

The Future of Humboldt County.

There is probably not a man in the county of Humboldt who is not satisfied of the richness and extent of the oil deposits found and to be found in this part of the State, and more especially in what is known as the Mattole and Bear River regions. Public opinion and belief in this matter, all along has kept far in advance of any thing stated in this paper connected with this subject. We have never attempted to influence the spirit of speculation, nor added to the growing popular excitement by speculations founded upon imagination. This course we thought it best to adopt, because ill regulated and spasmodic excitement is a bad basis upon which to expect healthful results.

At this time we are convinced, and so state it, that there is no doubt about the fact that petroleum exists in large quantities in this county, and that, which is equally to the purpose, it can be procured very cheaply and easily. The wonderful success that has attended the first organized effort to reach this oil, has removed whatever of doubt there might be remaining in the minds of the most sceptical. The demonstration of the truth of popular expectation and hope on this matter leaves no room for doubt, and henceforward the production of coal oil or petroleum must take rank among the leading articles of export from this favored county. Should one-tenth of the expectations, reasonably indulged, be realized, it is safe to say that the article of coal oil in Humboldt county will not only be its chief product, but that it will be the leading article, or one of them at least, to export from the State. It is too late for visionary geologists to proclaim that the substance spoken of cannot be

of coal oil in Humboldt county will not only be its chief product, but that it will be the leading article, or one of them at least, to export from the State. It is too late for visionary geologists to proclaim that the substance spoken of cannot be found here in paying quantities. Their theories are tumbled over by the simple fact that it has been found in paying quantities. One fact, somebody remarks, is worth a dozen theories. We put the fact of the successful well lately opened in Mattole, in the scale against all that Whitney knows on the subject of geology and every thing else, and claim that it weighs down the balance. It is perfectly sure also, the fact of the existence of petroleum in this county being established, that abundant means will be forthcoming to develop these great treasures. Men who have money to invest have generally that shrewdness that will prompt them to place it where the returns are reasonably safe, and satisfactorily large. This instinct of capital cannot be written or theorized away. If we have the oil in the ground, money and means will be forthcoming to bring it to the surface. In view of all that has been said, and what is known, it is very safe to say that the county of Humboldt is just now entering upon a career of great and unexampled prosperity, in which all classes and occupations must be benefitted.

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