

land in Goose Lake and adjacent valleys as fine as the world can produce, that can be obtained for the government price of \$1.25 per acre.

Capt. L. Coffin, register of The Dalles land office, writes:

We have made the following entries from January 1, 1881, to January 1, 1882, to-wit:

	Acres.
287 Pre-emption filings, embracing	45,920
113 Cash entries, "	18,080
56 Final Homesteads, "	8,960
167 Homestead applications, "	26,720
151 Timber Culture entries, "	24,160
2 Timber Land, "	320

Total acres, 134,160

There is about 800,000 acres now subject to entry in Wasco county, one-half of which is wheat producing land, the balance is timber and grass land. The county is fast settling up and the business of the land office, we anticipate, will double this year. The farmers are now satisfied that the hills and mountain slopes will produce even as well if not better than the low bottom lands. The winter thus far has been very mild, and the stock are in fine condition, having fattened upon the bunch grass without any other feeding, and our butcher shops make a fine showing, equal to Fulton Market stall-fed cattle.

H. W. Dwight, register of the land office at LaGrande, says:

I give you the result of business in this office for 1881, in round numbers:

	Acres.
237 Homestead entries, embracing	37,000
173 Timber Culture, "	26,500
74 Final Homesteads, "	11,000
159 Cash entries, "	18,000
22 Desert Land, "	5,500
1 " Final, "	640
512 Declaratory Statements filed, "	80,000
Estimated area of district,	64,000,000
" " agricultural land,	21,000,000
" " timbered land,	21,000,000
" " unsettled agricult'l	10,000,000

Quality of agricultural from land good to first-class, a large portion designated timbered is good, though not first-class. Our markets are the mines of Baker and Grant counties, and Idaho Territory. In ordinary seasons we produce nothing that will bear transportation to Portland except wool and hides. Grand Ronde Valley is a garden spot, sometimes a little breezy, to be sure, but so extremely healthy that the doctors would certainly starve out if they hadn't the knack of holding their breath when they do get a chance to make a charge.

Fred. W. Sparling, register at Vancouver, W. T., land office, says:

The following business was transacted at this office during the year 1881:

	Acres.
Original homestead entries,	30,983
Final " "	9,873
Timber culture entries	2,961
Cash entries,	2,430

There remain yet in this land district about 400,000 acres vacant lands subject to homestead, timber-culture and pre-emption entries. As the lands in this district are comprised of the counties bordering on the north bank of the Columbia river, extending from its mouth eastward to a point forty miles above The Dalles, Oregon, the settlers have unusual facilities for getting their produce to market. Much of the produce raised west of the Cascade range of mountains finds its way to Portland, where fair prices prevail.

The prairie lands of this district are mostly situated in Klickitat county, and many fine farms have been established there.

The timbered lands are found west of the Cascade range, and embrace fir, cedar, oak, hemlock, vine maple, ash, pine, etc., among its varieties.

The soil is generally good and well watered, several large streams being tributaries to the Columbia, and furnish many good mill sites for manufacturing purposes. The surface of the land is generally rolling, which admits of good drainage.

There is also considerable wild game among the timber at the foot of the mountains and along the water courses, as well as an abundance of fish in the streams.

The climate is mild and agreeable throughout the year, and this country only awaits the sturdy farmer, the mechanic and the merchant to make it one of the finest sections on the coast.

The vacant lands are being taken up rapidly, and the country is becoming more densely populated, but there are many desirable locations yet to be had adjacent to the Columbia river, which will always furnish a good market for timber and produce.

It is expected that the Northern Pacific Railroad Company will soon push its line down the northern bank of the Columbia, which, together with the ample river transportation lines, will give to the people all that can be desired for facilities in getting to market, etc.

The Colfax, W. T., land office, through its register, J. M. Armstrong, Esq., reports the following business for the year:

	Acres.
116 Cash entries, embracing	23,052 92
719 Homestead entries	109,305 71
249 Timber Culture	43,603 48
520 Pre-emption filings	78,000
Total,	253,962 11

J. M. Howe, Esq., register of the Lewiston, Idaho, land district, furnishes the following as the amount of business transacted during 1881:

	Acres.
Located under Pre-emption laws,	16,000
" " Homestead	23,602
" " Timber culture	7,880
Sold " Cash system	28,123
" " Final homestead	4,800

Total, 82,406

Still open for settlement about 600,000 acres, the very best wheat land; markets improving, but depends on transportation facilities, and these are increasing; plenty of water and timber; principal products are wheat, flax, oats, barley and vegetables. This is a splendid stock-raising country; the lands are mostly rolling prairie; the timber lands will be productive when cleared.

M. Kerbs, receiver at the Boise City, Idaho, land office, says:

The number of acres of land filed on under the different laws, in this land district, during 1881, is 150,000 (approximated by computing one month). To ascertain the number of acres yet subject to entry would take at least three months time; but there are millions of acres yet subject to entry.

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