

# SNAKE RIVER VALLEY.

Rapid Settlement.—Irrigating Facilities.—New Railway.—Sugar Refinery.—New Towns.

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It may be of interest to some of your readers to learn of the development and advantages of the Snake River Valley. The country is being rapidly settled and thousands of acres are being reclaimed from sterility and made to bloom with the products of the soil.

It costs from \$1 to \$6 per acre to secure permanent water right to irrigate the land, according to locality. A great many canals have already been constructed and a number are now under construction. Last week a canal was surveyed from the South Fork of Snake River to Blackfoot River, a distance of 35 miles; it is to be 30 feet wide on the bottom, and those interested say work will commence immediately.

There are 150,000 acres of tillable land between the South Fork and Blackfoot River, on the east side of Snake River, and 50,000 acres on the west side, one half of which is yet vacant, and can be supplied with water for irrigation at a cost of from two to six dollars per acre. From the south fork of Snake River to Warm River, a distance of forty miles, there are 150,000 acres of tillable land, one half of which is yet vacant and can be cheaply irrigated.

The U. P. R. R. are locating a line from Eagle Rock, through the heart of the country to the Yellowstone National Park. A locating party, eighteen in number, are now at work and will be as far as Rexburg with the location, in the beginning of next week. The line extends near the towns of Rigby, Labelle and Lyman and through Rexburg, Wilford and Fall River. It is expected that construction will soon begin.

A new town, embracing 1950 acres and christened St. Anthony, has been located by a company of eastern capitalists, three miles north of Wilford, on Henry's fork of Snake River. The same company also had a canal surveyed, 20 miles long and 20 feet wide. The town commands good water power, and the company say that a sugar refinery with the object of manufacturing sugar from the beet will be erected, besides other manufactures. A store and hotel are now under construction.

A new town has also been surveyed at Fall River, which has many natural advantages, being in the centre of a good farming country and possessing good water power, and the river can also be utilized in floating the large quantities of timber lying contiguous to its banks above.

The crops are looking well. The soil is productive in the raising of small grain and seems especially adapted for the raising of roots of all kinds. The apple, pear and plum and small fruit do very well. In fact the soil is only waiting to be tickled with cultivation to yield abundantly the bounties of nature.

We invite all good people desiring homes to come and share the advantages we enjoy.

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