

gon possesses over California is the lower rate of taxation. The only drawback to Oregon is the wet weather in winter, but this is compensated for by the certainty of crops and the loveliness of the country in spring and summer.

INFORMATION FOR IMMIGRANTS.

Clarke county is in Washington Territory, on the north side of the Columbia river, about 75 miles from the sea coast, and separated from Multnomah county, Oregon, by the Columbia river. It has an area of about 670 square miles. Scattered over this surface there is a population of 7000 people; their chief occupation being agriculture. This county, like the balance of Western Washington, is a timbered country; yet there is here some land that is naturally devoid of timber, but all of this is occupied. There is a quantity of unoccupied government land in this county, all of which is more or less timbered. Some of it is comparatively easy to clear, but a large part of it is covered with heavy green timber. This land lies chiefly on the eastern and northeastern borders of the county, and is, of course, more remote from schools and market than are the settled sections. The surface of the country in the central and western portions is level; rolling in the northern part; and hilly and mountainous on the eastern border. The soil everywhere is good, the upland being a clay loam, along the river bottom a black sandy loam; in the alder swale lands a heavy black soil and as rich as the richest. The soil of the land is good where grows the heaviest timber. The soil of the upland prairies is gravelly and regarded as second quality, but even here good crops are generally harvested, and the farmers are nearly all well-to-do men. The soil is adapted to grow any product known to the north temperate zone. The cereals all do well. Vegetables, as well as any other place in the world, and fruit the same, apples, pears, plums, prunes, cherries, &c. All kinds of small fruits grow and ripen in perfection. The unoccupied timber lands and foot-hills afford excellent range for stock, and as the winters are mild all kinds of stock do well. A good milch cow can be bought for \$25; an average work-horse for \$75, and other stock in proportion. Farm laborers get \$1.00 per day and board. Wheat is worth \$1.00 per

bushel now, has averaged much less than \$1.00 per bushel heretofore, but is likely to be worth fully that much hereafter. Potatoes are worth 50 cts. per bushel and other vegetables in proportion. Fruits are all cheap, but when dried for market bring good prices. This is a good country for an industrious man. The necessaries of life are comparatively easy to get. The climate is mild, and in consequence of the great quantities of timber, the rain fall is abundant. Some winters have freezing spells, lasting all the way from one to six weeks; though a six weeks' freeze-up is of rare occurrence. Sometimes the winter will pass with no frigidity in the air, save a few frosts, and flowers will bloom in the gardens all winter long. The climate is salubrious, though the humidity of the winter is generally thought to be bad for persons afflicted with throat and lung difficulties.

The county has numerous public schools, and, as usual, in a new country, most of them are of the lower grade. The people now here are deeply interested in the cause of education, and the schools are improving every year.

The timber of this county is mostly yellow fir, and is good for lumbering, ship-building and various other manufacturing purposes. There is some very fine cedar, some little oak, considerable ash and various other varieties of small timber.

The county is bounded on the south and west by the Columbia river, which affords means of transportation to market by steamboat. It is 13 miles, by the way of the Columbia and Willamette rivers, from the southwest corner of the county to Portland, the metropolis of Oregon.

That portion of the county lying next to the river is subject to annual overflow. It is excellent grass land well adapted for dairying purposes.

Farms partially improved can be bought for \$5.00 to \$20.00 per acre, according to location.

There is a U. S. Land Office located at Vancouver, the county seat, where parties can avail themselves of homestead and pre-emption privileges.

Vancouver, the county seat, is a town of 800 inhabitants, beautifully located on the Columbia river, and one of

the most pleasant places to live, in the Territory.

This county needs honest, industrious men. If they can bring capital with them, all the better; here are chances for profitable investments. Money loans readily for 1 per cent per month. The poor man will find this as easy a country in which to make a living for himself and family the first year, as any in the United States; but he must be frugal and willing to work, and leave behind him all expensive habits, if he has any.

Lumbering has been, and is generally, a good business in which to employ capital. The Columbia affords good salmon fishing. Manufacturing is in its infancy, but the natural facilities therefor are here in abundance. Mechanics command from \$2.50 to \$4.00 per day. Professional men have but little to do in this locality. Dry goods, groceries and every thing else usually kept in a country store, can be bought at very nearly, if not quite, as low prices as in the Eastern States.

In conclusion, a general invitation is extended to all those people in the East who want to find a new country, with room and opportunity to work, to go to Clarke county, W. T.

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