

JACKSON COUNTY
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(West Shore)

(The West Shore, a monthly magazine, published in Portland, in August 1883, and went to the newspapers' burial ground a few years later, published several pages devoted to the interests of the Rogue River Valley. We will not publish the entire article, because space will not permit.—Loan-ed by T. L. DeVore.)

*** In its climate this delightful region possesses the combined advantages of the various other sections of Oregon without the accompanying drawbacks. It enjoys the warmth of summer and the frosts of winter known in Eastern Oregon without the extremes there experienced. With a rainfall ample enough for all the purposes of agriculture, it escapes the continual rains of the Willamette valley in winter, and receives but occasional refreshing showers in summer, the annual rainfall varying from twenty to forty inches and averaging about twenty-five.

*** To the eastern man especially, who desires in summer a warm climate without the excessive heat of his native state, and in winter a clear bracing atmosphere unaccompanied by extreme cold and exemption from continuous snow or rain, Rogue River Valley presents attractions peculiarly inviting. It is beyond question the Paradise of Oregon.

*** It is because of its superior fruit that we refer to Rogue river valley as the Italy of Oregon. It is a well known fact that the finest flavored grapes of California are produced on the sunny slopes of the foothills, and the conditions there found exist in the foothill region of Jackson county. The vines produce large clusters, and the grapes have a most excellent flavor being very juicy and making a superior quality of wine. The slight touch of frost in winter, though too mild to injure the vines or trees, gives a flavor to the fruit that is lacking in that of the warmer regions of California. The bottom land are especially adapted to fruit culture, and it is that class of soil that has been utilized the most by fruit growers. In addition to grapes and peaches, apricots, pears, plums, apples, cherries and the small fruits produce luxuriantly, and are of excellent quality, especially the apples, which have no superior anywhere. Hitherto the foothills have been used chiefly as a grazing ground for sheep, but that the flocks will seek "pastures new" and the land be planted extensively in vineyards and orchards is certain. On the whole the fruit interest of Rogue river valley consists more in the possibilities of the future than in what has already been accomplished.

*** It is a great pity that the farmers of that region have not prepared themselves for the market now being opened by planting extensive orchards, but it is by no means too late, though the golden harvest must be delayed. The men who set out at once large orchards and vineyards and get them into bearing condition, will be the first to reap their reward. The market is large, growing and permanent.

Farms and ranches of all kinds may be purchased in Jackson county at prices which are extremely moderate when the advantages are considered. Good improved farming land can be bought from twenty to fifty dollars per acre, though a few choice places would command a higher price. Other lands, not so well improved but just as fertile, and in some cases more desirable for fruit and grape culture, can be had as low as five dollars per acre. These prices depend upon the amount of improvements, location, character of soil, water facilities, etc. Two farms, two miles apart and containing a total of 400 acres, were recently sold for \$8,000, or \$20 per acre. Another of 300 acres brought \$7,000, or \$23 per acre. These are choice places, wholly arable land with good buildings and modern farm improvements.

**** The assessment roll of 1882 shows a total valuation of \$2,464,832 in Jackson county, which is about fifty per cent. of the actual cash value of assessable property. This was divided as follows: Value of improved lands, \$658,985; unimproved lands \$144,531; town lots, \$62,982; improvements, \$264,509; merchandise and implements, \$396,435; money, notes and accounts, \$594,287; household furniture, etc., \$68,735; horses and mules, \$149,005; cattle, \$72,335; sheep, \$31,361; swine, \$21,677. These figures will be increased

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ed at least 25 per cent by the assessment of the present year. According to the census of 1830 the population was 8,116.

JACKSONVILLE

*** The county seat is Jacksonville, once the liveliest mining camp of this region and still the most important trade center. The conditions of its existence have gradually changed from that of a rudely constructed and transient mining camp to that of a thriving trade center for a large expanse of mining and agricultural country. Its business is firmly established, its business buildings large and substantial, and its private residences neat and often elegant. It has always held the position of the leading town of Southern Oregon, which its enterprising business men are determined to maintain. It has a population approximating 1,200 and is beautifully situated on the banks of Jackson creek a tributary of Rogue river, in a western arm of the valley. Its taxable property amounts to about \$500,000 and is increasing year by year. The advent into this region of many new families to engage in agriculture and fruit raising, which is certain to follow the railroad, will facilitate the growth of Jacksonville and increase its business, and the citizens very properly anticipate a large advance in its population, trade and the value of real estate. Several classes of manufactures could be conducted here profitably, and their founding is only a matter of time. The most prominent buildings of the city, aside from the long rows of substantial brick business blocks, are the Masonic temple, Orth block, United States Hotel, the Presbyterian church and the court house, now in process of erection. The last named structure will be of brick on a solid stone foundation, and will cost about \$50,000. It will be very ornamental in its architecture, two stories high, and surmounted by a belfry. The Presbyterian church is one of the most handsome edifices of the kind in Oregon. The Methodist and Catholic denominations also have neat church buildings.

ASHLAND

*** The second town of Jackson county is Ashland, situated on the line of the railroad now being constructed, and in the southern end of the valley at the base of Siskiyou mountain. It has a population of about 1,000, and is rapidly increasing in size and importance. In the beauty of its location and the character of its residences, public buildings and business blocks, it is the equal of any town of its size in Oregon. In addition to its excellent public school, college and woolen mills, which have already been mentioned, it has a fine flouring mill, a saw mill and planing mill doing a good business. Another flouring mill is situated a short distance from town. Ashland is a thriving place, and its position as the most southerly railroad town in Oregon and the nearest station to the Lost river and Goose lake regions, assures it a large increase in business and population.

