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FRUIT INDUSTRY THIS SECTION

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the Snake river valley within a radius of 60 miles of Ontario, there are 70,000 acres of orchards, which includes both the Oregon and Idaho sides of the river, while the uncultivated land will total far into the hundreds of thousands of acres.

Naturally, the section of the fruit growing districts that can produce the quantity as well as quality will be the one where the buyers in search of not carloads, but trainloads of apples, will come. The question of overproduction will not be a big bear when this region begins the marketing of fruit in such quantities.

The large markets will be of easier access than today. The old world will be a large consumer of the fruit that is grown in the northwest and with the new railroad through to the coast this locality will be in easy reach of the ocean freight carriers which will transport cargoes at much less cost than rail shipments either west or south.

It has been stated by many prominent people who have lived in what are termed today the real fruit sections, that apples are more highly colored, prunes more firm and vine products much superior to those grown in the older and advertised localities. This is not known generally because little has been done toward placing the name of this fruit center before the world on account of its present output, but in five to ten years there will be a change in the fruit world and Ontario, Oregon, and vicinity may be expected to be heard from in more glowing tones than this article depicts.

There is no richer soil on the American continent, than there is here. There is no place where the sun shines brighter or longer than it does here and there is sufficient water in the natural canals to insure a crop year after year. The climatic conditions are extremely favorable for fruit growing and the unrivaled fall weather of this section is a guarantee to the fruit grower that the elements will not mar the harvest. To itemize the acreage that has been planted to fruit in and around the Ontario locality would be too much of a burden on the reader of this article but suffice to say that it is merely a matter of a few years when there will be a new fruit shipping center in the northwest and that place will be none other than Ontario.

The output for 1912 will surprise the best informed, and will reach over the 2000 car limit which includes both sides of the Snake river in this immediate vicinity. It is not claimed that all this fruit is grown in Ontario but it is grown within a radius of 18 miles in which Ontario is the geographical center.

Prof. Thomas Shaw, says the following about Ontario, Oregon:

Writing from St. Paul, December 29th, 1910, Prof. Shaw says: "I saw fruit orchards at Ontario which netted \$1,000 per acre in apples the past season. For producing apples and various other fruits, I regard the country around Ontario as fully equal if not indeed superior to the Wenatchee and Hood River regions and the area that can thus be devoted to fruit around Ontario is several times greater than in the localities named."

Signed: THOMAS SHAW.

THE WOOL AND MUTTON BUSINESS

Large Acreage Devoted to the Flocks of the County.

By Geo. W. McKnight.

Malheur county, Oregon, produces more sheep and wool than any county of any state in the union. Malheur county is actively engaged in diverting the wasting waters upon its arid plains, and transforming deserts into gardens and fields. It is at present the scene of great railroad construction. In all, it is safe to say, its development is now more active, intense and certain than any spot in this nation. With this granted and in the light of all past history, what will become of the sheep?

Sheepmen Are Pioneers.

The flocks have been the pioneers of all civilization. Their golden hoof has left an imprint that may be traced from the very gates of Eden; across the star-lit plains of Chaldea; over the hills of Palestine; westward across the continents, until they have belted the globe. Always moving before the plow, and giving way to agriculture. It is Malheur county, however, that will give to this history of civilization its first reversion, for abreast of the turning of an empire to agriculture, the flocks are to multiply.

The reason why this can be is from its peculiar topography. All lands susceptible of agriculture have never been used for pastoral purposes, while the grazing lands will ever remain so, as long as its hills endure.

5,000,000 Acres of Pastoral Lands.

There are in the county, six million two hundred ninety-three thousand, and one hundred twenty acres of land, of which about one million acres can be reclaimed, leaving in round numbers five million acres of strictly pastoral lands. The census reports credits the county with four hundred thousand sheep, and farther shows the range sheep owners to employ one man for every four hundred sheep, so that one thousand laborers are continuously employed with their care. The census report also shows the average family to be four, so to assume that one out of five of these laborers have families, and adding owners and their families, we have two thousand people with a direct equity, besides the interests of five bankers, merchants and settlers. Five hundred thousand dollars are paid annually for labor, together with board and lodging always furnished. It is safe in estimating the income of the county to be over one million dollars annually from the industry. All these results are obtained from haphazard, indiscriminate methods of operating and grazing.

This is a brief of the industry, past and present. The future promises a transition equal that of flowing water upon desert lands.

More Wool and Mutton Needed. The foreign woolen product, is sub-

ject to wide fluctuations and apparently is not keeping pace with the world's demands. Our domestic supply and demand, of both wool and meat are getting wider apart as a result of a growing population to be fed and clothed, and the turning of pastures into fields.

Malheur county is reclaiming for agricultural purposes only what in the past have been arid and waste lands. After all irrigation projects now anticipated are complete and to an end and all lands profitable for dry farming are appropriated, it is then we will turn to the development of five million acres of remaining land, and make it yield its greatest possible wealth, for animal industry will be the future safe-guard against over production, and congestion of agricultural products.

Livestock Marketed Too Young. Our livestock have been going from us in an immature condition to consume the surplus products of other states, a loss inestimable.

National resources must be opened



STRING OF TEAMS HAULING WOOL

to honest toilers so that a substantial civilization may be founded. Accession to title of public land should be still modified, until the settler can acquire a lawful area under a grazing act sufficient to insure a respectable living therefrom. The hazardous industry it now is, would then be changed to a stable one. Home building, fencing, enlarging the carrying capacity of ranges by seeding, conserving the range and developing water with reservoirs and wells would immediately begin, and when complete, all the figures heretofore given would be multiplied by five.

With the doors of progress thus unlocked, the fields will bring forth their bountiful harvests; sheep will gather the wealth from a thousand hills; factories will sing a merry song; while the spinners spin, and the weavers weave; an empire of busy employment will be opened, creating a common wealth that will rival the world.

FOR SALE—320 acres of finest improved fruit and alfalfa land, two miles from Nyssa, Oregon. Perfect water right under Ontario-Nyssa canal. Can be bought in tracts of 10 acres up, on easy terms and at reasonable prices.

E. M. Greig, Ontario, Oregon.
C. W. Thebaud of Vale stopped at Ontario Saturday on his way home from Boise.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, December 6th, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that James R. Langley, of Payette, Idaho, who, on January 21st, 1908, made Homestead application No. 0685, for NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 9, Township 17 S., Range 47 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 14th day of January, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses: Edgar Putnam, M. S. Spaulding, Charley Darnell, of Payette, Idaho; I. P. Crane, of Ontario, Oregon.
Bruce R. Kester, Register.

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WE CAN ONLY PROMISE THEM THAT WE ARE GOING TO MAKE EVERY IMPROVEMENT POSSIBLE FOR THE COMING YEAR AND SHALL PROVIDE FURTHER FOR THE COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE OF OUR PATRONS.

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