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ST. HELENS AND VICINITY

Our Location, Climate and Other Natural Resources Give Promise of Great Prosperity.

Among the industries of Columbia county are sawmilling, logging and dairying. The county contains a large number of sawmills, varying in capacity from 40,000 to 70,000 feet per day. This industry is yet in its infancy, and will in time employ thousands where now but hundreds are engaged. The timber is the very best in the world, consisting mainly of spruce, cedar and fir; the latter being famous the world over for its size, strength and durability. No better timber than Oregon fir was ever put into a ship, and year by year the demand for it increases. Many of the trees measure ten, twelve, and even thirteen feet in diameter, but they are not so desirable for sawing as those of a more moderate size. The cedar timber furnishes excellent timber for finishing and for furniture makers, and the butts that are left after the sawlog is cut from the tree are worked up into an excellent quality of shingles, carloads of which have been sent as far east as Philadelphia, and have found a ready market there.

Dairying is an industry that will in time compete with lumbering for the supremacy, though it is probable that the dairyman, instead of manufacturing the butter at home, will send the milk of his cows to the nearest creamery, as it has been demonstrated in other localities that the creamery can handle the product to better advantage for all concerned than the individual dairyman can. Dairying is as yet mainly confined to the bottom lands along the Columbia river, but as the saw, ax and torch demolish the forests the pursuits of agriculture will take their place. One of the future great industries of this county is fruit raising. Apples, prunes, pears, plums and all the small fruits grow here in a profusion that is seldom seen elsewhere, and the quality cannot be surpassed. Prune-raising, in particular, is to receive special attention, as this is one of the few portions of the world where the Italian prune can be grown to perfection; and the profits on prune-raising, as compared with wheat-raising or general farming, are simply enormous. The demand for young prune trees this year has been so great that the nurseries have been unable to supply them. This will never be a wheat-raising county, and we are glad of it; for land that can be made to pay from \$100 to \$1,000 per acre in fruit or vegetables should never be sown to the mortgage-producing wheat crop. Lumbering is an industry that consumes itself, and in time will pass away; but dairying, fruit-raising and market gardening will grow from year to year for centuries to come, and therefore they are the most important.

ST. HELENS.

St. Helens, the county seat of Columbia county, is twenty-seven miles from Portland, on the main land just opposite the lower end of Sauvie Island, and can be reached by public highways from all parts of the interior, by rail—the Northern Pacific railroad—and by steamboats at all hours of the day, there being nine regular steamers plying past this place, five of them twice a day to Portland, affording hourly communication with the best market on the Pacific coast. St. Helens, though not very large, is the objective point for all new-comers arriving in the county, because of its being the county seat, and also because it is the oldest city in the county and one of the oldest in the state. In this vicinity the principal industries are lumber, cordwood, piling, etc. There is also a large crew of men constantly employed getting out street-paving stone, of which this locality has an abundance. This stone extends only one or two miles back from town, beyond which farming, fruit-growing, dairying, and stock raising is carried on quite extensively.

C. R. HART.

St. Helens Meat Market—Fresh and Salted Meats, Sausages, Etc.
Mr. C. R. Hart, the gentleman whose business forms the subject of this sketch, invariably furnishes his patrons and the trade with the best of fresh and cured meats, sausage, fish and vegetables at the lowest possible prices. The utmost cleanliness, regularity and order is observed throughout his premises, and counters, blocks, books, etc., are polished and spotless. The best of beef, lamb, pork, sausage, etc., are always to be found at this market, and the choicest cuts, the juiciest roasts, the sweetest chops, and the most delicious outlets are supplied to his customers. A specialty is made of supplying hotels, restaurants, logging camps and boats with the best market affords. Mr. Hart, the genial proprietor, is a gentleman well up in butchering, having had a long experience in that line, and is much respected for his good business qualifications.

EDWIN ROSS.

The Drug Trade—Something of Its Importance in a Community.

