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IDAMO LETTER.

From a Salisbury Boy Who is Seeking a Fortune in the Far West.

COUNCIL VALLEY, Id., Dec. 3d, 1891.

EDITOR STAR:—Yours of the 15th ult. is before me. Was much surprised and pleased to hear from you—surprised at your ever having thought of one so remote from your present situation, and pleased, as I always am, to receive even a line from one who heads his welcome epistle "Elk Lick."

What pleasant recollections come to me as I sit dreaming of the happy times we used to have gathering chestnuts from the surrounding hills, skating on old Frog Pond, raiding the outskirts of some unsuspecting sugar-maker's camp, lying in cans to the tail of some male bovine who was unucky enough to venture so far within the limits of the town, or of a thousand other acts wherein we found enjoyment. Those were indeed happy days, but they are forever gone.

Of that happy band of juveniles who once played upon the same sward and sat together in the same school room are now to be found in most every quarter of "Uncle Sam's" domain. Even the writer of this may be found more than two thousand miles nearer (?) the setting sun, in the land of the sage and the coyote, trying to tear a living from the surface of a quarter-section of Idaho's most raw and unimproved land.

Don't think that life here among the mountains, though ever so remote from the sound of the locomotive, is lacking in interest or amusement. Here is the home of one of the most interesting specimens of the Genus Homo—the prospector. He is eternally hunting for something he can't find. He is usually one who went to the "Golden state" in '49 or the '50s, dug fortunes from the earth and squandered them, followed all the places of excitement to the end and is now, like the Jew of mythology, wandering from the Rockies to the Pacific and from the isthmus to the Arctic, in the vain hope of finding another California. Today you will see him at some supply station laying in a supply of the necessities of life, tomorrow you may find him thirty or more miles from a human habitation, in the darkest recesses of the mountains, washing a pan of dirt by some sparkling stream, or hammering away, like a lonely woodpecker, upon the summit of a quartz ledge.

You will likely wonder how one leading this peculiar life earns the "grub" he eats. Well, he does manage to pay his way, and he always buys the best to be found in the market. His credit is always good and any merchant is willing to furnish him an outfit, for if there is an honest man in the west it is a prospector. Frequently this class of men have brothers, sisters or uncles, as the case may be, who have faith in their some day finding a rich ledge, and will keep them adroit with that end in view. When such is not the case he must rustle, and consequently in times of need you will find him on some bar in the Snake or Salmon rivers, a few weeks in the time of low water, working a rocker and making from four to five dollars per day. He is always the possessor of a few traps, and in winter, if he lacks funds, you may find him in a dogout, beside some promising stream, trapping for beaver, otter or any other animal whose pelt is worth the skinning.

Of course every once in a while some one stumbles onto a rich claim, but it is very seldom a prospector. It is usually a sheep herder or a "tenderfoot," neither of which can tell good quality from a speech on the tariff.

Here is another individual who will likely need an introduction—the sheep herder. This fraternity is said to be more numerously represented in the lonic asylums than any other class of men

on earth. The sheep herder does undoubtedly lead a lonely and undeniable life, especially when sheep can be wintered on the range. In this case the herder may probably not see anyone to speak to from one year's end to the other, except the camp tender, and he is not likely to see him more than twice a month. At any rate from statistics it may be seen that sheep herding is very fruitful of insanity.

On traveling through this country, where sheep are raised extensively, you can see among other strange things men sitting on rocks among the mountains, or lolling upon the hillside, going crazy as fast as the eternal bleating of the sheep and their isolated life can breed them.

Well, to say the least, this is a good country. What we want is for capital to come in and develop our mines. Agricultural land is very scarce, but the mountains are full of mineral—copper, gold and silver. Times are getting better here every year, and I think that if this congress can find time between tinkering with the tariff to suit the manufacturers at the expense of the people, and donating money to Wall Street to pass the Free Coinage bill, Idaho will see prosperous times next year.

Before I close I will say that I wish you and THE STAR much success and hope you will give the old town a good, lively paper. Very respectfully yours,
GEORGE GOULD.

BUSINESS MENTION, WANTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Ladies, the cool air is a gentle reminder that you need one of those Wraps at P. S. Hay's store.

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