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OREGON NOTES.

The Big Nestucca valley, in Tillamook county, Oregon, is narrow, in many places, however, leaving room for small farms on either side of the river, while back from the river rise high mountains that afford good grazing land and an abundance of wood for fuel and building purposes. The valley continues in this way to Woods, a village at the head of navigation. Woods is situated near the Big Nestucca bay, and has the advantage of good shipping facilities. Little Nestucca valley is somewhat wider in places and has many good dairy farms. The country is not as broken as in the Big Nestucca, but the soil is similar in many respects. As this country was burned over many years ago and the timber destroyed, the ground in many places is covered with a carpet of fern, but this is easily killed, and when the down timber is burned it affords excellent pasture for cattle, horses and sheep. The Big and Little Nestucca valleys are now chiefly devoted to stock raising and bee culture, and the time is not far distant when many fat cattle will be driven from these valleys to Portland and other large markets. Bee culture is one of the main industries and the honey is not surpassed in any state. The swarms average from fifty to seventy-five pounds per season.

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