Letter From California.

One of Custer county's former residents gives her views of California. Does not like snow and blizzards.

Escondido, Cal., May 8, 1901.—Mr. Amsberry:—We just received your letter giving the name of the M. E. minister. Am much obliged for the information. L. L. Southmayd is alive and well, and is at present near Lovelocks, Humboldt county, Nevada. He has an apiary there, and is there superintending the business. Nevada is far ahead of California in the production of honey, both in quality and quantity. Mr. Southmayd will be there most of the summer. I hardly know how to answer your question in regard to how we like California? —as we like it in some ways and in others we don't like it. It has been so dry for several years that we have not raised much, and that makes time quite hard for farmers. But there is always fruit every year, although the quality is not so good as it would be with more rain. The climate is as nice as ever, except that we would like a little more moisture, not so much for comfort however, as for profit. It never snows here in this valley and that is what I like, for I never want to see any more snow. We can see the snow capped mountains in the winter, and that is as much snow as I want to see.

We never have blizzards, cyclones, nor hail storms, and very seldom any thunder and lightning.

There has been one earthquake since we came that gave us quite a shaking up, but we soon got over it. This would be the finest place in the world to live, if we could have water—that is rain—for we don't want much to do with irrigation as it is generally carried on. Well, to make a long story short we would much rather live here than in storm-beaten Nebraska. We would rather listen to the rhythmic roar of the Pacific than to the howling blizzard.

Respectfully,
MRS. L. L. SOUTHMAYD.

Missouri Letter.

Jameson, Mo., May 9, 1901—Editor Republican:—Thinking, perchance, we might interest our Custer county friends and neighbors, with an article comparing the advantages and disadvantages of that country with this. Of course, this will directly interest only those that are dissatisfied and are contemplating a change of location. Thirty-five years ago, when Missouri was comparatively new, we came to Bates county without a dollar, and grew up with the country, as well as to help build up the country. In 1890 we emigrated to Custer county, Nebraska. We then saw the advantages Missouri had over that part of Nebraska; and in this article we propose to show what those advantages are, and who they are for.

At present we are living at a way station, village of 400 population, on the Wabash railroad, in Davis county. With one exception the business of the town is owned and conducted by men that settled here as farmers in the '50's, or by their sons, and they seem to have a firm grip on the business; although they say they are not more than making a living, they seem contented. One of the leading businesses of the town—that of packing and shipping butter and eggs—is controlled by a Mr. Stovoll, whom they say began as huxter, driving a pony team through the country, and now he owns his own packing house—a brick building 20x60 feet—and employes about 15 to 20 hands packing and loading cars, besides the hands and teams that haul from country villages. His average daily egg pack for three months has been 6,000 dozen; butter, about three car loads per week; one to two cars of chickens.

We took a drive to the country a few days ago, and we could not help making a comparison, as our mind went back to Custer county farms. Here it is all fields and lanes; most of the road fences made of large oak posts and boards and wire. Many of the partition fences are the old worm rail—with the corners full of blackberries; and then each farm with its large fine house and big red barn, and an orchard or two. Some of the trees, I am told, were planted before there was a railroad west of the Mississippi river. These farms are mostly farmed in tame hay and corn. If one wishes to rent any of the plow land he can get it for three to four dollars per acre, providing he can put up good security for the pay; or, if you wish to buy one of these farms you can get it for $50 to $100 per acre, owing to the location or improvements. It is also quite interesting to see at any gathering of the people the numerous grey headed grandmothers and grandfathers of 70 to 90 years of age come together and greet each other with a hearty hand shake, and how are youens all today? At various times where there were crowds of people congregated we tried to see if there was any difference in the looks, manners or styles of the young people to that of the young folks of the west, but they are all young America; so much so, you would take them to be at least full cousins to our westerners. We heard some young men the other day comparing time to see who had earned the most this spring They were farm hands getting $20 per month, but had to loose the wet days. During the months of March and April they had got pay for one-half time, and had to work in the mud most of that time.

We never hear a word about inducing immigration into the country. These old but rich farms are gradually being divided up among the children that have grown up on them.

While the people here are clever and know how to be sociable, yet, like everyone else, they are all trying to add more to what they have already got, and that is business—and now, dear reader, if an old timers experience is worth anything to you, I will give a little of mine. When I wanted an equal chance with my fellows, I went to where the circumstances of the majority of them was about the same as my own; and invariably where land is cheap, as it is in Custer and adjoining counties, is the place for young men and those of small means to make a home for themselves. Without a doubt, in a very few years, real estate there will double in value. It is quite evident everywhere in these older settled states that the poorer classes among the farmers and laborers are getting too crowded, and are looking for lower rents and cheaper lands, and are gradually moving westward where the population is not so dense. As we are still interested in Custer county and hope to abide there again, I remain as ever, Yours truly,

A. WALLACE.

Ryno.

Ryno, May 15, 1901.

B. F. Empfield has bought a new buggy.

L. H. McCall shipped a car of hogs of his own raising and feeding recently.

Loyd Rusk silently folded his tent last week and slipped away to Missouri.

J. H. Prettyman is stocking up his ranch again. He took over a bunch of fine cattle yesterday.

Weather warm; surface getting dry; rain would be benifical; corn planting well under way; early planted corn and potatoes coming up.

