

# Diversified Resources of Clackamas Co.

Tickle the Soil With a Hoe and She Will Laugh Back a Harvest.

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## OREGON

### "She Flies With Her Own Wings" as its Done in Clackamas County

The prosperity of a country depends largely upon her agricultural development. Even the marvelous resources of Oregon, Oregon who "flies with her own wings," and who in time of seige could subsist for a long period upon her own products alone, avail nothing if these resources are not developed, and Oregon, productive and prodigal of agricultural possibilities, would soon lose the fame she now enjoys of being the garden spot of the world should her farm toilers become idlers.

Agriculturally, Oregon has made progress of which she may well be proud, especially in the Valley where virgin forests had first to be conquered with axe and fire, but the hardy pioneer found that the land where the greatest forest giants grew was productive of the largest crops.

### No Idlers Wanted

There are still virgin lands and logged off land to be conquered, and the development of these lands must come from the workers and home builders, men who live by their work, and who love that work for the comfort and happiness their achievements bring to their families. We have enough traders, speculators, loafers, and parasites, we want men who will till the soil, till it intelligently, persistently, consistently and continuously, for our prosperity must come from the soil.

### How Shall We Keep the Children on the Farm?

The thought and purpose of life has been diverted by the tendency of writers and speakers to hold up as models the few who have been successful in business or the professions, made easy, and farm life has been made to seem unattractive by the alluring pictures which have been drawn of these few cases of success. As some writer has said, "America educates its children. Educates them for the towns; fills them with ambition. Every one of them has been taught to walk along the imaginary road that leads from log cabin to White House, and they all want to walk at least a little way, along the way."

No really practical solution has been evolved to keep the farmers sons and daughters on the farm, but the agricultural and domestic science

courses in our schools are going to help, the juvenile fairs are another factor in solving this big problem of interesting the children in the home and farm life. They are beginning to see the "how" of things and to recognize that nature in her every aspect is full of interest and fascination. One season of watching the development of a grain of corn from a small germ to a beautiful stock of corn with full ears, will, with a few hints and suggestions from father as to the wonders of nature, her hundred fold repayment for labor, sow a seed of interest in farm work which with proper encouragement (and cultivation) produce as great fruit, as did the grain of corn.

It is the children of today who are to be the farmers of tomorrow, and if we would keep the children on the farm, there must be an effort made to make the processes of farm work as attractive as city life is supposed to be. And who, knowing the real beauties of living with nature, can fail to see the pity of the fact that the comparison must be made in that way.

### Lessen Farm Drudgery

The problem is in many ways one for each farmer to solve for himself and may be effected in his own home by making home bright and attractive, and a convenient place for the inevitable work. School houses should be made social centers and not shut up for the greater part of the time. School directors instead of not allowing the school rooms used for Equity meetings or such other meetings, should open them for these and other community and social gatherings, and social life should be encouraged.

The life of the wage earner in the city is not to be compared with that of the farmer in the way of advantages and opportunities, if the farmer but sees and grasps them. He is not bound by the limitations of the city wage earner, but may largely make his own home environment and secure greater comforts and a more secure life more surely and easily than the city man. He may enjoy fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs and milk which money in the towns cannot buy, and is always sure of a good living.

### Diversified Farming

There is no country where diversified farming may be practiced so profitably as in the Willamette Valley, for no farmer need carry all his eggs in one basket, for our climate and soil will produce every known fruit and vegetable except tropical fruits, and crop failures are unknown.

## Dairying and Creameries

Clackamas County is one of the leaders in dairying, because of her nearness to Portland, and because of several creameries which pay top prices, and which have helped develop this industry. Foremost of these is the Clear Creek Cooperative creamery, paying a higher price for butter fat than any creamery in the state. The large creamery at Canby under the able management of Mr. Kaupisch is turning out a high grade of butter. The new creamery organized at Sandy takes care of the dairy products of that section. These and other

## Comparison of Products with Switzerland

Switzerland has a peculiar condition all its own, and a unique reputation for its peculiar styles of milk products derived from the flavors obtained from its native grasses. The Willamette Valley will stand in a class by its self because in it there is a wonderful variety of native grasses which produce the finest quality of dairy products. This however is not recognized at the present time because of the insufficient quantity of the product now available. Sooner or later this fact will be recognized, and Ore-

gon will ship her dairy products all over the world.



