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There are water powers enough running to waste down the slopes of the Cascades and the Coast Range on either side to fill the Willamette valley with the hum of industry, when they are harnessed to the wheels of manufacture, which they surely will be in due course of time; and enough to spare to furnish traction for thousands of electric cars, which also will be here to do the transportation business that the forest, farm, mine and mill will furnish. A busy picture in prospect; but one that will be wrought out as certainly as nature has prepared the foreground and background and all the materials, ready for the busy brush of man.

If you have capital to invest, this is the safest place in the United States. And, added to the quality of safety, there is also the prospect for large returns, for this is a growing country, and will be so, until the population of the Willamette valley increases to several millions of people. There is ample room to grow and develop. Only a commencement has been made.

This is the best goat country in the world. Oregon has more pure bred Angora goats than any other state, and there is room for ten for every one here now, and profit in it.

The Pacific northwest is both the poor man's country and the rich man's country. It is big, and there is room for all. Its possibilities are so great that it is not the lazy man's country. There are so many things to do that even the lazy man is likely to become industrious.

Oregon has the lowest death rate of any state in the union.



A STAYTON WHITE WYANDOTTE.

The general condition of the poultry industry in Marion county at the present writing is most satisfactory to the breeders. Prices for eggs and poultry the past year have been very satisfactory.



LAST YEAR'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS.

The pupils in the Stayton High School are carried through the tenth grade. This embraces Latin, Algebra, Business Forms and Book-keeping, Rhetoric, European History, Etc. There are two school literary societies in good working condition. Last year the graduating class published a neat annual, "The Cardinal." A number of out-of-town pupils are attending the High School, securing higher branches than in some country schools.

There are rich mines in the Santiam region, east of Stayton, and tributary to this city. They will ere long be pouring a steady stream of gold into the lap of the valley sitting beneath the shadow of the hills which lock them in their embrace.

There's room to grow in Oregon.

Crops in the Willamette valley need no irrigation. The rainfall in winter and during the early part of the summer is sufficient for all needs.

Some persons have an idea that it rains constantly during the winter in Oregon. This is a mistake. There are many winter days when no rain falls and when the sun shines.

POULTRY.

Poultry can be raised in Western Oregon as cheaply as anywhere, as the climatic conditions are almost ideal for the industry. The principal requirement to make a success of it is to use business sense and good judgment in caring for and maintaining the poultry.

Poultry will not take care of itself, as it is too often required to do. Good rain-proof houses in winter and shade in summer, plenty of grain and green pasture of the right sort, and strict attention in the matter of keeping the fowls free from vermin and disease, are the main essentials to success in this industry.

As to the magnitude of the poultry industry let's look up a few statistics, and this writer can do no better than to quote from an article in a recent number of the Pacific Homestead, published at Salem, Oregon, which is as follows:

"The poultry industry seemingly of small proportions, is nevertheless one of considerable magnitude. The year book of the department of agriculture for 1902 gives on the farms of the United States 250,700,000 fowls over three months old. The production of eggs in 1899 were 1,300,800,000 dozens; this does not take in consideration the fowls under three months old or those not on farms. As these figures were taken in June they are several millions too low. The value of eggs and poultry produced in 1899 was of more value than the combined gold and silver products of the United States during any year since 1850 except 1900. The same is also true of the poultry products except 1899 and 1900.

"Poultry and egg products together of the United States for 1900 were worth more than the gold and silver production of the world for any one year excepting 1898 and 1899. The poultry and egg products of 1899 exceeded the wheat crop of 28 states and territories.

"The egg product of 1899 if loaded on cars would reach from Chicago to Washington and be 860 miles long. In size the poultry industry stands seventh. So much for the magnitude of the industry. It would seem by these figures that the care of all these fowls and eggs was no old woman's job. While the care of the fowls on many farms is given over mostly to the women folks we believe considering care and expense, they are rivals of the best dairy herds or the best of farm animals."

One hears a great deal about the extraordinary large prices paid for some beef cattle, horses, goats, and dairy cows at the sales in the east; but what of poultry?

Last spring a Black Minorca breeder in New York state sold a cock bird of his breed to German nobleman for \$1000, and 18 hens for a sufficient amount to make a total sum of \$3400. He was offered \$1000 for one which he had on display at the St. Louis Exposition, but refused the sum, as he held him at \$1500.

