

gation on Chehalis river. An appropriation has been asked for the purpose of preparing this river for navigable purposes. A proposition has also been submitted to the board of trade asking permission to put in a pump factory and a general windmill manufactory.

As if to complement the flattering mining interests of Chehalis, nature has bountifully supplied her with inexhaustible beds of coal. Beneath her green-robed hills, soft pillowing the drowsy sunshine of her summer days, reposes the sunlight of lost ages, the impress of whose records lies buried in coal fields of Western Washington, whose black substance but awaits the touch of the match to leap into a blaze again.

People often are lead to predict future growth and prosperity for a city without determining whether that prediction rest upon a logical foundation. It is often an air-castle fancy constructed. There is one thing indispensable to prosperity and development of a city, and that essential thing is labor. The question first and last and always is what are the resources of this place? Is this point to furnish several thousand men steady employment? To these questions Chehalis gives unhesitatingly an affirmative answer. Being the county seat of Lewis county she is made conspicuous by legal prestige. Lewis was one of the first organized counties in Washington. Its navigable streams are the Cowlitz and Chehalis rivers. The former flows through the southern portion of the county and empties into the Columbia. The Northern Pacific follows along the banks of this beautiful river for miles and miles through valleys of green, painted with flowers. The Chehalis river, whose head waters are in the Coast range to the southwest, flows westward into Gray's harbor. This is a beautiful stream, and aside from being utilized for commercial purposes, will in years to come afford a source of pleasure for rowing and fishing. The topography of the country—an undulating valley lying between the Cascade and Coast ranges—is such as is conducive to the good health of its inhabitants.

It is probably well to remark in this connection, and the remark is of general application, that no new country is free from inconveniences such as have always attended the subduing of a new land. But with a mild climate, free from the severity of eastern winters, unmeasured slopes of timber, pure and ever flowing streams of water—surely in such a land there can be few hardships met with comparable to those encountered in the Dakotas or in parts of Illinois during the settlement of those states. But what is desired are people of business, or, at least, those who mean business. What the northwest needs is men

of brains, hearts and pocket-books. Not only do Chehalis's and Lewis county's resources invite men who wish to engage in general manufacturing enterprises, but also do her agricultural opportunities give special invitation to those who wish to engage in farming and agricultural pursuits.

The total area of Lewis county is about 2,000 square miles, nigh 50,000 acres of which are original prairie land located in various districts of the county. Though Lewis is the great farming county of this portion of the state, still there are yet a number of townships of unsurveyed land, much of which is of good quality, not covered with heavy timber, but with brush and smaller growth of trees. It will not be difficult to clear this land which is comparatively easy of access. It is almost wholly unoccupied and open to settlement. There is likewise not a little of surveyed land untaken, and productive and a large amount of railroad land for sale at reasonable prices and on easy terms. These unimproved lands may be had from \$5.00 to \$20 per acre.

Recently fortunes have been made in the raising of hops. All about Chehalis are acres and acres of excellent hop land. Over 200 acres have been planted in Lewis county, and the matter of raising hops here is no longer an experiment. The Chehalis hops have brought fancy prices in the markets of New York and London, and have been shown as high class samples by which to grade other goods. Their reputation, therefore, is established and the markets opened. As a crop of large profits the hop has few equals. Especial fields for investments are offered here to those who wish to put their money in for immediate and profitable returns.



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