

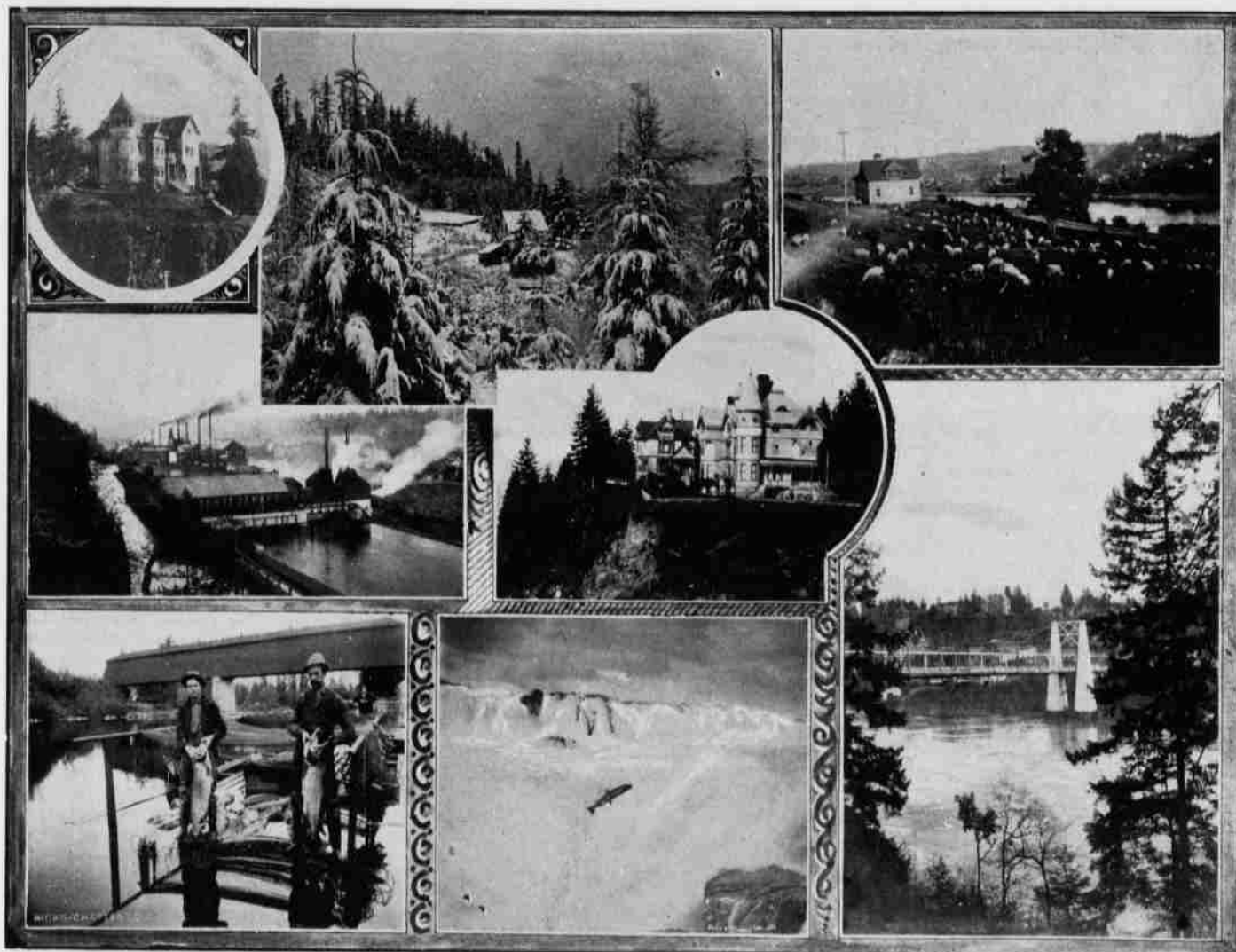
Oregon apples are not excelled anywhere in the world, and Oregon "big red apples," which have helped to make the state famous, grow to perfection in Clackamas County. The fruitgrower, who raises good Winter apples, and cares for them properly, will always find a ready sale at good prices. The Willamette Valley is the home of the prune. In no part of the world does this crop thrive so completely. Bountiful yields are grown both on the prairie and hill lands, and many thrifty and prosperous prune orchards are to be seen in full bearing throughout Clackamas County. Most of these are equipped with modern, improved evaporators for drying and properly handling the prune crop.

plums, peaches, prunes, apricots, quinces, cherries, blackberries, raspberries, currants, gooseberries, strawberries and grapes. Even figs reach maturity in Oregon City, though the climate is not sufficiently tropical to make them a reliable crop here. Blackberries, raspberries, huckleberries, strawberries, plums and crab apples grow wild in abundance.

Many thousand bushels of potatoes are annually sent to market from Clackamas County. Even merchantable sweet potatoes are raised here. The soil near the streams is best adapted to potato-growing, and with very ordinary care a large yield of tubers may safely be reckoned on. The Cal-

different attention. Especially is this true in Oregon. Much interest is now being awakened in the industry, however, and the annual production is increasing in quantity and improving in quality.

All the common farm products are successfully grown in every part of the county, except far in the mountains, where the altitude approaches the frost line. In many parts of the county semi-tropical crops are grown. Prunes, peaches, apricots, quinces, grapes, watermelons and tomatoes are among these. The ordinary cereals yield enormous crops, there being many instances where more than 60 bushels of wheat per acre have been harvested, not merely in se-



Residence of Mrs. J. A. Chase
Mills and Factories on West Side
Salmon Fishing on Clackamas (Photo Mrs. French)

Only snow in Oregon City in 4 years
Residences of Mrs. Walden and P. F. Morey
Salmon jumping up falls of Willamette

Barn of P. F. Morey on West Side
Suspension Bridge across Willamette
(Six Photos by Tumey)

SCENES IN AND AROUND OREGON CITY

FRUIT-GROWING.

Clackamas County is taking a leading position in the advancement of the fruitgrowers interests of the Northwest. Its nurseries send stock throughout the Pacific Northwest, including British Columbia. Many of the large land claims that have lain for years largely wild or with very indifferent cultivation, are being divided into smaller tracts and given over to systematic fruit culture. Five or ten acres in fruit will yield as much profit as a large farm in grain, the net profit usually ranging from \$200 to \$1000 per acre.

The fruits that grow to advantage in Clackamas County include apples, pears,

ifornia market receives a large share of the Clackamas County crop. Onion growing is also an important industry.

The rich bottom lands are to a considerable extent being covered with hopyards. The growing of hops is becoming one of the leading branches of agriculture in the Willamette Valley. Clackamas County is among the first half dozen counties in the United States in the amount of hops produced. Buyers in London, England, have agencies in the hopyards of this county, who secure the bulk of the crop and pronounce the product of a quality that is not often excelled.

Like many other things on the Pacific Slope, the hop business has suffered from in-

lected garden patches, but in large fields. Other grains are correspondingly prolific. It has passed into a proverb that Willamette Valley crops never fail.

Along the courses of the Pudding, Molalla and Clackamas Rivers and some of their larger tributaries there is considerable prairie land, or land lightly timbered, which can hardly be excelled for peach and prune orchards. Farmers in those localities are just becoming aware of the possibilities of orcharding, and many thousand trees are being set every year. In a few instances the orchards have already come into bearing, and the results justify every hope of making this a great fruit country.