

COVE IS HOME OF PRIZE CHERRIES OF THE ENTIRE WEST

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Cove, the most picturesque and beautiful spot in Union county, is rich in its scenic beauty and wealth of cherry orchards. It is the home of the prize cherries of the entire west.

It is in any wonder the early pioneers "found out the land" and made it their permanent home? As far back as 1861 they came, they saw, they were captivated by its wonderful beauty and its rich possibilities to make homes in a land which resulted to them with milk and honey. Later they conquered the wilderness and made it blossom as the rose. It is true that a number of the very first settlers still live here.

Population 400

Cove has a population of 400, with a thickly populated section adjoining the city limits. Cove has the best water to be found anywhere. Almost every home for miles around has its own water system, piped from springs of pure, cold mountain water.

We challenge any town and community of equal size to show up more mileage of gravelled streets and roads than Cove has. The Cove-La Grande highway connects with the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway, and we have a market road to Union. A market road to Hubler is under construction.

Many Clear Days

The rainfall for 1925 was 26.25 inches, with 135 clear days, 56 partly cloudy and 32 cloudy days, and a total of 24 inches of snowfall for the year. The altitude of Cove is 2,500 while Mt. Pantry looks over us at an altitude of 7,000.

Cove has a standard four-year

high school with four teachers, and the grade school also has four teachers. The Cove high school orchestra, from 12 to 25 pieces, has won a place for itself throughout the county.

Churches represented are the Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist, Mormon and Adventist. The first three named have resident ministers. Each denomination has a flourishing Sunday school.

The fraternal orders are the Masons, Odd Fellows, Woodmen, Rebekahs, Eastern Star, Royal Neighbors and the Grange. There are three lodge halls.

Business Places

Cove has one garage, one feed and hardware combined, one grocery, one general store, one meat shop and grocery combined. The drug store carries a full line of confectionery, while the postoffice has a steady post. Cove also has one barber shop, one pool hall, one moving picture theater, and one amusement hall. Industries include the sawmill, a few miles east of Cove, the planer in town, operated by Cove businessmen, a flour mill and two packing houses.

Surrounding Cove, among the foothills, is the fruit section, where the famous cherries grow. Cherries that are unequalled anywhere in the Pacific Northwest, or in the United States for that matter. Attaching to this fact are the many gold medals won by the Cove cherry growers at all of the world's fairs held in this country since the Buffalo, N. Y. exposition in 1893. Peaches are unexcelled in sugar content. Berries of all kinds do exceedingly well here.

Irrigation

The Caldwell irrigating ditch supplies an abundance of irrigating water for the patrons on its route. Cove has a privately owned

HOME OF MRS. BELLE WRIGHT OF UNION, OREGON



This large old-fashioned brick house, is the home of Mrs. Belle Wright living at Union. The vine-covered fence covers or hides from view the immense lawn with its gorgeous beds of flowers.

ed Water system.

Grain crops are excellent this year, some wheat fields yielding 40 bushels per acre while barley is reported at 34 and oats at 36.

The dairy industry is a flourishing business for many who keep either large or small herds. Hay yields well and is all used in home consumption.

Poultry is another thriving industry which is on the increase. Cove has a number of very active clubs. The various boys and girls clubs are a leading factor at Cove. The stock club especially has brought for only state-wide not nation-wide recognition, for Cove is the home of Miss Virginia A. Daniel, the national champion Holstein calf club girl.

Many Clubs

The boys and girls work is represented by the Jersey calf club, the Holstein calf club, the baby beef club, the pig club, garden club, poultry club, sewing club and homemaker club. Their work receives recognition wherever exhibited.

The vegetable club has a reputation for putting out garden supplies of excellent quality, which demand a ready sale.

The Boy Scouts with 15 members are very active at Cove, having just recently won the silk flag presented by Dr. W. T. Phy, of Hot Lake, for excelling in scout work in the Eastern Oregon Tri-county contest. The Camp Fire girls, with a membership of nine, is doing excellent work.

Women's Club

The Woman's Improvement club with 25 members has had its influence at Cove. The greatest achievement has been the founding of the library. Although burned out twice, with renewed courage the library was rebuilt and the town now has a very substantial library building and several thousand volumes. This has been accomplished through the help of the entire community. There is also a junior club, working along the same lines and in connection with the W. I. C.

Here we have the beautiful Assumption grove, one of the best known beauty spots in Union county. It is the picnic ground and the camping ground for hundreds of people each year. It is owned by the Episcopal church and through the church's generosity the grove is open to all. The annual summer school in the grove had an enrollment of 100 in June. This brings people from all parts of the state.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool draws thousands every summer, from all Eastern Oregon. This is a bathing at warm springs, the ideal place for a plunge and an hour of recreation.

Cove is the gateway to the Salmon, both big and little, the best fishing and camping grounds, where the big speckled beauties are lying in wait for the angler's hook and line. The gateway to the mountains beyond, up and over up until Eagle Cap is sealed, at an elevation of almost 10,000 feet, is also Cove.

