

with the North Umpqua, and some twenty miles north of Roseburg, and it is surrounded by high hills, as are all the towns of that region. The poultry product shipped from this station is greater than from any two others on that line of road, between San Francisco and Portland. The value of the poultry products shipped from Oakland last year exceeded \$15,000.00. Wool, grain and live stock interests are also large. It has efficient public schools, three churches and a grange association, and the volume of business conducted is surprisingly large. Much excellent agricultural territory under cultivation is directly tributary to Oakland and gives it special prominence.

The third incorporated town of Douglas county is Drain, on the railway north of Oakland, and it is a pleasant town of about five hundred inhabitants. Snowden springs, located near here, are well known as a summer resort. A large saw mill, a flouring mill, mining headquarters and the patronage of the surrounding country make it a live business town. An academy, which in 1886 was made a normal school, is located here.

The other towns of Douglas county are Canyonville, Looking Glass, Gardiner, Scottsburg, Elkton, Myrtle Creek, Yoncalla, Wilbur, Riddle and Glendale. Scottsburg is the oldest commercial point in the county, being at the head of tide water navigation and thus most accessible by boat. The county has a population of about fourteen thousand, and the assessor's valuation of property in 1887 was \$4,203,580.00. At Winchester a cantilever bridge is being constructed at a cost of \$45,000.00. A road to Crater lake has

been surveyed and is considered the most feasible of any of the routes that have been undertaken to reach that curious sheet of water. Various enterprises for the improvement of the county are in contemplation, and the good condition of the county finances will enable them to be carried out without being a burden to the tax payers.

Those who are best acquainted with Douglas county are enthusiastic in its praises. They regard it as one of the best fields for a diversified development of any section of the Pacific slope. The numerous valleys and slopes afford the finest locations for agricultural operations, the hills are covered with timber, and the streams furnish an abundance of water power in every portion of the county. The inducements for manufacturing are leading many to invest capital in that branch of the industries of the region. There are extensive supplies of raw materials—wood, wool, grain and minerals—water power is ample, and the markets are easily reached. Salmon fishing on a large scale is conducted at the forks of the Umpqua and is a source of much profit to the people of that locality. The climate is another of the strong points urged in favor of the Umpqua valley, and it is truly delightful. As the tide of immigration spreads over the county, its richness is being developed and it is found to be an empire in itself. Industry is the factor that is needed to improve the natural conditions which exist there. The intelligent application of means at the disposal of the humblest settler can not fail to produce most gratifying results. The field for settlement is an attractive one, and there is almost unlimited room for expansion.

