

A Short Talk about Our County.

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 hesitate to say that, taken all in all, Humboldt is the most favorable spot in Northern California for the industrious farmer, the handy laborer, or grazer, to settle in.

Eel river valley is a beautiful place, with an unexceptionable climate, 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 farms in closer proximity to that commercial depot, can be delivered there at a less cost periton—the difference in the amount raised per acre here and there, will more than compensate for the increased toil and cost of transportation. We speak advisedly on this point.

There is a large scope of country lying between Yager creek and Mad river, known as the Bad Hill country, which is well adapted for grazing purposes. This is nearly all vacant, 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

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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 while the manufacture of lumber will be increased rather than diminished in future years, it will not hereafter stand as first among the advantages which this county presents to the enterprising capitalist. The many indications of petroleum found in the Bear river and Mattole country, have already created great excitement, and brought numbers of eager fortune-seekers among us, for the purpose of securing a "chance" in the land which betokens the existence of such hidden wealth. It is not for us to venture an opinion as to whether these will realize their expectations 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 possesses 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 cast their fortunes in Humboldt county, California.

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My Neighbor - Over the Way.

BY L. P. WELLS.

Seating themselves on a grassy bank,
they gazed together on the darkling ed-

one of their regions, and he's just spiteful
enough to live a month yet!

The Charlie
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