The business of a drug house is one that requires care and experience, especially if the firm is engaged in compounding dangerous drugs and chemicals, for should the druggist weary in his watchfulness, and make a mistake, distress follows, and the reputation of the house is injured. But when assured that proper care is taken in dealing with these powerful remedies the consumer and the public generally have confidence in the goods bearing the name of the house that has established a reputation in this particular. The drug trade of St. Helens is a business in which our people should put a deep interest. It is also worthy of note that the man conducting this business is capable and honorable; being a graduate of the Portland College of Pharmacy. A reference to the drug trade of this city suggests the popular establishment of Edwin Ross. Mr. Ross started the drug business here two years ago, and from the beginning commanded a large trade, which has increased yearly. As a practical business man Mr. Ross is well known. A strictly drug business is transacted, no outside issues, such as paints, wall papers, etc., being dealt in. This house has brought its stock and operation to a position which speaks magnitude and a positive completeness in all its departments, and in compounding prescriptions seek the purest drugs; indeed, one of the cardinal virtues of the goods handled is their purity. The child is dealt with as carefully as the adult. This house makes it a point to carry all the new preparations and remedies of merit as soon as placed upon the market. The purest wines and liquors, for medicinal purposes, are handled. In patent medicines are found the leading remedies of the day, embracing standard goods, household liniments, etc. The large stock of druggists sundries embraces fruses, supporters, household syringes, fever thermometers, surgical appliances, rubber and cotton bandages, plasters, assorted lint, and other articles used by physicians in their practice. Toilet articles, such as perfumes, fine soaps, tooth, nail and hair brushes, flush and leather toilet sets, cosmetics, face powders, toilet waters, chamoin skins, fine sponges and other articles of this class may always be found at the drug store of Edwin Ross.

ORIENTAL HOTEL.

First Class in All Its Appointments—A. H. Blakeley, Prop.

One of the most popular hotels on the Columbia river to take up your abode in is the Oriental Hotel, of which Mr. A. H. Blakeley is the affable and popular proprietor. This hotel is situated in the center of St. Helens, commanding a magnificent view of the grand old Columbia and the vast virgin forests along its shores, and is a favorite stopping place for traveling men and the public generally. The rates are very reasonable, and it is the aim of the genial landlord to supply every convenience to his patrons. The sleeping rooms, too, are models of neatness and comfort, and the large dining room is well lighted and pleasant. In every respect Mr. Blakeley can lay just claims to having one of the most comfortable, convenient and popular houses between Portland and Tacoma. He is himself one of the pioneers and best known men of the town, and in both social and business matters, is greatly esteemed for his gentlemanly bearing and public spiritedness.

THE MODEL SALOON.

A Favorite and Orderly Resort—J. S. Cloninger, Prop.

In referring to the representative business institutions of any locality, it is a rare circumstance to include among them that of a saloon, yet such an opportunity are we afforded in this particular instance. The above-named saloon room is an institution conducted on business principles. Besides being a representative house of Columbia county, the popular resort is managed by a gentleman at once liberal and enterprising. The proprietor is a gentleman possessing many friends and numerous admirers. Despite the fact that his business is one among the last to incur public approbation, he has placed it upon a basis of respectability and remote from the possibility of censure or adverse comment. The bar and fixtures are all tastefully and ornamentally constructed and arranged, and are neat and attractive, and at once attract the admiration of all. The stilled and sparkling wines, pure liquors and cigars are the choicest the market affords. The establishment, all in all is a neat and orderly institution, and Mr. Cloninger, the proprietor, is a cheerful, pleasant and agreeable gentleman, ever polite and courteous to his patrons and acquaintances in general.

THE BANQUET.

The Popular Home for the Cheerful and Thirsty.

A little wine of spirits for the stomach's sake is recommended not only by the book of Holy Writ, but by the leading physicians of the new and old world. Purity is the essential quality, as adulterated food or drink of any kind is hurtful, even if partaken or imbibed in small quantities. Those in search of the pure article can do no better than call on Messrs. Meeker & Cooper, the genial and gentlemanly proprietors of the Banquet Sample Room. These popular gentlemen are thoroughly posted in fancy drinks of both foreign and domestic invention, and their pure and sparkling whiskeys, brandies, rums, gins and cordials, for beverages as well as for medicinal and family purposes, will be found palatable and cheering, no matter how the weather is or what your ailment may be. The saloon is centrally located in the very heart of St. Helens and fronting the tranquil waters of the grand old Columbia river as she flows to the sea. These popular gentlemen are well patronized, their quiet and orderly rendezvous for the thirsty and cheerful—being recognized as strictly first class in every respect. Messrs. Meeker & Cooper have the reputation of being the most affable and courteous saloon men of Columbia county, and it is at all times a pleasure to drop into "The Banquet," if only for a five minutes' chat.

MUCKLE BROTHERS.

General Merchandise and Manufacturers of Lumber.

