

GUIDE ROCK.

A Young Town, But a Lively One - More Good Business Men Needed There.

The Farming Interest Well Represented.

Correspondence of The Bee.

GUIDE ROCK, August 9. Your correspondent has now entered upon the eastern division of the Republican Valley branch of the B. & M. railroad.

After leaving Red Cloud I found an entirely different kind of town. Old, weather-beaten buildings that were erected long years before a railroad entered the valley are common in all parts of the upper Republican valley, but this is a new country, brand new.

Guide Rock within the past year has sprung into existence. Previous to that time it was an embryo without viable means of support, but the railroad came a little over a year ago, and presto change, the cross-roads postoffice became a booming town and to its marts came hundreds of farmers who were wont to haul grain and hogs to Red Cloud.

There is nothing uncommon in finding empty stores all over this western country. Iowa and eastern Nebraska towns are full of them, and I can name several Republican valley towns where many of the very best buildings are empty, but there is nothing of this kind here. The sound of axe and hammer, the swip-rip of the saw and the crotund profanity of the hod carrier are the most familiar of noises.

And still there are more business men needed here and more buildings wanted for their accommodation. A meat market, a harness shop, a furniture store, a wagon shop, a jeweler, a banker, a barber, a shoemaker, and a first class preacher are wanted.

There is no saloon but they tell me that the excellent well water is sufficiently stimulating when mixed with the bracing atmosphere that abounds in all directions.

Most important of these is the Avenue House, built by Mr. M. M. Morgan and scarcely completed. I am strictly prohibited from pulling hotels but as a first class improvement, just opened to the public, I remark parenthetically that the house is an honor to the town, and its management could not well be improved.

An iron bridge is being placed over the Republican at this point. Elias Parker has just completed a furniture store, J. G. Gardner a restaurant, Henry Conlee a restaurant, and Prouditt & Marat a tin-shop.

On Beaver Creek, about five miles from this town, are located four of the best and largest herds of sheep in the state of Nebraska. In fact it is claimed that they are by far the choicest herds in the state, and that they were bought of celebrated breeders at high figures and that they are immensely valuable.

The country tributary to Guide Rock feeds about 1,000 head of horned cattle and there is an average of a car load of hogs shipped from this point every week.

Corn is king here, although twenty-two stacks of small grain were counted from a second story window in the hotel.

There is no better soil in any locality along this valley than in this vicinity, and all that we have said in praise of Republican valley land applies here with full force. In fact I believe it is fair to state that the farther east I travel the better the soil becomes. In this locality there are vast tracts, thousands of acres, for sale, for from three to five dollars per acre, although government land has long since disappeared in this part of the valley.

For further information in regard to farm lands address A. Davis, real estate agent. If town lots are sought for, Mr. Donald McCallum will try to suit the purchaser.

It is said that surrounding Guide Rock there is less unoccupied land than anywhere else in this part of Nebraska. While many counties are largely held by speculators, here the land of this kind is not very plenty, and, in fact, on all sides white cottages and golden stacks of grain proclaim that civilization is here in full force. In the north there is not a foot of poor land to be found and on the south the country is unsurpassed. There are a few sandy knolls on the Beaver Creek ranches, but the extent of these is very limited.

Dr. J. L. Patten, an old-time Omaha practitioner, is doing an extensive medical business. Irving W. Cray, the owner of a fine store, is one of the men to whom is due the success achieved here. To Mr. D. McCallum's untiring efforts and enthusiastic zeal for THE BEE, and to Mr. A. Davis' personal solicitations we are also indebted. No wonder that

almost every one in Guide Rock now has the Daily Bee. In conclusion, your correspondent would commend his friends who are looking for a live western town where they can profitably make a home, to examine carefully the outlook here, and the chances are that they will go far before finding any that are more favorable. For business review see adjoining page.

Notes from Red Cloud.

