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TODAY'S WEATHER PREDICTION.

Cool, possible light frost tonight. Wednesday, fair and warm.
 A rare and salubrious climate—soil of remarkable fertility—
 beautiful scenery—mountains studded with coal, copper and gold—
 extensive forests—streams stocked with speckled beauties—game in
 abundance—a contented, progressive people—such is the Rogue
 River Valley.
 Average mean temperature.....55 degrees
 Average yearly precipitation.....21 inches

THE COLONIST MOVEMENT.

The colonist rates in effect during March and April brought 711,141 homeseekers into the west and northwest. Of these 51,206 came over the Hill lines and 19,935 over the Harriman lines. The increase over the Hill lines over a year ago is 50 per cent and the increase over the Harriman lines 100 per cent.

To Oregon points there came over the Oregon Railroad & Navigation and Southern Pacific lines 5433 colonists as against 3163 a year ago. Of course this does not include those coming to Oregon points through the Hill gateways, probably as many more. For northwest points the Harriman lines carried 12,000 people as against 6853 a year ago.

Advertising is held responsible for the increased immigration, and the results from this advertising campaign are just beginning to be felt. A still greater influx of homeseekers is looked for this autumn. Concerning the colonist movement, E. O. McCormick, assistant traffic director of the Harriman lines, says:

"The farmers are beginning to believe the stories of great agricultural and fruit yields in the west and northwest which were at first but a fairy tale to them. Then, too, the vast numbers of farmers who have been settled on homes during the past few years are writing letters back east all the time urging their relatives and friends to come and share in the golden returns of intelligent effort in the country west of the Rockies. All of these things have their effect and you may expect to see the rush of homebuilders continue from now on until the great domain of which I speak has a fair quota of population."

And if this is true of the farmer, how much truer it is of the eastern fruit grower, who wears his life away producing one crop of inferior fruit by three years of constant effort when a quarter of the effort insures him certain profits in such a natural fruit section as the Rogue River valley?

THE ERA OF "FREE LAND" OVER.

The original thirteen states bulk rather small on the map of the United States. As respects population, notwithstanding the enormous growth of the country since the revolution, the adding of state after state to the original United Colonies, and star after star to the American flag, the old thirteen still number about one-third of the entire 80,000,000 people of the Union, says the New York World.

Another third, according to the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor, live in the states created from the territory ceded to the common Union by the original states. This is the region known for half a century as the west, which has always been a relative term according to the period in which it was used. The other third of the population live in what were originally known as the Louisiana Purchase, the Gadsden Purchase and other areas added by purchase or annexation. The center of population, following the star of empire westward, has passed over Ohio and now halts in southern Indiana.

It is interesting to learn from the statistics furnished by the bureau that in 1908 there were still 754,895,000 acres of unappropriated and unreserved land. Of this nearly one-half is in Alaska, and its value is yet to be determined. In Nevada there are 61,177,000 acres of this unappropriated land. In Montana 46,532,000 acres, in New Mexico 44,

But these figures are more imposing on paper than the land will justify as the possible home of a large population. By irrigation many thousands of these acres, now practically a desert, will yet be made fertile; by drying up or draining the immense swamp areas in some of the older states another large area will be eventually made available. The day of "free land," however, in the golden west, a cry once so attractive to the immigrant or to the settler from the older states, has practically passed. Much of the land yet unappropriated may be free enough, but it will require wealth to make it productive.

The United States, as far as regards the opportunities it offers the landless, is at the close of its first great era. The eras to come may be better in some respects, but they will be different. There are no more boundless areas of fertile, well watered soil awaiting the settler. The day of free land is over.

IF WOMEN ONLY KNEW

What a Heap of Happiness It Would Bring to Medford Homes.

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