There is no more important or available and widely distributed element of wealth in the northwest than the lumber interests. The great resources in this line, in their importance and value cannot be readily over-estimated, and the business of Muckle Brothers mill has been a very important factor in holding up the prosperity of our handsome little city. These gentlemen, who more than any other men, have been instrumental in holding the trade of St. Helens up, not only through the influence and agency of their mill and extensive general merchandise establishment, but by their personal and persistent efforts to promote, foster and encourage everything conducive to the well-being of the place. The mill is fully equipped with the very latest and most improved machinery, its capacity being 30,000 feet per day. The yards are large and commodious and well adapted for the convenient piling and handling of lumber in all its manifold forms and liberal discounts are made on all cash orders for either dressed or rough lumber. Apart from this worthy enterprise, comes their large general merchandise establishment. In the latter everything that can possibly be requested in the shape of dry goods, clothing, staple and fancy groceries, boots and shoes, hardware, queensware, glassware, household fixtures and furnishings are kept in stock and sold at lowest prices. The policy of this favorite establishment has been of the most progressive and honorable character and Messrs. Muckle Brothers are highly esteemed in trade circles for their strict integrity, indomitable perseverance and progressiveness.

W. H. DOLMAN.

The Old Reliable St. Helens General Merchandise Store.

In presenting for the consideration of our readers, both at home and abroad, an historical and descriptive review of various resources and commercial enterprises of Columbia county and St. Helens as her trade center, it is necessary and important to select representative institutions and establishments, and consider more particularly those whose success has made them conspicuous and gained for the proprietors prominence in the mercantile history of the county. With regard to such a well known house as that of Mr. W. H. Dolman, but little can be said that is not already known of its importance as a mercantile institution, and a detailed description is therefore unnecessary beyond giving the plain facts connected with the old reliable St. Helens store, the pioneer and largest establishment of the kind in Columbia county. The immense stock comprises a large stock of staple and fancy dry goods, clothing, gents' and ladies' furnishings, hats, caps, boots and shoes, hardware, granite and tinware, powder, shot, etc. This excellent line of both staple and fancy groceries, comprises the finest teas and coffees, pure aromatic spices, condiments, hermetically sealed goods in tin and glass, table delicacies, creamery butter and cheese, fresh eggs, garden and orchard productions, country produce, hay, grain, flour and feed; also crockery, queensware and glassware of the most exquisite designs. The facilities for doing business and the superior qualifications for its management are unsurpassed by any other house north of Portland, while Mr. Dolman's rare experience and business sagacity cannot be excelled.

G. C. JAQUIN.

Center in Wines, Liquors and Cigars, Reuben, Oregon.

The gentleman whose name appears above is well known to our people and as a straightforward business man has no superior. His place of business is regarded as first class in every particular, and, too, he enjoys a good amount of trade, both resident and transient. He keeps nothing but the very best brands of California wines, Kentucky whiskeys, Weinhard's (Portland) beer, and all the best and latest brands of domestic and Key West cigars. In addition to the bar, those who are fond of this kind of sport, may engage in a game of cards, pool or billiards, as his card and billiard rooms are supplied with the best and latest improved appliances in this line, and are spacious and comfortable, so that he is able to supply every comfort to his numerous patrons. His barkeeper, Mr. Enoch Meeker, may always be relied upon to extend every courtesy to their customers, and in his line has few equals, being always ready and willing to attend to your wants in a very clever manner. Anything further that we might add in connection with this house would only be to repeat what is already well known to our readers.

NEWTON FERRY.

Dealer in General Merchandise, Hardware, Etc., Houlton, Or.

In a careful delineation of the various business enterprises and industries of this section of the county in connection with a historical sketch of the vast resources of Columbia county, The Mist takes great pride in calling the public's attention to the enterprising gentleman whose name appears above this article. In his neat and attractive store may be found an extensive stock of choice, staple and fancy groceries, canned luxuries, hermetically sealed foods in tin and glass, imported teas and coffees, lard, hams, bacon, table delicacies, smoker's supplies, the best brands of tobacco, foreign and domestic cigars, ranch eggs, choice creamery butter, cheese and country produce. His establishment is also stocked to repletion with a superior line of heavy and light footwear, clothing, gents' furnishings, rubber goods, notions, etc., including a full line of heavy and shell hardware, mechanics and builders' tools, tinware, agateware, cutlery and house furnishing goods in general. Mr. Ferry is also the efficient postmaster and the office is presided over in a masterly manner, and all mail is delivered with promptness and dispatch. He is a young gentleman of unimpeachable integrity, perseverance and go-ahead-activeness, and has the growth and advancement of the young town right in which his store is located at heart.