RED CLOUD, Aug. 9. - You all know where Red Cloud is. If you don't, it is just where it would be if you did know - at the head of navigation on the B. & M. Railroad, for passenger trains do not go farther west than this place, and if you are bound for points farther west, you must wait over night and content yourself with a freight caboose passage. Red Cloud is a town of about one thousand inhabitants, situated in a rich agricultural district in the Republican valley. Crop prospects are very flattering and it is evident that this region has received more rain than points I passed through further east on the B. & M. I was much surprised to see so lively a town here as Red Cloud. Almost every enterprise is represented and carried on with a vigor characteristic of the western border towns. The surrounding country here is somewhat rolling, and will in time be devoted more exclusively to stock raising. The valley produces excellent hay, while the highlands are covered with buffalo grass, which is fast disappearing and its place being taken by the blue stem, which in time, will prevail in covering the unutilized prairie. The new B. & M. line, running east to Blue Springs, is expected to have regular passenger trains on its line by the 20th inst., so that a point will in time become an important one. My next letter will be from farther up the valley, in which I will give you the true condition of the country without painting.

The Kind of Trees.

BELL, Butler County, Neb., August 8. - For the benefit of all concerned, please publish this decision just received from the commissioner. Exchanges copy and readers preserve for future reference, so you can "speak by the book" should any question arise about this matter of

Timber Culture. The following classes of trees are recognized by this office as timber in the meaning of the law, viz: Ash, alder, birch, beech, black walnut, basswood, black locust, cedar, chestnut, cottonwood, elm, fir, including spruce, hickory, honey locust, larch, maple, including box elder, oak, pine, plane tree (otherwise called cotton tree), buttonwood or sycamore, service tree (otherwise called mountain ash), white walnut (otherwise called butternut), white willow and white wood (otherwise called tulip tree).

Senator Ben H. Hill.

It is surprising that Senator Hill, of Georgia, should have for so long a time neglected a dangerous form of cancer upon his tongue. It is true that he abandoned the use of cigars and had a sharp tooth filed down, but there was no permanent cure. His case, we understand, had been referred to an irregular practitioner in New York without benefit. Why he did not submit his trouble to some distinguished member of the profession in the south we do not know. No one would ever have suspected, when calling on him or witnessing his wonderful forensic displays in the senate, that there was anything serious the matter with him. And yet it appears, beyond all doubt, that he was menaced with a frightful disorder, and one, too, that must have eventuated in death by no means remote. Under date of the 2d, a correspondent of the Columbus Enquirer-Sun informs the public that Mr Hill is now in private rooms at Jefferson College. By irregular treatment his disease degenerated into epithelioma, involving the sublingual gland to a more or less extent. After due deliberation and consultation, it was decided by his surgical advisers, Prof. Samuel D. Gross and Prof. Wilham H. Pancoast, that an operation was imperative. This took place at the hospital on July 20. The operation was an extensive one, necessitating the removal of the sublingual gland and a portion of the under surface of the tongue on the left side. Senator Hill has none of his family with him and but few of his friends, he has excellent quarters and accommodations. He is under the charge of two Georgians, Dr. J. L. Wright of Warren county, Georgia, and Dr. H. S. Williams, of Macon, both resident physicians in charge. He is doing well. Dr Pancoast informed the Inquirer correspondent that he felt that Senator Hill would in time recover and enjoy his wonted health. We are very glad, indeed, to have such assurances of our distinguished friend's case. Mr. Hill's place in the senate could not well be supplied at this time. There is some concern lest the incision of a part of the tongue should effect articulation. This would be a misfortune for so great an orator, advocate, and statesman. There is also some anxiety lest, in an emergency, Senator Hill should not be able to take his seat in the senate. We allude to the contingency of a special session at no distant period. The people of Georgia will watch with much interest the progress of their senior senator to recovery, and welcome him back to health and usefulness.

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THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

What Is Happening There in the Dog Days.

Frauds in Southwestern Land Grants.