HOP YARD NEAR OREGON CITY

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### Hogs, the Taxpayers

There is a shrewd woman who has County who raises one hog for her own use and one with which to pay the taxes. If this practice were followed by the farmers of Clackamas County in the proportion that this woman is doing, it would keep large sums of money in the State. Hogs like cattle are easily taken care of here because of the mild winters, and ever green feed, and are free from cholera and other troublesome diseases.

Another means of increasing the fertility of the land is by rotation of crops, sowing at intervals leguminous plants which add nitrogen and humus to the soil, for instance after vetch a good crop of potatoes would be produced, to be followed by a grain crop or corn which should make a good yield.

While this subject cannot be gone into deeply, it might be well to say a word here as to seed selection. Save the best well proportioned earliest ripening ears. To perpetuate an early strain this practice is necessary. To show what corn will do here, corn from Oregon tested 2 per cent higher than Iowa corn by U. S. test at the last Land Show at Chicago, and ran 95 bushels to the acre. We can grow corn in Oregon.

### Legumes

Besides vetch which is high in protein, alsike and red clover are valuable leguminous crops and are grown in large acreage for seed purposes,

devoted to wheat and oats, for there are more profitable crops to be raised. Very large yields however are produced of fine quality milling oats, weighing 44 to 46 pounds to the bushel, and under clean cultivation often producing 100 bushels and over per acre, and of wheat which will weigh from 60 to 62 pounds per bushel.

### Horse Breeding

Another item which should not be lost sight of, and which would bring a revenue to the farmer, is the four legged automobile, the indispensable horse. During the year of 1912-13 a large discrepancy in horse breeding has been noticed. It would be advisable for every farmer owning good

draught mares not to allow this condition to exist. Good draught horses are always in demand in the cities and on the farm, for there is work which cannot be done successfully by motor cars.

### Trucking

Truck gardening is profitable near the cities, especially near the cities where intensive farming is practiced, but great mistakes are made by settlers who are told that five acres is enough and are led to believe that this is true, whatever the distance from town. Not so, the settler should not believe in anything less than ten acres, if possible twenty, for a family of five. There are exceptions to this rule however, for some men who understand certain lines of business, can accomplish more than others who have not this knowledge or experience.

There are some men in the County who are making a great success in highly specialized lines, but it is not the object of this paper to deal with anything but general farming. A word in passing however might be said of the man who is shipping sweet corn by car load lots to other states, rhubarb is another product that is shipped out by the car load lots to Canada and other outside points. The same is true with cabbage and cauliflower. Many other products of field and garden would find a market outside the state were the growers to look beyond their immediate range of vision for a field for distribution.

### The Fruit Outlook

Clackamas County is not slow in the fruit industry even though diversified farming is practiced, and a real awakening to possibilities has not as yet taken place.

There are some sections of Clackamas County that compare favorably with the more advertised fruit sections, and which only await development. I might mention one of these as the Garfield section near Estacada which will be heard from in the next year or two when the trees begin bearing. A live organization exists, the president Mr. A. O. Whitcomb of Garfield, and Mr. A. W. Botkin, secretary, are doing a wonderful work in all lines of the fruit industry, and are proving good orchardists. In this section Mr. Reid who owns the state orchard, and others are doing work to be proud of, fully demonstrating that this section is one of the best fruit lands.

Another of these promising fruit sections is that around Sandy extending as far eastward as the forest reserve. I. Phipps and others are demonstrating the possibilities of this section.

### Railroad Impetus to Fruit Industry

Molalla and contiguous territory is noted for its immense prunes, and highly colored apples, and pears. In this section there is also a state orchard conducted under direction of the O. A. C. as is also that at Garfield. Since the advent of the railroad many a fine orchard will shortly be planted. The chief fruit planted in this section should be pears.