MOORESVILLE, OR.

An Immense Manufacturing Establishment.

Giving Employment to From 150 to 200 Men at Good Wages All the Year Round.

Mooreville is located about three miles northwest of Goble, in the interior, and is a surprising scene of business activity at this season of the year. Here the newcomer or the tourist may witness an industry that does credit to the corporation, and Columbia county as well. On a recent visit, Mr. H. B. Borthwick, the president and general manager, took particular pains to show the writer through the entire establishment while in operation, from the blasting open of the large logs in the mill pond to the last factory. This mill has a cutting capacity of over 50,000 feet of lumber daily, aside from the manufacture of lath, and is situated in a splendid belt of the very finest fir and cedar timber. The mill is the best arranged, so far as we have been informed, of any in the county, in fact so far as the arrangement of the machinery is concerned it is not excelled in the state.

About three years ago this company was organized with Mr. H. B. Borthwick as president; C. W. Knowles, vice president; D. J. Moore, secretary; R. L. Durham, treasurer; and George H. Durham as the company's attorney. The first named gentleman is the general manager, and is a business man from the word go.

The mill being located on Goble creek, which affords an ample supply of water they have built a dam for the purpose of holding their timber after being put into the water. The floor of the mill is about four or five feet above the surface of the pond, making it very convenient to haul the logs in. Their power consists of one engine 14x20 inches, which supplies ample power for the entire machinery, main saws, pony and lat, mill, slab and sawdust carriers. That they have sufficient power and understand their business is evidenced by the fact that while the writer and Mr. Borthwick timed the sawyer he cut up a log which made 1250 feet of lumber in 7 1/2 minutes. The lumber is run out of the mill on rollers and dumped into a large flume which carries it away to the Columbia river three miles distant at the rate of about eight miles an hour, landing it on a wharf at Goble, where it is loaded on scows, owned by the company and towed with their own tow boat to the various markets. Besides the lumber flume they operate a flume for single bolts, barrel staves, and cordwood, both having an abundant supply of water the year round.

In all departments there are employed from 150 to 200 men all the year and the lowest wages received is \$35 per month and board. For those who have families they have provided a large number of neat and cozy cottages. In connection with the mill they carry on a large merchandise business, having always on hand the newest and very best of everything. The coming spring and summer the company propose building a railroad from the mill into a large belt of timber that cannot be worked from the creek and will commence work on the same very soon. The lumber which they are cutting most are railroad ties on a large contract.

In conclusion we will say that at this establishment everything runs like clockwork, a large mess house for the single men to board in, store to supply them in that line and for their teams they have good warm barns to shelter them. The whole plant is so connected and neat in appearance as to be a pleasure to anyone to visit it. For Columbia county, that particular part, at least, this factory is a blessing, paying out many thousands of dollars yearly in wages and in many other ways assisting the growth of the county.

GOBLE, OREGON.

The Future Railroad Center on the Columbia River.

Is located on the Columbia river twelve miles north of St. Helens and is near the center of the county along the river front, with a good channel for vessels of any draught to land, and wharves, warehouses, wood docks, etc. Immediately back of and adjacent to Goble is a vast amount of good agricultural land largely taken up and improved by a thrifty class of people. The principal future source of revenue for this town is lumber, cordwood, shingles, staves, while in no small degree fruit raising is carried on in the improved lands.

At Goble the Northern Pacific railroad crosses the Columbia river. The cars are transferred on a large ferry boat, said to be the second largest in the world. She has three tracks and takes a large train and two locomotives across at one time. Goble is also the junction of the proposed Astoria railroad with the Northern Pacific. This road is well under way, having already completed and under operation several miles of road out of Astoria and the right-of-way secured for most of the remainder, a distance of about fifty-six miles. The road will without doubt be completed within the year 1892 or early in 1893. Mr. George Foster, proprietor of the townsite is offering every inducement to capital and encouraging manufacturing enterprises. A ship can be loaded here and not require lighterage to Astoria. The ship channel runs within a few feet of the shore at this point and has splendid banks. From a commercial point of view at the present time Goble has no superior on the Columbia river. There is no serious obstructions to navigation between Goble and the sea; it is just about midway between Portland and Astoria, where all steamers plying on the river stop, and where rail communication is uninterrupted in any direction. Parties desiring information regarding Goble should communicate with the owner, Mr. G. S. Foster, on the premises, or it will pay you to visit this place and make thorough investigation for yourself.