

Payette and Boise rivers of obstructions, will open to the world one of the best timber belts in the country. We are only waiting for the capital and demand for this new enterprise. From the crown of the nameless range, south of Big Salmon river, trending southeast and dividing the tributaries of the Salmon and Snake rivers, however ill defined, the slopes are nearly covered with forests of pine, cedar and fir. From the southwestern slope the logs can be floated down the rivers, sawed into lumber near the railroad, and find a way to more Eastern markets by way of the Oregon Short Line. This system of lumber making is now being carried on to some extent, but supplies the local demand only. With the exception of the open country bordering on Snake river, a portion of the branches, and a minor portion of Clearwater, the territory is nearly all forest, and more than fifty per cent. of this area produces excellent timber. Railroads will find it when demanded.

Stock growing in all its branches has long received special attention. Every year brings

many more strangers, who are investing in cattle, horses, sheep and hogs, and there is room for many more. The range is principally in the southern part, through which the Oregon Short Line passes, providing convenient transportation.

Agriculture does not yet supply the home demand. Many more will soon be engaged in this pursuit. Crops are as sure here, and the husbandman as well rewarded, as anywhere else in the world. Capital is very much needed to construct irrigating ditches, since there are many thousands of acres yet untilled which will some time be made to "blossom as the rose." Wherever fruit growing has been tried in Southern Idaho, the efforts have been crowned with success. Many of the mountain gulches are adorned with thrifty young orchards and gardens, and many more soon will be. The more tender varieties of trees will not do well in the greater altitudes, but the hardier kinds, and every species of berry, produce abundantly, even near the line of perpetual snow.

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