

SOME THINGS ABOUT OREGON

Splendid Opportunities Are Offered by the Great Valley of the Willamette.

The State of Oregon contains 95,746 square miles, or 61,277,400 acres, equaling in size the combined area of the six New England States and New York state included. Of the total acreage over 10,000,000 acres are included in farms although less than 3,000,000 acres are under cultivation; about 35,000,000 acres are in timber and 13,122,168 are non-tillable. Oregon, as thickly peopled as Ohio, would easily support a population of over 8,000,000 inhabitants. The half million already here are exceedingly prosperous and contented. The Western portion of the state, lying between the Cascade Range and the Pacific Ocean, contains 75 per cent of the entire population. It is divided by the Coast Range, and its laterals into four sections: The Willamette Valley, Umpqua River Valley, Rogue River Valley and the Coast district or Coast counties, bordering the Pacific Ocean for three hundred miles. The seasons in Western Oregon are distinguished by the wet and dry rather than by the usual designation. The wet season is by no means uniformly wet or rainy, nor must the dry season be supposed to indicate a dearth of moisture, but during the wet season 75 per cent of the annual precipitation occurs, while in the dry season comes the other 25 per cent, in the shape of occasional showers. The dry period extends from May 1st to October 15th. There are a few showers, usually in September, which become more frequent until the middle of November. Thence to March 15th frequent rains are expected. From March 15 to May 1st intermittent showers, as in October. The precipitation as we travel south through the great valleys gradually decreases. There are no extremes of temperature at any season, the mean temperature of the State being 49 degrees. The mean temperature for twenty-seven years past, has been 53 degrees. The mean average temperature of the Coast range is 51 degrees, the thermometer rarely rising above 80 degrees in summer, or falling below 30 degrees in the winter.

The rain fall of this valley varies from 35 to 50 inches, falling in from 125 to 156 days. As in all parts of the state, the months from June to October are practically free from rain. Snow rarely falls, and when it does, it seldom remains longer than sixty hours on the ground. A frost that penetrates the ground is very unusual. In all portions of Western Oregon, in which Cottage Grove is located, no matter what the day temperature may be, the night temperature is always below 70 degrees, being cool and comfortable for sleeping. Sweltering hot night are therefore unknown.

The main line of the Southern Pacific Shasta Route traverses the length of the State from Portland to the Siskiyou, passing through the chief cities of the State. Cottage Grove has the Oregon and Southeastern, which extends to within a short distance of the Bohemia mining district, traversing one of the finest sections of timber on the continent.

Farming Lands.

Western Oregon affords a vast area of fertile and productive farming land, the best conditions to warrant the production of heavy and diversified crops, and a climate enabling the husbandman to work outdoors at something every month of the year. There is but little land in this wide region that is not good for one product or another, either wheat, oats, barley, hay, hops, fruits, vegetables, berries or pasture. The farmer can seed all the fall until Christmas, or all the spring until May. Harvest is continued just as long as the grain will stand. The tillable farm lands of this section are considered too valuable to be used for the exclusive growing of grain, hence the raising of stock and poultry of all kinds, growing of fodder plants for feed, raising fruits for export, growing vegetables and cultivation of many varieties of berries, form valuable and important industries. All varieties of plant-growth—rich fields of clover, alfalfa, corn, vetch, rape, orchard, grass, peas, thousand-head cabbages, velvet grass, blue grass, timothy, etc., give luxuriant crops. In the Willamette Valley clover is king. Corn for market and fodder is grown extensively. Climatic conditions and soil fertility combined, make a Western Oregon farm more productive than the general average of farms in the East. The present time, therefore, affords opportunity for people living east of the Rocky Mountains to buy better land in Oregon for considerably less money than is being realized from the sale of Eastern homes, and many are doing this, finding here all the social and educational advantages possessed by the older States in the Union.

The Willamette Valley, and especially the southern end in which Cottage Grove is located, is considered "the

garden spot," and is capable of supporting many thousands of people more than at present. For diversified farming, or fruit, stock or poultry-raising, this section is especially adapted. The foothills and newly cleared timber lands furnish splendid grazing for sheep, goats and live stock. These lands are very fertile, and possess the advantage of drying off earlier than deeper in the valley, making possible greater cultivation, and greater variety of products.

As a Fruit Section.

Fruit has been grown in Oregon for forty years, but only of late years in a scientific manner. Several hundred acres have been planted to apples and pears in the territory immediately surrounding Cottage Grove the past year, and this acreage will probably be greatly enhanced in 1910. One company alone is planting one thousand acres to fruit trees. Cottage Grove has the banner two-year-old orchard in the state. Years of experience have demonstrated that we can successfully grow apples as a commercial product. The fame of the apple of Western Oregon is well established; its perfection is due to the moisture in air and soil at time of maturing.

Oregon ranks a good second to California in prune production, which is now practically confined to the Pacific States. Ever sensitive to environment, the successful growth of the prune will always be confined to favored localities; it cannot be reared far and wide like wheat or berries. The early settlers found that the plum was peculiarly adapted to growth in Western Oregon, and that its yearly yield of luscious fruit was nearly as sure as the coming of the seasons. Gradually the successful culture of the prune and its profitable return brought the fruit prominently before the public, and today we find an acreage of prune orchards in Western Oregon exceeded only by our neighbor, California. No irrigation is necessary, which insures a meaty, sugary fruit, of large size.

Poultry Raising.

Cottage Grove is pre-eminently the poultry section of Oregon, and there is need of more experienced poultrymen who will raise better fowls, and more of them. For such there is ample room and a very profitable field. The demand of good eggs and poultry has always been beyond the supply, and the present stimulation in the mining industry and increasing immigration must create a greater future market. The Willamette valley is the paradise of the Golden, Chinese, Denny, or ring-necked pheasant. Climatic conditions are favorable to their rapid propagation, as is proved by the thousands of wild ones all over this section.

There is room in and around Cottage Grove for manufacturing enterprises of many kinds, but especially for wood-working institutions. Lane county is credited on expert testimony with 29,000,000,000 board feet, and a large portion of this vast amount is directly tributary to this city. This portion of the State offers better and cheaper facilities in the way of material, fuel and labor than can be obtained elsewhere, making it a very desirable location for the establishment and successful operation of various industrial and manufacturing enterprises.

The mining industry in the Bohemia district, reached only through Cottage Grove, promises vast wealth from the yellow metal, and needs money for development. The industry may be said to be only in its first stage. There has been a scratching of the surface in spots, but the deep work is, so far, comparatively limited, and far less than would be justified by legitimate exploitation of the leads which have been uncovered. This district offers a most inviting field to either prospector or investor. Enough has been accomplished to dissipate past errors and misconception, and the present returns are quite ample to indicate the direction and value of the mining industry when prospected under correct methods.

IS PONCE DE LEÓN'S DREAM A REALITY

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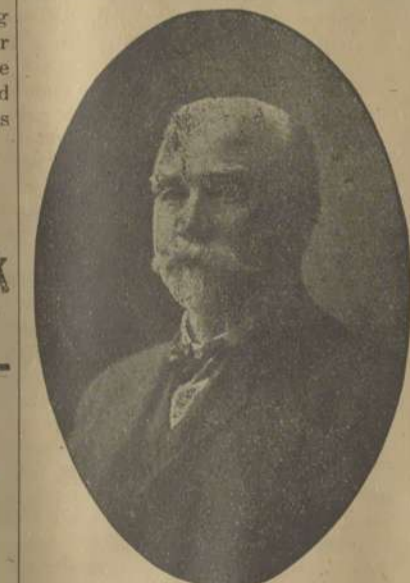
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