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**Editorial Column.**

**LAND MONOPOLY GROWING.**

The tendency in this county toward large land holdings, which has been going on for many years, is one to be deplored. The evil is admitted, but how to remedy it is a difficult problem. There are less farmers in Amador county to-day than there were twenty years ago. Not alone in the foothill region and higher toward the timber belt, has this retirement of the small farmer been a prominent feature, but even in the valleys, where the soil will compare in fertility and productiveness with that of the richest in the state, the large land holdings have been steadily encroaching and pushing the small farmer off the field. And the land so acquired has been devoted to cattle raising. Of course the logic of this situation, however unwelcome the admission may be, is that under conditions now existing, it pays better to use the land for raising cattle than for raising grain or other farm products. A generation ago there were more fruit orchards within a radius of a few miles around Jackson than there are to-day. The same is doubtless true of other sections. This is far from being a healthy sign. It is population that imparts wealth and stability to a country. The breaking up of cattle ranges to give place to the actual tiller of the soil is a sure sign of progress, and the reverse is the case where farms are converted into mere grazing pastures. There may be a combination of causes which is responsible for this state of affairs, but it is in striking contrast with the drift in other sections of California, with probably less attractiveness to the settler and homeseeker than we have here.

**NEED OF RAILROADS.**

Amador county is exceedingly backward in the matter of railroad facilities. The Amador Branch railroad from Galt to Ione penetrates the county only eight miles. The Amador Central runs from Ione to Martells, a distance of not more than eight miles in a direct line and fourteen miles by the railroad track. This short mileage constitutes the sum total of railroad facilities in this county. From east to west the county stretches for over seventy miles, and the western border is penetrated by the iron bands of traffic for a distance of sixteen miles at the outside. There are few if any communities of equal population and business in California that are so poorly provided in this respect. It is no doubt owing in a great measure to this lack of cheap and rapid transportation that Amador has failed to keep pace with other counties in the march of progress. Railroads are the vanguards of progress. They usually precede agricultural settlement. Amador mining has brought about a limited farming population, to supply the local demands. But little beyond this can be expected without more railroad development. It is along this line that the people must depend for the conversion of our fertile foothills into fruit and vegetable orchards. Such interests cannot thrive under present conditions, because no matter what superior quality of products we may raise, they cannot be shipped to market to compete with more favored sections. We hear there is a project talked about of running a railroad from some navigable point on the Sacramento river toward Plymouth, and thence along the mother lode to Jackson. Such an enterprise would be a big thing for the county, and should be encouraged by our citizens in every possible way.

The Portola festival is estimated to have brought from eight to ten million dollars to the coffers of the business men of San Francisco. It was mainly designed as a boosting proposition, and turned out a big success. The population of the city was doubled for the week. San Francisco has been dull from a business point of view; Portola was arranged to liven up things, and no expense or energy was spared to make it conducive to that end. The outcome shows what united effort can accomplish for a community. And the same spirit judiciously directed will serve the same purpose in any community.

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**MAGNETISM.**

Some of the Peculiar Properties of This Strange Force.

The true nature of magnetism as such, of course, is not known. All that we can be sure of is that magnetic attraction does not radiate outward in all directions as does light, but simply acts along lines consisting of closed curves and called lines of force, these lines connecting the two poles and not extending very far outward between them. These curves may be found very nicely by placing a horseshoe magnet under a thin sheet of paper and sprinkling iron filings on top. The filings will collect along the lines.

Now, as to the different kinds of magnets, there are natural, artificial and electro magnets. The natural ones are found as magnetic ore in the earth, the artificial ones are made by stroking a piece of iron or steel with a magnet, and the electro magnets are caused by the action of an electric current.

Some peculiar things have been noticed in regard to magnetism, among which are the following facts:

It has been observed that fire irons that have rested in one position during the summer months are often highly magnetized, no doubt having been caused by the magnetism of the earth itself by the process known as induction. Other iron articles that stay in one position and do not come in contact with fire or other heat are often found in the same condition, such as iron bars to jail windows and iron railings in front of houses.

The most peculiar observation made, however, was that the upper part of the steel tire of a carriage wheel attracts the north pole of a magnet, while the bottom part, or part in contact with the earth, attracts the south pole. This is in the northern hemisphere only and is fully in accord with the theory of induced magnetism. Of course in the southern hemisphere, where the earth is under the influence of the south magnetic pole, the conditions are reversed.

A magnet dipped into boiling water loses a great part of its magnetism, which is miraculously restored to it on becoming cool again.

A sharp blow given to a magnet will cause it to lose its magnetism. Also the application of heat will have a like effect.

If a magnetic needle be placed over a rapidly revolving plate of copper, although it be separated from it by a thick plate of glass, the needle will revolve in the same direction as the plate.—Exchange.

**THE ELEPHANT IN BATTLE.**

Most Docile Yet Courageous and Faithful of Animals.

Of the docility of the elephant there is no need to multiply examples. It is said that in India native women sometimes when called away intrust their babies to the care of "the handed one," confident that they will be safe and tenderly handled.

But of all elephant stories surely the finest is that which tells how the standard bearing elephant of the Peishwa won a great victory for its Maharatta lord. At the moment when the elephant had been told to halt its march was killed. The shock of battle closed around it, and the Maharatta forces were borne back, but still the elephant stood, and the standard which it carried still flew, so that the Peishwa's soldiers could not believe that they were indeed being overcome and rallying. In their turn drove the enemy backward till the tide swept past the rooted elephant and left it towering colossal among the slain. The fight was over and won, and then they would have had the elephant move from the battlefield, but it waited still for the dead man's voice.

For three days and nights it remained where it had been told to remain, and neither bribe nor threat would move it till they sent to the village on the Nerbudda, a hundred miles away, and fetched the mahout's little son, a round eyed, lisping child, and then at last the hero of that victorious day, remembering how its master had often in brief absence delegated authority to the child, confessed its allegiance and with the shattered battle harness clanging at each stately stride swung slowly along the road behind the boy.—London Times.

**A Little Crowded.**

A backwoodsman went to New York city for the first time, says the Saturday Evening Post. He stopped at a Broadway hotel which was pretty well downtown. Next morning his nephew, who lives in New York, came to take him out and show him the sights. They walked down Broadway until they got to Canal street. The backwoodsman stopped and contemplated the great congestion of traffic there, hundreds of trucks going every way.

"Son," he said to his nephew, "you have a nice city here, but it 'pears to me that your folks is a hull passel behind in their haulin'."

Must Suit All Tastes.  
 "My wife wonders why the papers waste so much space on mere news."  
 "What does she read?"  
 "Oh, she reads the weather probabilities, the bargain probabilities, the marriage notices and the love story. But an item about a big battle or the fall of a dynasty looks piffing to her."  
 —Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Animals He Had Met.**

Little Harry was visiting in the country and while there became very much attached to his cousin's pet dog. "Haven't you any animals at home?" he was asked.  
 "Oh, yes," replied the little fellow. "We have roaches and flies."—Chicago News.

**OFFICIAL MAP**

—OF—

**Amador County**

veys by D. C. CARLTON, showing township and school district boundaries, ownership of all lands according to assessment roll of 1904, mineral claims, canals, location of all school-houses; also a townsite map of principal towns, namely Jackson, Sutter Creek, Ione, Amador City, Drytown, Plymouth and Volcano.

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