

whom are Germans, attracted by its genial climate, fertile lands and general adaptability to business pursuits, have voluntarily selected the State of Maryland as their permanent abiding place, have prospered to a remarkable degree, and now rank amongst their numbers many of the most wealthy and influential citizens of the State. The accompanying statement of the "German element in Maryland" presents complete statistics regarding this class of the population.

The State of Maryland is one of the oldest in the Union, one of the original thirteen, and though this large number of foreigners have selected it as their choice over all the others, a greater number of late years have passed through it and around it, to the far West, impelled by the one idea of procuring cheap lands without stopping to inquire whether in leaving its borders they were actually bettering their condition.

It is not surprising that this should be the case, when it is considered that active agents have plied them for years with the most extravagant accounts of the "great West," have offered every inducement to them to settle in that section, whilst Maryland, pursuing the even tenor of her way, seemed to be perfectly indifferent to the advantages of securing a class of population of all others the most valuable to the commonwealth. This seeming indifference, however, never really existed. The apparent indifference was the normal condition of its slave system, the first effect of the eradication of which is, to extend a cordial welcome to the emigrant, exhibiting to him facts, it is hoped convincing truths, to teach him, that in passing over Maryland on his route to the West, he leaves behind him a far more ready avenue to wealth than he can ever expect to obtain in any of the Western States.

The impelling motive as has been stated of his journey to the West, is the cheapness of the land. It is certainly very alluring to one, who, in his native country finds it impossible to possess a very small tract of land, unless he pays an exorbitant price, to discover, that in this section he can buy a very large tract at a seemingly inconsiderable price; and thus, with little knowledge of the country, except such as is conveyed to him by parties interested in the sale of the land, he accepts at once the tempting bait and his mind is made up to seek a home in the West. A little reflection on the facts it is designed to offer him in this publication, it is hoped, will convince him that he is making a sad mistake, when he passes over the fruitful State of Maryland, to seek a home in the Western wilds.

In most of the Western States, where land is offered at a cheap price, a further inducement is held out that the land is all ready for the plough. A moments reflection will convince him that this, in the sense in which it is used, is the