CRATER LAKE

*** The greatest curiosity of this region and one of the greatest of the whole northwest, is Crater lake, in the very summit of the Cascades, seventy-five miles northeast of Jacksonville. Its remoteness from the usual routes of travel has kept it in comparative seclusion; but more are attracted hither yearly, and it will, in the future, be one of the regular objects visited by tourists in this region. It has been variously known as Blue lake, Deep lake and Lake Majesty, but the more appropriate title it now bears will no doubt remain with it forever. In approaching, the visitor suddenly finds himself upon the edge of a tremendous precipice and looking across a wide stretch of water that lies far beneath. The shores vary 1,500 to 3,000 feet in height. To be critical, there is no shore, for only at one point can a surefooted person descend the cliff to the lake level, and when there the presence of a few boulders and some fallen debris is all that indicates a shore. The waters are wide, deep and silent. It is seldom that a breeze disturbs them, but at moments a wierd breath moves softly along and breaks the calm surface into ripples. Looking across from the surrounding wall the sky is seen so perfectly reflected in the water that were it not for the rocky margin of the lake it would be impossible to discern the line of division. The circumference is more than twenty miles, and the altitude of its surface as great as the summit of the pass over the mountains. On the outside the steep walls shelve off into mountain ridges, wooded to the top; on the inside they stand almost perpendicular, looking down forever on the captive sea.

In early years, before the wide scope of country to the east was covered up with lava and ashes, there must have stood here one of the grandest mountains of the world. How great this immense volcano must have been can be imagined when it is realized that these walls that now stand from 7,500 to 9,000 feet high, are only the shell of the mountain as it once existed. With a base twenty miles in circumference, at a height of 7,000 feet, what must

have been the altitude of the cone that was reared above it? Besides it Hood, Shasta and Tacoma would hide their diminished heads.

*** The Indians view Crater lake and its surroundings as holy ground, and approach it reverence and awe. It is one of the earthly spots made sacred by the presence of the Great Spirit, and the ancient tribal traditions relate many mysterious incidents in connection with it. In the past none but medicine men visited it, and when one of the tribe felt called upon to become a teacher and healer, he spent several weeks on the shore of the lake in fasting, in communion with the dead, and in prayer to the Shahullah Tyece. Here they saw visions and dreamed dreams, and when they came down from the mountain, like Moses from Sinai, they were looked up to with reverence as having communed with the Great Spirit and seen the unknown world."

FAIR NOTES

Seattle, Washington, April 9.—Japan's participation in the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition will provide the world with such a show as it has not seen at any other international fair. For the big event which opens June 1, Nippon has expended more money and brought together a more comprehensive exhibit of its people, resources, products and other components of its greatness, than ever in its history.

T. Takesava, Imperial Commissioner to the Exposition, arrived in Seattle a fortnight ago to take personal charge of the construction of the Japanese building and the subsequent installation of the long list of exhibits. He was accompanied by K. Hayashi, special consular agent, who will be attached to the Seattle Consulate for the special purpose of watching over the interests of the thousands of his fellow countrymen who will come to the United States to view the big exposition.

Japan's building is to be of the architecture of the Sapan of a century ago. Skilled workmen, residents in the northwest, are putting it together and so near is it to completion that it can be taken as a promise of one of the most interesting and beautiful structures on the Exposition grounds.

For the assembling and installation of the exhibits which it is to house, Japan is spending 200,000 yen. Of this sum the government appropriated one half. The other half was provided by the Japanese Exhibition Society, an organization of the leading business men of the Empire. As in case of the United States Government the value of the exhibits to be provided by Japan will run into the millions of yen, the Government having entrusted to its Commissioners its most treasured historical relics and documents. All of the functions of government will be illustrated and a fully equipped Japanese mint, in operation, will be a portion of the showing made by the department of the exchequer.

There will be models of the fighting machines of Japan's great navy and also models of the war junks that were used in the days before the nation awoke to modern obligations. The development of Japanese small arms and heavy ordinance through several centuries will be shown.

Nippon's fisheries and fishing methods are excelled by no country in the world and these will be demonstrated in competition with exhibits to be made along the same line by the United States Government.

Japanese arts and crafts, Japanese theatres, the Japanese tea garden in which Admiral Sperry and his officers were entertained and the same dainty little geishas who entertained them—these and dozens of other romantic and beautiful minor features will be provided.

The Japanese building will be completed by March 15 and the exhibits will be shipped from Yokohama so that they will reach here close to that date.

"One Touch of Nature Makes the Whole World Kin."

When a rooster finds a big fat worm he calls all the hens in the farm yards to come and share it. A similar trait of human nature is to be observed when a man discovers something exceptionally good—he wants all his friends and neighbors to share the benefits of his discovery. This is the touch of nature that makes the whole world kin. This explains why people who have been cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy write letters to the manufacturers for publication, that others similarly ailing may also use it and obtain relief. Behind every one of these letters is a warm hearted wish of the writer to be of use to someone else. This remedy is for sale by City Drug Store.

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