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We have heretofore on various occasions spoken of the resources of our
county, and the many inducements which
it offers to those who are in search of
homes, to settle within its borders. From
a long residence in this State as well-as
conversation, with those whose opinions
we regard as being entitled to weight, we
do not liesitate to say that, taken all in
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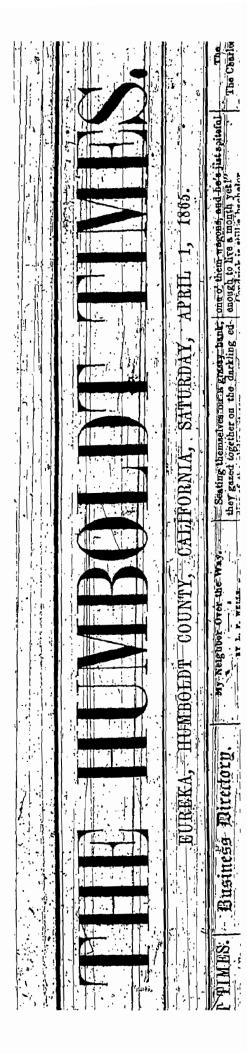
in Northern California for the industrious farmer, the handy laborer, or grazier, to settle in. Eel-river valley is a beautiful place with an unexceptionable climits, and generous soil. Most of the residents there are in possession of large farms, more land than they cultivate, and experience has proved to them that a few acres well tilled are quite as profitable as a large farm improperly worked. Here then is -a chance for a great number of persons, who incline to agricultural pursuits to secure for themselves a home in really a desirable place, and upon terms which are not beyond reach of those of limited means. It may be objected to by some on account of its distance from market, and the cost and trouble of transportation. To this it may be replied that we have San Francisco for a market and if the products of forms in closer proximity to that commercial depot, can be delivered there at a less cost periton-the difference in the amount raised per nore here and there, will more than compensate for the increased toil and cost of transportation; We speak advised v on this point. There is a large scope of country laying between Yager creek and Mad river known as the Balu-Hill country, which is well adapted for grazing purposes. This is Dearly all-vacant, for regsons which are pretty generally known-the existence of an Indian war. But as this may now be regarded as settled, it is open for mountaineers-to-come-and-locate

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This is hearly all round; for reasons which are pretty generally known-the -existence of an Indian war. But as this may now be regarded as settled, it is open for mountaineers to come and locate upon with their flocks and herds There is no danger to be apprehended there from Indian attooks, at present It is not our purpose in this article to speak of the exhaustless lumbering resources of our county; we may sometime hereafter. Suffice it for the present to say that they are not surpassed anywhere on the Pacific coast. This has been in years past a great source of wealth to our county, as well as given employment to many persons .- And-willo-the manufacture of lumber will be increased rather than diminished in future years, it will not hereafter stand as lirst among the advantages which this county presents. to the enterprising enpitalist. The many indications of patroleum found in the Bear river and Mattole country, have already created great excitement, and brought numbers of enger fortung-seekers among us, for the ourness of securing a "chance" in the land which batokens the existence of such hidden wealth. It is not for us to venture an opinion-as-to whether these will realize their, expecta-"tions or not; -men of, experience and judgment have already declared that if petroleum does not exist there, then all signs must fall. Upon these representations a large amount of money has already been expended, and active preparations. are now being made for the purpose of solving the problem. The drought of the past year in other parts of the State has induced many to come among us for the purpose of finding homes, and whether petroleum does or -does not exist_Humboldt-county-posseses resources, which will, ere long, make good her claim; to be considered as foremost among the agricultural and grazing counties of the State. From this very imperfect view of some of the many advantages which our county offers to labor, we feel that we can unhesitatingly recommend to all those who may be in search of employment or a home to east their fortunes in Humboldt county, California.

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