A breeder in Indiana sold a White Plymouth Rock cock for \$500 and four hens for \$400.

A White Wyandotte breeder of Massachusetts received \$550 for seven of his birds, including a 2 year old cock for \$200.

The foregoing are but a few samples of what has been, and is, doing in the poultry business.

The time is not far distant when Pacific coast poultry breeders will demand such prices. They have the quality of stock now, but lack customers who are so enthusiastic as to pay these seemingly exorbitant prices. However, our time is coming. We need never fear that there will not be a market for all the poultry products we can produce in the Willamette valley, especially Marion and Linn counties. We can demand an average of 25 cents or more per dozen for eggs and most substantial prices for market poultry the year through.

Oregon will have the call on the lumber market of the United States for a hundred years. The timber is here. The mills are here. All we need is more railroads and more cars; and more ships.

If you want to raise hogs, this is the place to raise them. Few of the hog diseases here, and feed can be raised cheaply and in abundance.

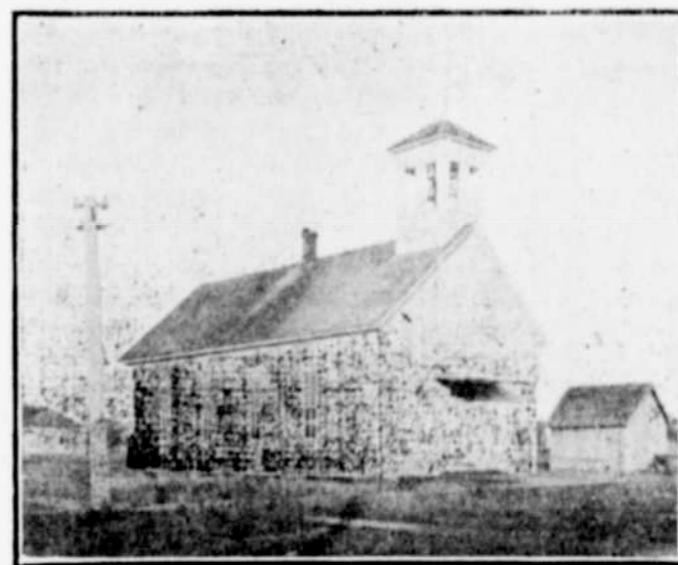
Stayton Churches.

Stayton people believe in church attendance and all churches of town have good congregations. Regular Sunday school services are held at the Protestant churches and religious instruction is regularly given the children of the Catholic congregation by the pastor. While Stayton people as church



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, REV. A. LAINCK, PASTOR.

members are faithful to their religious belief, they do not allow a man's religion—or politics—to interfere with business or social intercourse. The various church organizations dwell together in harmony, all working for the same cause—the betterment of mankind. Should you, reader, come to Stayton to live or to visit, you will find a welcome at any and all of our churches.



BAPTIST CHURCH, REV. A. H. CARMAN, PASTOR.

Stayton Lodges.

Stayton is well supplied with secret organizations. The A. F. & A. M. has a large membership, as has also the O. E. S. The Masonic order owns the opera house building, on the second floor of which they have large and well furnished lodge rooms. The order also owns a fine park, which is free to the public except on special occasions, when a small fee is charged for stands, etc.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have about the same membership as the



CHRISTIAN CHURCH, J. P. CONDER, PASTOR.

above orders. The Odd Fellows own a two story building, the lower floor of which is used as a grocery store and the upper floor as lodge rooms. These rooms are carpeted and well furnished, and are used by other orders.

Stayton has two camps of Woodmen of the World—Stayton Camp No. 51 and Horseshoe Camp No. 606. Both have a good membership. There is also a Circle of Women of Woodcraft.

The Artisans and other insurance orders are also represented.

A local institution with a fair membership is the Stayton Life Benefit Association, a mutual life insurance association. This is young but growing.

Stayton Fire Department.

Stayton has good fire protection aside from the water works system in a large pumping engine. This engine throws a large stream and with the 600 feet of hose owned by the city can reach a fire a good distance from the source of water supply. When the water system is completed, which will be done this summer, all parts of town will be protected from fire.

The city has a volunteer fire company composed of about thirty members—Protection Engine Co. No. 1—which has during its several years existence done excellent service, having saved many properties from destruction. Besides engine, hose and cart, the company is equipped with ladders, buckets, etc.