Beginning at Beaver Creek and extending far beyond Colton, which is a Swedish colony, there is excellent fruit land, which however is suitable for any product whatever.

Mr. George Ingram is a pioneer in the producing of young orchards having a 45 acre commercial orchard four years old. This orchard is a thing of beauty and shows the care and attention which has been bestowed upon it. In the next two years an abundant crop of big red and yellow apples will be harvested. This orchard is six miles from Oregon City near the Molalla road.

This enumerates but few of the fine fruit sections of Clackamas County, of which there are many.

### Nuts

Fruit growing is not the only horticultural industry, for the English walnut and the filbert have passed the experimental stage, a good revenue per tree being netted by farmers in different parts of the county. It is known that grafted trees will bear in from four to seven years.

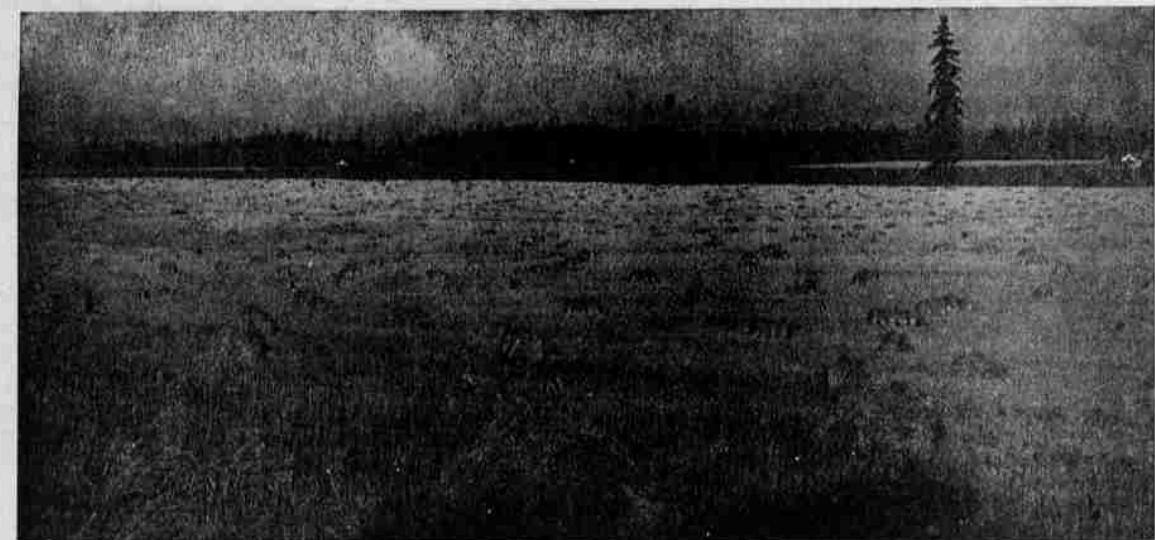
Mr. H. A. Kruse of Wilsonville and Mr. Gustav Anthony of New Era stand ready to attest to the profits which may be derived from that branch of horticulture.

