

32 RICH VALLEYS GREEN MOUNTAINS; RIVERS ATTRACTIVE

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ent on her and contribute to the prosperity of the county. The principal towns are Drain, Reedsport, Yoncalla, Oakland, Sutherlin, Myrtle Creek, Canyonville, Riddle and Glendale.

Educational and church advantages throughout the county could hardly be improved upon, while in every community in the county the social life is stressed, and there's always something doing to add spice to a contented existence.

Douglas county is likewise proud of her excellent highways and hard surface roads that network the entire western half of the county, to every farm, community and town.

The population of the county is about 25,000, and 88 per cent American born white citizens. There are no colored or Oriental residents in the county.

Fortunate in unexcelled climate, beautiful in its natural scenery, rich in its soils and diversified agricultural potentialities, unexcelled in its natural recreational advantages, Douglas county is the most distinguished county in Oregon. It is truly a haven—a glorious one—where nature, virgin and undefiled, rules in splendor. For the homeseeker, or the true sportsman, it is the Journey's End.

CLIMATE IS RATED AS FINEST FOUND IN ENTIRE COUNTRY

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in small amounts and melts within a few hours the same day. Occasionally a year has no snowfall.

One of the marked climatic features is the light wind velocity. Douglas county has the lowest wind velocity of any point in the United States

where there is a U. S. weather bureau observatory, 3.3 miles per hour.

Severe Weather Unknown

The average annual number of days on which dense fog occurs is 37, with a maximum period of frequency in the late fall and early winter. However, the fogs are often of great economic value, as they usually occur on clear nights in the coldest hours of the morning, thus frequently preventing killing frosts, and the fog usually lifts by 10 a. m. on the same day it occurs.

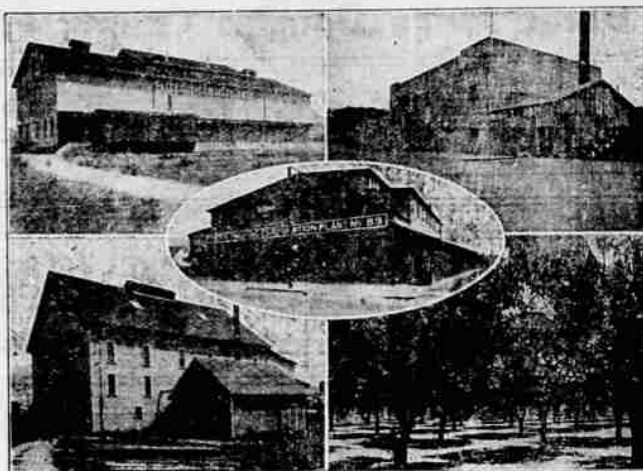
Severe storms, cold waves, sudden changes in temperature, drouths, excessive precipitation are almost unknown. There are practically no thunder storms worthy of the name, although thunder is heard in the far eastern part of the county on an average of about three times during a year.

Cyclones, tornadoes, earthquakes and damaging hail and windstorms are unknown in Douglas county.

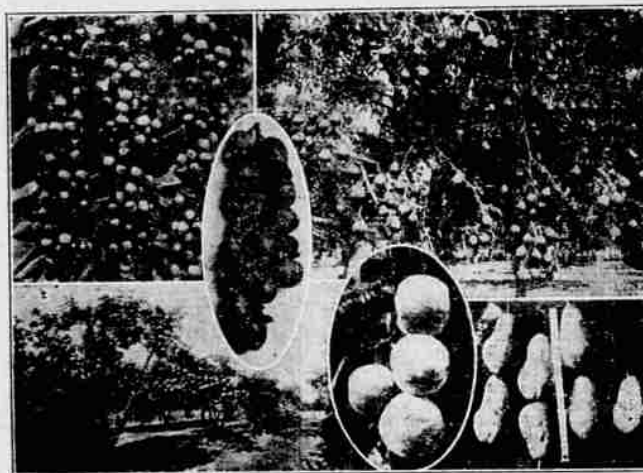
Mosquitoes and flies are scarce and annoying insects unknown.

SOIL IS RICH AND WATER PLENTIFUL

No soil survey has ever been made of the various types of soil in Douglas county. The bottom lands along the South Umpqua river, the North Umpqua river and main Umpqua river are of silt loam alluvial type loam soil, among the richest and most productive on the Pacific slope. Along the lesser rivers and creeks will be found either a sandy loam or free dark loam soil. In the spacious valleys back from the rivers and creeks, either a free loam, clay loam, dark loam or of five grades of black soil will be found, also very productive. On the semi-bottom or bench land, the types of soil vary from clay loam to black soil, or red loam, and very productive



Packing plants and canneries located at Roseburg. This is no small industry in Douglas County. Each season's produce is contracted for through the canneries by buyers for Eastern markets.



for hay, grain, fruit, berries and pasturage.

Lying nestled between the wooded and grassy hills the spacious valley lands are all sub-irrigated from the rivers and creeks that flow through them, and from the innumerable ever-flowing springs on the hill or mountain sides, hence irrigation is unnecessary for satisfactory agricultural production. However, if irrigation is desired, ample water is available from the rivers, creeks, springs or wells.

In fact, Douglas county offers a rare combination of soils and climate suitable to the widest range of agricultural, poultry and horticultural pursuits.

FRUITS AND NUTS PROFITABLE CROPS

Seldom are we so fortunately endowed by nature with climate and soil to grow the fruits we desire throughout the year. Yet, you long for such a place to make your home, where the climate is mild and fruits are delicious and abundant.

Douglas county, Oregon, is that place.

Prunes

No section in America can excel the natural climatic and soil conditions of Douglas county for the production of prunes. Douglas county has 12,000 acres of prune orchards, placing the county first in this fruit for the entire northwest. The Italian variety predominates, with smaller plantings of petite and date prunes. Two tons of dried prunes per acre are classed as a good crop, but yields of five tons per acre have been recorded.

Pears

These yellow, golden and russet pears, the kind you buy on the fruit stand wrapped in the finest of paper and packed in boxes to protect the quality you expect, are growing on many acres of orchards and home yards in Douglas county. For a number of years Douglas county pears have carried a majority of the ribbons in the fruit exhibit of the Land Products Show held in connection with the Pacific Livestock Exposition at Portland, Oregon. Yields of ten tons of cannery pears per acre are considered satisfactory yields, but crops of 20 tons or more per acre have been recorded.

Apples

Apples, the universal fruit, with quality unsurpassed, grow on hundreds of acres and in home yards in Douglas county.

Cherries

Big black cherries, Bing and Lambert, Royal Ann, the canner, with its golden color and red cheek; the pie cherries and the Duke produced in abundance and with unsurpassed delicious flavor.

Peaches

Several varieties of peaches are grown commercially and in the home yards and have proven very profitable.

Berries

Strawberries, loganberries, black-

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Above scene is of white and pink Asiatic Magnolia and a Japanese plum in full bloom, March 9, 1936, at H. O. Par-geter's home, Roseburg, Oregon.

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