannot be of as much account as a greenhorn imagines.

Nevada took the Wood River excitement just from the fact that it was some distance from them, and they could possibly get a chance to walk here, but we all know that the Eureka mines, which have proven the best on the Coast, created no rush in Nevada, which was because it was too close to get to.

Another instance: Wood Riverites just from San Francisco say the mining part of that metropolis is actually crazy over Sawtooth's mines; but such is not the case on Wood River, and we know at the same time that Sawtooth is a wonderfully rich district, but it is not far enough away from us to go wild about. If the Sawtooth or Muldoon (Little Wood River) countries were away down in Arizona, away up in Washington Territory, or Alaska, Wood River proper would be desolated inside of two months.

Next year may find furnaces, smelters, sawmills, etc., enough in this country to make it a really lively district, but until such time I would warn all poor people to

LET WOOD RIVER ALONE.

There are to-day 150 men here on one job, and before another month 200 men will be out of work, and money also, to one man working. Such is the outlook.

Our merchants and business men all wonder what the trouble is, but they don't take the time and trouble to think a few moments in a sensible way. Business is not what we desire it should be, nor what we expected it to be. Many people are coming in daily, but they all come broke, and this is what's the matter with Wood River. I may be slightly censured by some of our "frighty" business men, but it is true, "and don't you forget it."

We have enough business houses in Bellevue and Hailey to supply a city of fifty thousand people and still they all kick because they don't make anything.

Shooting Affray in Denver.

DENVER, May 27.—A shooting affray occurred here this evening. Phil Hubbard, a jockey employed by Dick Mackey, the well-known Western horseman, met C. H. Wood, a real estate agent here. Hubbard knocked Wood down and commenced to beat him, when Mackey, who was with Hubbard, pulled the latter off. Upon rising Wood drew a revolver and commenced firing on Hubbard,

hitting him twice. One was shot struck John Denney, a Western Union telegraph repairer, passing through his thigh. It is thought by some that Mackey was also shot. He was driven away in a carriage. Hubbard will probably die to-night.

The Way We Did.

An Austin baby was recently blessed with a baby boy, the first one in the family. Next door was a family in which there was half a dozen children. When the arrival of the boy next door was announced, little Johnny, aged six years, asked: "Have they dot a boy, sure enough?" "Yes, there is a boy over there at last." "They will have a whole lot more. That's the way we did."

A Very Creditable Paper.

The Pilot receives regularly in exchange the DAILY WOOD RIVER TIMES, published at Hailey, Idaho, by T. E. Picotte, an energetic, capable and persevering journalist of long experience. Such enterprise deserves to be well rewarded, and we hope will be. The DAILY TIMES is really a very creditable paper.—[Ogden Daily Pilot.

The organ of the colored people, the Globe, published in New York, deprecates the fact that a race numbering nearly 7,000,000 of the people of the country is not better represented in Congress. It says that when they are justly represented by one of their number in the halls of Congress from at least five of the Southern States the situation will commence to take on a semblance of the principle of taxation with representation. It advises its brethren in the south as follows: "The colored people of the south must develop a manhood unlike in every particular that of antebellum days—a manhood predicated on intelligence, wealth and courage—a manhood that can meet argument with argument and brute force with brute force. In this particular we differ from the down-trodden sons of Ireland. The Irishman has grievances; he agitates them at the point of the bayonet. The colored man has grievances; he drowns the thoughts of them in the ball-room or the prayer-meeting. The fact is beyond dispute that what we shall gain in the future must be by the exhibition of as sagacious and courageous a manhood as that which opposes us."

We would like to receive a few young pigs on subscription. Also some good chickens.—Bear Lake (Idaho) Democrat.

The wife of Benjamin R. Davenport, a St. Louis lawyer, is suing for a divorce. She alleges cruel tyranny on his part, and recites in her complaint how he compelled her, when she was about to visit this city, to swear implicit obedience to a set of rules. These were that she should join her mother at a certain boarding-house; have a separate table in the dining-room, and make no acquaintances among the boarders; never sit in the parlor; not to be absent from her mother for more than five minutes at a time, day or night; receive no calls except from relatives, and permit no introductions; and write a daily letter, giving an explicit account of all her doings. She complied with these rules, but now uses them as part of her grounds for divorce.

According to the report of the British Consul in Morocco, few countries can excel that part of North Africa in the production of garden vegetables. The markets are plentifully supplied with good and cheap vegetables all the year round—a circumstance which is attributed to sedulous cultivation and the system of irrigation pursued in the market gardens around the large towns and cities. The cultivation of potatoes is said to be increasing every year. Last year the price was \$1 per cantar, or a fraction over half a cent a pound. Green peas, which were very plentiful from the beginning of February to May, fetched \$1 per hundred weight.

A pretty idea was carried out at a fashionable wedding in London the other day. The bride's dress was of white brocade, and the bridesmaids appeared each in different color, or rather tint, so pale of hue were their pretty dresses. One was in pale blue, another in pale pink, a third in pale yellow, and the fourth in pale green, while all four wore large and picturesque white hats, trimmed with white feathers and flowers to match their respective dresses, and each carried a bunch of flowers which also harmonized in color with her gown.

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