

Oregon Featured In Holiday Mag.

"Oregonites" should be pleased with attention given the state in recent publications. Brookings, often thought of as the forgotten section of Oregon, may or may not have been referred to in some way or another. Just reading by paragraphs, the Oregon coast is not given a great deal of space, although a beautiful coastal scene, taken near Pacific City Beach, is included in the "Holiday" article on Oregon, says H. L. Davies. After all Oregon is one of the larger states of the union and when covering the entire state, every corner cannot be mentioned.

Oregon is featured in the June issue of Holiday as a land "where everything seems to be happening for the first time in a land fresh from the Creator's hand."

That description of the Beaver State introduces a 14-page, extensively illustrated story of Oregon, led off on the cover of the magazine by a beautiful four-color photograph of Crater Lake.

The author, H. L. Davis, well known for his "Beulah Land" and other novels, is a native of Oregon. His story, described by the editors of the magazine as a mov-

ing tribute from a native son who comes back and searches all through his state and his heart to explain the youthfulness and vast vitality he sees, is a nostalgic article which pictures the vastness and vitality of Oregon in reminiscences and recent observations of its fruit, flowers, lakes, mountains, rivers, valleys and people.

Oregon's fruit—the wild blackberries, black raspberries, black haws, wild strawberries, red and black huckleberries — Mr. Davis paints as toothsome and abundant. Noting their present abundance, he recalls days when they were few and thus works into his story historical facts such as that Oregon's pioneer women brought with them the evergreen blackberry only to find Oregon's native wild blackberry superior.

In spring the wildflowers of Oregon bring the variety of color to a country which appears always green, writes Mr. Davis, adding a list of Oregon's many wild flowers and their colors as a foil to his description of the bleak winter and fall majesty of the open coast beyond the Coast Range.

The author describes Oregon's rivers, lakes, valleys and mountains as he found them on a recent visit and as he has always cherished them in his memory. In doing so he introduces many readers of his article to such little-known regions of Oregon as the Steens Mountains and the Willamette Valley, Picture Rock Pass and Santiam Pass, Thief Creek and the Deschutes River, Snake River Valley and Willamette Valley.

The author, himself guilty of leaving Oregon to settle elsewhere, describes the people of Oregon as itinerant. "The constant drifting away of second generations from this country, and the influx of new people from other states, may have something to do with its persistent sense of newness, of everything being done

for the first time," he maintains. Among those whom he singles out as representative of the many peoples to be found today in Oregon are a young doctor who has migrated from Wisconsin, a Greek immigrant who has found in Oregon a sense of the civilized which he did not even know in Greece, and a "desterrado"—a political refugee from Spain who has found peace herding sheep in the Great Basin.

The photographs accompanying Mr. Davis' Holiday article illustrate the beauty of the Wallawas, Mount Hood, Cape Kiwanda, the Cascade Range, the Columbia River Gorge, Snake River Valley, and Portland at dusk.

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