Home of Late Governor

Cove in its early day was the home of ex-Governor T. T. Geer. He lived here in his early manhood and was well known by many of the old-timers. His many numerous trips back home to Cove to visit old friends.

Joshua Wright was one of the early settlers in Cove and lived here a number of years.

Dr. W. T. Phy also calls Cove his home, for he lived here as a boy and went to school at Cove. Joshua Miller, the poet of the Shastas, was well known here by many of the old settlers. He was at Cove some years ago and recited a number of his poems at a Fourth of July celebration.

There is no Cove real estate for sale. We have no fall. Cove is so snugly nestled at the foot of the mountains that Cove and its friendly people extend a welcome to you.

SUMMERVILLE IS PROSPEROUS TOWN

Center of Large, Rich Agricultural Area—Big Alfalfa Acreage

Summersville, one of the oldest towns in Union county—founded in the early 60s, located in the north central part of the county, is a picturesque little village, located at the edge of the foothills at the foot of Mt. Emily. Many of its older buildings, which were erected by the early pioneers of the Grande Ronde valley, are still standing, but most of them are now vacant and have been for several years.

At one time Summersville was a flourishing little town with a population of nearly 1,000 persons, but that was in the days before good roads, when the people living in that section depended upon the town for provisions, the other towns of the county being many miles away at that time. That was in the year 1885, but since then times have changed considerably. Good roads have been built and the people of that section no longer have to depend upon Summersville, but are able to travel within a short time to La Grande.

Excellent Farming

Although Summersville is not the flourishing city it was several years ago there are many attractive homes there and in the surrounding country, where fertile farms are located.

Dairying is one of the chief occupations of that section of the valley, the dairy herds there, as over all the valley, having been increased to some extent in recent years. In addition to this several of the farmers living in that section have small farm flocks of sheep. Alfalfa acreage has also been

PROSPEROUS NORTH POWDER



The above cut represents one of the business streets of North Powder, although it is not the highway. The view shows the cross street, running north and south taken from the north end of the city. The post office is on the right hand side of the street, with the corner drug store in the two story cement block building.

increased in that section during the last few years, most of the hay being used for feed for the cattle and sheep.

Summersville is an incorporated city and William Christie is mayor. Other officials are: Abe McKendrick, Charles Oswald, treasurer; Ed Coombs, Johnny Melton, Holly Horn and Jap Ruppert, councilmen.

Many Lodges

There is a very thriving Independent Order of Odd Fellows known as Farmers Lodge No. 45, having about 40 members. The noble grand is Jess Berry and J. J. Waggoner is secretary. The lodge owns its hall and meets bi-monthly. Affiliated with it is the Rebekah lodge, with Mrs. J. J. Waggoner as noble grand and Ruth Little, secretary.

The Masonic lodge, one of the oldest and largest in the county, is known as Hiram Lodge No. 87, A. F. & A. M. Its jurisdiction extends over a large part of the northern section of the county. Dick Osborn, of Elgin, is worshipful master and H. M. Oliver is secretary.

Most of the Summersville people also belong to the Pleasant Grove grange. John Lewis is the master.

SCHOOL VACATIONS BRING RUSH OF AIR TRAFFIC

BERLIN (AP)—More than 2,000 airplanes started from or landed at the Tempelhof flying field in June. They carried 5,354 passengers and more than 87 tons of baggage and freight, besides tons of newspapers. More than 45,000 persons visited the airport during the month.

School vacations began July 1st. On that day and the two following almost every plane in the Luft Hansa's air fleet was sold out. Traffic was especially heavy on the lines to the seacoast and the spots. This service has been extended so that a great number of resorts on the North Sea and on the Baltic can now be reached direct by air. Also many resorts in the Rhine, Moselle, the Harz, Thuringia and in the Black Forest.

Capital of the Lower Grande Ronde

ELGIN

The center of a rich section of the lower valley that promises intense horticultural development in the future, Elgin is a wide-awake community proud of its fertile lands, of its active industries, of its business and educational facilities that make it a charming home city.

Elgin lumber specialties, Elgin flour, Elgin wheat, and Elgin fruit are shipped to the markets of the world. Some of the largest individual apple orchards in the state of Oregon are in the immediate vicinity of Elgin and the opportunity for the development of foothill land for apple growing is the most unusual offered by any community in the Northwest.

Aside from its industries, its grain and fruit crops, its fine livestock, Elgin is a community of homes that serves as a trading center for a fertile and big surrounding territory. Pure water from mountain springs supply the city. A large and well equipped opera house serves as a community center. Well directed and splendidly outfitted schools take care of educational requirements.

The city itself is located 24 miles from La Grande on the Grande Ronde river and the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway. Its scenic advantages could not be excelled and the sportsman finds a paradise in the sparkling streams and stretches of virgin timber of the Blue mountains that rise from this end of the valley. It invites the vacationist, the settler, the investor.

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A Community of Homes---of Prospering Farms