### Nursery Stock

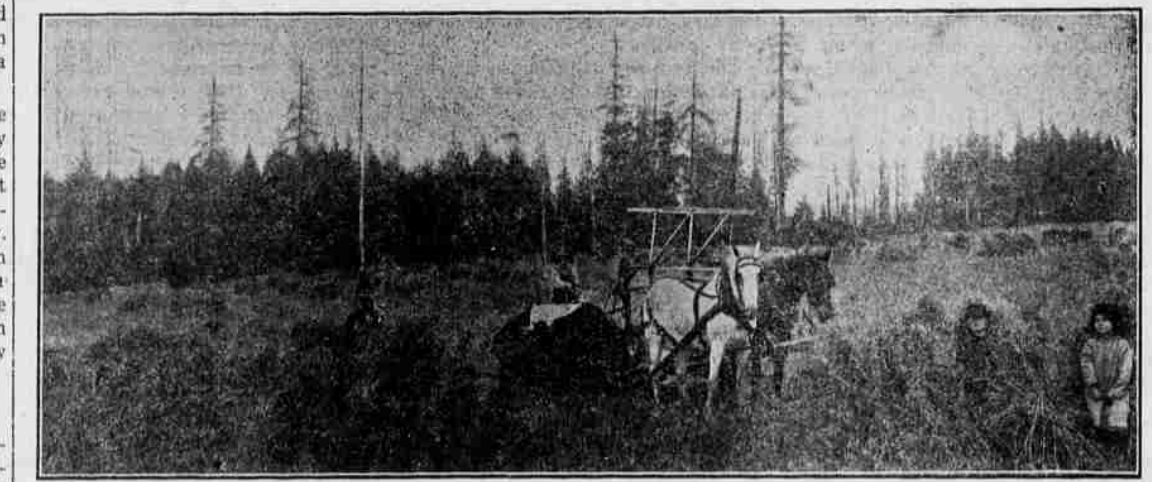
Clackamas County stands first in the production of strawberries, and first in the production of strawberry plants, the best of which are grown at Canby where the plants are shipped out in carload lots. Nursery stock grown in this locality is of the highest quality because the soil is peculiarly adapted to the growing of plants of this character. John R. Newton of Canby is the high mogul in the production of strawberry plants.

Included in the line of berries is the loganberry, mammoth blackberry, and other varieties of small fruits. The loganberry is becoming known in the east as the best dried fruit in the berry line, and brings a high price. This industry is one which gives promise of fair returns where the product can be handled by a cannery or drier.

In closing, a pertinent remark that was made by James J. Hill in a speech in Portland recently, is fitting. "One acre of land in the Willamette Valley will produce what it takes five acres on my ranch in Minnesota to produce."



WHEAT FIELD IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY



ON CHAS. WEISMANDEL'S FARM, NEAR CARUS, CLACKAMAS CO.

## The Oregon City Ice Works

A Modern Well Equipped Industry

The aim of this Industrial Edition is to advertise the natural resources of Clackamas County, and also, to show to the world that Oregon City has industries and business institutions that will compare favorably with any city in the west of the same population. In reviewing the various enterprises located here, the Oregon City Ice works is an industry that merits a special representation, by reason of its high grade productions, its modern equipment and the progressive methods of its management.

The plant is located at Twelfth and Main streets, in a modern structure comprising over 5000 feet of floor space. The business is owned and conducted by Messrs R. B. Cox and N. T. Humphrys, two men of exceptional ability in this branch of enterprise.

From the standpoint of equipment, this plant can lay claim to the most modern and practical machinery and appliances known to the manufacture of ice. This, together with the fact that the ice is made from water which is filtered and distilled before used, insures a production of the highest grade for quality and purity.

The plant has a capacity for the

manufacture of five tons per day, and a storage capacity of 175 tons. Not only does the product of this industry embody every element which stands for purity and healthfulness, but the service rendered is also of the highest standard, characterizing the progressive spirit of the management. Besides having teams for delivery the firm is also provided with a large Lippard-Stewart motor truck, which insures prompt and efficient service. Not only is the local public supplied with ice manufactured by this concern, but they also enjoy a trade throughout this vicinity and are prepared to ship their products in car load lots.

The manufacture of ice is supplemented by the handling of fuel, and during the winter months the firm does a large business in this branch. Taken all in all, the Oregon City Ice works is a most creditable enterprise in every respect, and the proprietors deserve the highest words of praise for the manner in which they conduct the business. They are men of a public spirited nature, highly esteemed by all, and their aim is to give to Oregon City an industry which stands second to none in its special line.