I. D. Shuman received three queen bees by mail. This will infuse new blood into his hives. He is becoming an expert in bee raising.

Mail carrier horses that had got away were found near Merna, on last Friday night. They got away again. Seems like they were opposed to carrying mail.

Ortello News.

Mr. C. G. Empfield of Ryno, was an Ortello visitor Sunday.

J. D. Strong and family departed Tuesday, for Willow Spring, Mo.

Rather windy and dusty just at present but there are indications of rain.

Miss Anne Foote of Merna, is again mail carrier after an absence of a few months.

Grandma Brotherton of Merna, is a visitor at the home of Mr. Fodge.

News seems to be scarce and work rushing, but we will try and do better next week.

The C. E. Society which has been holding meeting at 8 o'clock p. m. will hereafter meet at 5 p. m.

Corn planting is progressing nicely, most of the farmers of this vicinity are listing their corn.

Miss Effie Bridges of Iowa, a niece of Mrs. Beale, arrived Friday. Miss Bridges will remain here all summer.

Mrs. A Cornish and two children and Miss Myrtle Pierce of Lodi, arrived Saturday for a few days visit with J. M. Fodge.

The Broken Bow High School Journal.

The Broken Bow High School Journal made its appearance on the 11th of May. It is a new enterprise, the product of members of the junior class, with Clyde Wilson as editor. Harra Osborn and Clyde Wilson are credited with doing the mechanical work in Prof. Adamson's job office. The boys are amatures in the art of printing but got out quite a creditable paper for their first. The boys complain that the contributions exceeded their ability to find room for them in their paper. Among the contributions is an article by A. R. Humphrey in behalf of maintaining the high school.

The following news items we glean from its colums:

About 40 good trees were set out on the school grounds Arbor day.

The elements of agriculture will be required in a teachers certificate after 1902.

Claude Pickett, class 1897, has entered school to take up some review work.

The commencement exercises will be held on Wednesday evening May, 29, 1901.

Libbie Brenizer, class 1900, is teaching in the 7th and 8th grades with good success.

Paul Haumont is out of school this week to help with the work at home. He will return next Monday.

Ernest McWilliams is busy this week placing hard oil on the wainscoating in the halls on the south side.

The Class Sermon will be delivered by Rev. Richards in the opera house Sunday afternoon, May 19th, 1901.

Mr. J. G. Haeberle furnished enough wall paper for one of the large rooms on the south side. Mr. Haeberle is a heavy tax payer, yet he always lends encouragement to a worthy cause.

We understand that several applicants for position in the school have offered their services for about two-thirds of the regular salaries. Good teachers are in demand and generally speaking, those who offer their services so cheaply are expensive at any price.

Nebraska is abreast of the times with a compulsory education law, requiring all children between the ages of seven and fourteen to attend school at least six months each year, and making it possible to impose a fine on parents or guardians who fail to keep their wards in school.

The Broken Bow High School is graded 1½ points higher than it was last year. Mr. Crabtree, state inspector of accredited schools writes "I am well pleased with the work that is being done in your school." It is the hope of all that some means can be devised to keep the present form and organization intact.

Say, Henry, where did you get that coffee the last time you was in town? It was the best we have had for twenty odd years. I was telling Mrs. Jones about it and she wanted to know where you got it. I bought it at The Peale Cash Grocery Co. It is some of McCord Brady Co's. Gold Medal Coffee. I tell you they have fine goods. They have poultry cure—egg food, lice paint, medicated meal for poultry of all kinds, also for stock. Yes, their evaporated fruits are as nice and cheap as I ever saw. And their Reception Brand of canned vegetables are immense. They have quite a stock of millet seed yet—the German and Siberian red; and the finest early Ohio potatoes I have seen this year. And that fellow Peale is the most accomodating fellow I have ever seen. You take your farm produce to him and he will give you an order for dry goods, boots and shoes, hardware, drugs, millinery, coal, Lumber, in fact anything in town. When I was at their store the last time, I saw them unloading barrel and rock salt. Another nice thing about the firm they buy everything the farmer has to sell and pay them a good price for it. They want butter, eggs, potatoes, onions, chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, oats and corn. It will pay you farmers, in fact every body, to give them a call. Remember, The Peale Cash Grocery Co. 5-9 2w

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Farms for sale and lands for rent. Now is the time to get a farm cheap, as the cheap farms are all going, and prices are advancing rapidly.

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Street Talk.

When you want good groceries you have to go to Bowen's.

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For Sale.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—Town lots and a few five acre lots in this city, for cattle, horses or farm land. feb28 tf ALLAN REYNER.

If you have ranches, farms or city property you want to sell or rent, list them with J. J. Snyder, Broken Bow, Neb. 4-11 tf

An Extensive Stock Raiser Tells How to Cure Scours in Calves.

Wm. Abbot, of Tyndall, S. Dak., quite an extensive stock raiser, has for a number of years used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for scours in calves and says he has never known it to fail. He gives a teaspoonful in water as directed on the bottle for an adult man, after each operation of the bowls more than natural. Usually one dose is sufficient. For sale by J. G. Haeberle. 5-2 1m

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