

[Correspondence of the Times.]

MATTOLE VALLEY, Nov. 10th, 1859.

After all the obstacles which have met me on my way to this beautiful valley I have at last reached it. After the conclusion of my letter to you from Cape Mendocino, on Saturday last, I became disgusted with the prospects for clear weather, and determined to continue my journey through the rain. Falling in company with Thos. Hart of Mattole and master S. Ferguson, of Eureka, we mounted our mules and after a hard ride of three hours we reached the residence of J. H. Fruit, north fork of Mattole, all thoroughly drenched, and without a change of clothing. We were as comfortably provided for, thro' the kindness of Mr. Fruit and his lady, as the nature of the case would admit, and the sun rising clear next morning we had but little occasion to remember our disagreeable condition of the day before.

The road from Cape Mendocino to Mattole follows the beach for about five miles after leaving the former place, when it diverges in a south-easterly direction, crossing over a low range of hills for about five miles further before reaching the north fork of Mattole. Near where the trail leaves the beach a small stream puts into the ocean, a few hundred yards above the mouth of which are the petroleum, or rock oil springs which has been previously mentioned in your paper, and a sample of the fluid exhibited in your office. These springs issue from a low ledge of rock and the petroleum could be collected in sufficient quantities to pay for putting it up. Near this place a little mining excitement has sprang up, since I passed, and some glowing accounts have reached this valley of the prospects obtained there. The news has produced no effect whatever here, as the people, as a general thing, prefer rather to "live

by the sweat of their brow besides

glowing accounts have reached this valley of the prospects obtained there. The news has produced no effect whatever here, as the people, as a general thing, prefer rather to, "live by the chase" than by hard-labor, besides which the celebrated gold humbug of August last still *Harrows* up their feelings.

From the time we left the beach we were never out of sight of stock till we reached Mattole. Passing over a low ridge from the coast we descended into a section of low bald hills, with occasional gulches, not very deep, but affording plenty of water for stock. These hills, as before stated, are covered with stock, much of which has been driven in this fall, and generally looking thin from a long drive, either across the plains or from Oregon. This section covers an area of about five miles in breadth and three deep. It has been a fine grazing section at one time but is now well eaten off, with but little prospect of its becoming better.

Before reaching the north fork a bench of fine level land, of several hundred acres is crossed. This locality is all taken up and some very good improvements in the shape of farms and farm-houses are observed. Here are settled Chas. L. Cook, Lyons, Hart, Richmond and several others whose names I did not learn. On descending from this branch, on the north side of the north fork, are the residences of J. A. Langdon, J. H. Fruit, John Dowling and others. They all have very fine places, but pay but little attention to farming as there is no market for anything they can raise at home and it will not pay to pack produce away. The soil is very prolific and corn, watermelons and other kinds of produce which will not mature in our section of the county can be grown here in abundance. I am happy to learn, however, that Mr. John Casad has in contemplation an enterprise which will obviate the present difficult mode of transportation, by establishing a line of surf boats to run between our Bay, or San Francisco, and Mat:

tion an enterprise which will obviate the present difficult mode of transportation, by establishing a line of surf boats to run between our Bay, or San Francisco, and Mattole. Whether the enterprise is practicable or not I am not prepared to say, but the towering genius of the enterprising spirit having the project in contemplation will soon test the chances of the undertaking. Crossing over the north fork we struck into the valley of the main Mattole. This valley is settled for a distance of about fifteen miles above the mouth. The valley is about wide enough for a good sized farm where the river runs close to the mountain which has its general bed on one side or the other. In this valley more attention appears to be paid to farming, there being many settlers who have no stock, but are making farms which they expect to realize something from after their lands are surveyed, and come into market. There are some fifty or sixty settlers on this stream and many of them have very good improvements.

On the main Mattole, about two miles above the mouth, on the north side of the river, is what is now called Cunningham's Reservation. The area originally claimed by Col. Henly and described as extending four miles north of the mouth of Mattole and three miles back from the coast, has been narrowed down to about one hundred acres, which is all enclosed with a rail fence, each rail, no doubt, costing government about \$2.50 apiece. Mr. Cunningham was not at home himself being absent to San Francisco on business. A good sized house and shed stand near the the upper end of the farm, the former being occupied, when I was there, by three or four dirty-looking squaws and the latter by two young grizzly bear. Since I have been here I have taken a hunt, going over the divide from Mattole to the head of Kush-Kish and passing down the bald mountains bordering on this stream to the coast. This is the finest stock range I have seen in Cal-

ifornia, though the hills are high and broken. It is already pretty well covered with stock, and the thousand acres of wild oats which one year ago were only molested by the elk and deer are now being mowed down by numerous bands of cattle.

But few people living in your section of the county can form any idea of the amount of stock now grazing in the country bordering on the Mattole. In fact, a market must be found for some of it soon or much of it will have to seek new ranges and the owners of what is left will become poor men.

The greatest difficulty people labor under in this valley is the scarcity of timber. I have not seen a stick of redwood since I crossed Eel River. The fences are built of alder and spruce, and the buildings of the same material, the spruce being carried out of gulches and canons on the shoulders of men.