Other Reform Movements Carried Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 7. - The four months that preceded Giteau's attempt upon the life of the president, gave assurance that this administration would be one of reform. Setting aside for awhile the hobby of civil service reform, it showed its practical character by at once attacking the star route frauds. Whether all will be proved that is now expected - whether all the criminals will be punished that deserve it, is questionable - but it is beyond a question that millions of dollars will be saved to the country instead of enriching corrupt and perjured contractors.

Hardly had this investigation commenced, than another subject presented itself which demands to be dealt with at once and without favor. I refer to the frauds which have been perpetrated in the surveys of the public lands, chiefly in the southwestern territories. While the star route involved millions of dollars only, this involved millions of acres, and the money loss may be reckoned by the tens and hundreds of millions of dollars.

It is said that the general land office under the management of the late commissioner was a party to these frauds, which gave to corporations the lands that should be reserved for homesteads, and made the surveys to include hundreds of thousands of acres more than the corporations ever dreamed of claiming. In other instances the knowledge of the character of the lands has been used to favor certain parties, and to-day millions of acres are entered as agricultural, which are known to be some of the richest mineral lands of that region of silver and gold. In one case where a survey was to be made to cover a certain mine in a canyon, it was found that by changing the intended boundaries, and projecting an angle, that certain other valuable lands could be secured, and then by shooting off on another side some other advantage could be secured. I do not remember how many cases were so managed, but how many cases forms the surveys was made to assume, but it ended in the parties who claimed the mine, receiving a vast amount of land they were not entitled to covering other mineral deposits as rich as their original claim.

These things are not done for nothing and the country will ere long receive a sensation. I was going to say enjoy, but it will not be an enjoyable state, that will eclipse the star route frauds entirely. If the evidence is true it will show a collusion between the unprincipled heads of departments here and unprincipled land offices there - that Williamson resigned none too soon - that one of Nebraska's favorite sons is none too pure and that his prodigious wealth, injustice and 'rank corruption have marked the conduct of the general land office under the late chief. I am glad to see that your eyes have been opened of late to the true character of Carl Schurz and his professions of reform. History, if it finds a syllable for him, will proclaim him one of the most chimerical and hypocritical of the many frauds that have victimized the American people. Placed in a position to carry out his views, we have as a result, a pension bureau with rebel soldiers to examine and pronounce upon the claims of Union soldiers, their widows and children and about four years behind with its work. Indian war devastating our frontier every year of his administration of Indian affairs, and such official specimen bricks as ex-Commissioner Hoyt and ex-Commissioner Williamson.

The last you have treated to some of his deeds, but I hope you will renew the subject and thus strengthen the resolve of the present government officials and encourage the several parties who are here complaining to present these wrongs - all the naked infamy and not to halt until justice has been done. I shall write you further on this subject. The information I refer to is accessible, and if the facts affect one whom we have generally esteemed as one of our own citizens I do not know that I am under any obligation to conceal them.

Another reform movement was the shaking off of the ridiculous Le Duc. We would begin some of these public tuncs, are, vide Conkling. This Le Duc was a kind of agricultural Conkling. What Dr. Loring will be remains to be proved. It is to be hoped that we will now get an agricultural report before two years have expired from the time when it might be of use. Much was made by Le Duc of his experimental tea plantation down somewhere in the south. It was his strongest bid for retention. He did so want to get that cup of tea ready for Columbia before he departed. Well, Sanderson, of the agricultural department, was lately sent down there to inspect. His report, in its brevity and conclusiveness, reminds one of the commissioners sent to report on improvements on an Indian reservation, which included the erection of a dam and a mill. They stated that they found "no dam by a mill site and no mill by a dam site. So Sanderson, on his arrival, was taken by a gentleman who drove a span of nice horses to see a few tea plants that had been set out many years ago by some experimental fellow, but no fine national tea plantation answering to the description and expenditures of Le Duc.

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