

SCHOOLS.

The public school system of Clackamas County is one of the best in the state. There was paid out last year for school purposes in the county the sum of \$58,800. The schools are in excellent condition. An idea of the magnitude of the public school work may be obtained from the report of the County School Superintendent, J. C. Zinser. The general statistics show the facts and figures concerning the public schools as follows:

No. children of school age in county	7,582
No. of teachers employed	260
Estimated value of schoolhouses and grounds	\$117,443
Estimated value of school furniture	16,870
Estimated value of apparatus	7,683
Whole number of organized districts	120
No. of school buildings in county	121
Average number of months taught during the year	7 1/4

The people of the Pacific Slope are active, intelligent, capable men and women, most of whom have come from the Eastern states. Cultured society is here as well as elsewhere in the country, and the homes of the people show as pure a strain of the typical American civilization as can be found elsewhere between the two oceans.

The far Northwest is a land of great promise. The development of the gigantic water power at Oregon City is bringing this locality more prosperity than it has ever known. It is the opening of an era of industrial activity that has real bottom, not a boom of prospects or achievements dreamed of. This growth is not to be of short duration. From the nature of the case it must be substantial and will continue indefinitely.



CLACKAMAS RIVER BRIDGE

REAL ESTATE VALUES.

In a country being settled and improved as Clackamas County is, real estate values must be constantly changing. There are, of course, lands of all grades and values, from \$200 a foot front on Main street, Oregon City, to Government land that may be had in the Cascade foothills by simply occupying it in accordance with law.

Residence property may be purchased in Oregon City for \$200 to \$900 per lot, 66x105 feet, within four or five blocks of the busi-

ness center of the town. Within 12 blocks of the postoffice eligible lots may be had for about \$50 each.

Choice prairie and bottom lands in the southern part of the county are worth as high as \$100 an acre. These lands are usually put in fruits or hops rather than in general farming. Farming lands grade down to \$10 an acre, or even less for partially improved farms. It all depends on the location and quality of the land and the degree of improvement. Near Oregon City acre property is up as high as \$1000 and \$1500 an acre.



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