All in all, Mattole is quite a place. There are a jolly set of fellows living here and much good feeling prevails among them. I have enjoyed myself hugely, and hope to have more sport before I return.

There are many other things of which I would like to speak, but you must wait my return for them. W.

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NOTICE.

By virtue of an ordinance passed May

21st, 1859, by the Board of Trustees of the

Town of Eureka, requiring that portion of

the street lying between Second

and Fourth streets, to be cleared of all logs,

stumps and other obstructions at the re-

quest of the owners of lots adjacent thereto.

I hereby give notice to all property hold-

ers on the lot or lots adjacent to the street,

that unless the said obstructions are removed from

the said street, within twenty days from the

date of this notice, which day will be removed

by the Town Trustees, at the expense of the

said owners of lots adjacent thereto.

Each property holder is required to clear

in front of his lot, or their lot, and to the

corner of the street.

J. H. KIMBALL, Clerk.

Eureka, May 23d, 1859.

Think Graciously of the Evening.

Think graciously of the evening!

You know not of the power

With which the dark temptation came,

In some unguarded hour.

Ye may not know how earnestly

They struggled, or how well,

Upheld the hour of weakness came,

And sadly thus they fell.

Think graciously of the evening!

O do not then forget,

How ever darkly dashed by sin,

He is thy brother yet.

Think of the selfsame heritage!

Think of the selfsame God!

He hath not stumbled in the path

Which thou hast in weakness trod.

Speak graciously of the evening!

For he is not dead enough

That innocence and peace have gone,

Without the evening's rough!

It were most to be very sad

That she erred not to be sad,

And that who share a happier fate,

Their shillings, well may spare.

Speak graciously of the evening!

With holy words and tones of love,

From misery's thorny track,

Precept not from has often aimed,

And said, "It must be so."

Delicately with the evening one,

As God hath dealt with these!

Increase of Sorceries.

A distinguished public speaker, in allud-

ing to the supposition of all faith by which our

age is characterized, adverted to the increas-

ing frequency of suicides as an illustration

and proof of this fact. It was only the oth-

er day that a lad of but seventeen, in a

neighboring city, on being reproval by his

father, shot himself through the abdomen,

declaring afterwards that he did it to spite

his father. The more horrible case in New

York, in which a lad of sixteen attempted

to end with his whole family with a latch-

key in the ghins of all. Quite a child

in the other day destroyed himself, but this

leaply crime is not confined to either sex or

more unfortunate takes a desecrated human

or throws himself into the river. In Mas-

sachusetts it has been remarked of late that

the number of wealthy men who have de-

stroyed themselves is very great.

Against whom nothing could be said, be-

cause of the prey of imaginary fears and delu-

sions for the most trifling causes make way with

themselves.

The increase of this disposition makes it

important to trace it to the cause of causes

to which it is chiefly referable. It used to

be considered in England a crime, and the

despect dye and libellous was by law ex-

cluded from burial in consecrated ground, but

concluded to be interested at the nearest cross-

roads with every form that could strike ter-

ror into the mind of the living. To arrest

this the juries, more merciful than the law,

always rendered a verdict of insanity, and

finally the view has come to be taken of it

universally that the fact itself of suicide is

sufficient proof of a just temporary insanity.

It is, there is no doubt that in very many

cases this is the fact. But in others there

would appear to be no such explanation.

It would seem that in all a more acute

look follows in the mind of his troubles in

1814. It had not its remedy, the being kept

and too long, and he required. He certainly

did not die, and the result of his

mind, in 1814, after a long and

long and temporary insanity. But there was

Pacific Railroad Memorial for Signatures.

The following is the draft of the Memorial

to Congress, adopted by the late Convention,

to be distributed throughout the country to

obtain signatures. Copies of this Memorial

were sent to various cities in California,

Oregon and Washington Territory, and it is

expected that they will be returned to the

Committee for transmission to Washington,

by the first of December.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of

Representatives of the United States:

The undersigned, American citizens, residing

on the Pacific coast, impressed with the con-

absolute importance, not to say necessity, of

a great Central Railroad across the Conti-

nent, to extend side-wards the construc-

tion of such a railroad, from the Mississippi

Valley to the Pacific, by the following reso-

lution:—

Resolved, That the Government aid the con-

struction of the Central Great Trunk Rail-

road across the Territories, (that is to say,

commencing at a point on the Western fron-

tier of the Atlantic States, running by the

most practical route to the Eastern frontier of

the State of California; by the guarantee of

the Government of five per centum per annum

during twenty years, on the bonds which

may be issued by the company or companies

constructing said road, which bonds shall not

represent a sum exceeding one-half of the

amount of the said bonds.

Second—That the Government grant, liber-

ally from the public lands of the Territories,

not less than one-half of the said lands, to

any company or companies as shall construct

the same.

Third—That the Government make the

following condition with such company or

companies as shall undertake its construc-

tion, to wit: That if the party or parties who

shall construct the said road within five years

from the date of contract, or possession of the

same, shall not have completed the same,

the Government shall be at liberty to

cancel the contract, and to grant the same

to any other party or parties who may

be able to complete the same within the

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