

A Strange Spot

About four miles west of Kenmare, after passing over several miles of perfectly level ground under cultivation, we come to a depression, or rather to a deep cut said to be the head of the "Tasker Coulee." Near this head is a circular basin, at one side of which a spring of water boils up constantly; this overflows the basin, around the sides of which is a white substance resembling alkali, but is said to be more of the nature of borax. Near the spring of water are a number of mud springs. Step on one edge and the soft mud will boil up like mush. By standing on a certain spot, one can easily shake the ground for several rods in each direction. Animals and human beings stepping into these spots quickly sink out of sight, if not speedily rescued. The water is softer than rain water, clear as crystal, and cold almost as ice. No matter how cold the weather, the water never freezes. Mr. Benson owns the claim on which this is located, and has piped the water up the hill to the house. What is the nature of the deposits in the water has not been discovered, as no scientist has ever visited the spot, or tasted the water. Verdure grows near, but cultivated plants do not thrive well with its use.—Kenmare Journal.