### Fashion Livery Stables

The livery business is one which has always held a prominent place among the business institutions of any city, and this fact will always remain. In Oregon City, this branch of enterprise is ably represented, and the Fashion Livery Stable helps to make these conditions possible. These stables are located on Fifth street, and are owned and conducted by Mr. G. A. Harding. The barn is provided with every facility to render good service and to keep it in a perfect sanitary condition. It is well drained, lighted and ventilated and possesses the required qualifications of a first class livery establishment. Mr. Bergen succeeded Mr. Moody

in this business some two years ago, since which time he has made many improvements in different ways. He has replaced many of the old rigs with new and modern ones, always being alert for any improvement that would better conditions. Or, in other words Mr. Bergen is a wide-awake man in the livery business. If the patron does not desire a horse and buggy, he then has the opportunity to hire an automobile, which is kept for service at the Fashion Stables. Mr. Bergen came to Oregon City from Molalla, where he resided for several years, and during his residence in this city he has made the community a public spirited and progressive citizen and has found many friends throughout this vicinity.

## Towns In Clackamas County

Furnish Home Market For The Producer

Besides Oregon City, Clackamas County has many small towns and villages. At some of these may be found a market for farm products that is very nearly equal to the Portland market, and some very small places support mercantile houses that supply the wants of the country districts, at prices exceeding by very little the cost of similar goods in the markets of larger cities.

On the Southern Pacific line south of Oregon City are New Era, Canby and Barlow. Canby is a town of 600 population. The country surrounding is especially adapted to and largely devoted to fruit-raising. The soil is a sandy loam, where strawberries and other small fruits thrive and attain a particularly excellent flavor.

Barlow, a few miles south of Canby, is a thriving and progressive little town, and has ahead of it a very

bright future. Molalla belongs to the family of towns in Clackamas County, and is a very prosperous little place. It has good hotel accommodations and in common with all of Clackamas County towns has excellent public school facilities.

Oswego is also one of the leading Clackamas County towns, located on the Willamette river, about midway between Portland and Oregon City. It has fine public schools and several churches. The country surrounding is very rich and is for the most part cut up into tracts of a few acres. Here is located the large plant of the Oregon Iron & Steel Co., manufacturing cast iron pipe.

Parkplace, which is located only about one and a half miles from Oregon City, is another town worthy of mention, and supports a general merchandise store that would grace a

town of several thousand population. The prosperous and growing town of Milwaukie, also belongs to the chain of towns in Clackamas County. It has several stores, good school and church facilities, and is made up with an enterprising and progressive class of citizens.

The town of Willamette is now taking great progressive strides, and promises to become a place of much importance. Here is located the Capen Shoe Company, an enterprise that reflects great credit upon Clackamas County, and is a source of revenue to the town.

Other small towns might be enumerated throughout the county, but it will be seen from the foregoing that many of the wants of the farming community are supplied by towns close at hand and that only on special occasions are trips to Oregon City or Portland necessary.

### George A. Harding

Holding a prominent place among the high class business houses of Oregon City, is the pharmacy owned and conducted by Mr. Geo. A. Harding, located at 511 Main street. Mr. Harding is one of the pioneer business men of this city, and his interests have long been centered here. His store conforms in every respect to the type of a high class pharmacy, handling a complete line of pure and fresh drugs, toilet articles, patent medicines, etc. During the years which he has been in business he has built up a far-reaching trade, establishing a reputation for his store of honorable methods and courteous treatment. Mr. Harding is well known throughout Clackamas County and numbers his friends by the hundreds.

### C. I. Stafford

Among the business houses of Oregon City, one that helps to make up the chain of mercantile enterprises located here is the store owned by C. I. Stafford. The stock carried at this store embraces dry goods, shoes, furnishings, notions, etc. In each department will be found a large assortment to choose from, while the prices are of uniform rank. Mr. Stafford established his business here about two years ago, since which time he has built up a liberal patronage, and his store has become a favorite trading place with many families throughout this vicinity. The motto of Mr. Stafford, is to treat everyone fair and square, and by this method he has gained a reputation as a reliable business man.

### Judge H. S. Anderson

Judge H. S. Anderson was born in Wane County, Ohio. He came to Clackamas County in 1902, since which time he has proved himself to be a man of enduring worth to this community, and that his efforts and loyal citizenship have been appreciated by the people, was shown when he was chosen County Judge. Since Judge Anderson came here to make Clackamas County his home, his life has been an open book, showing a record of honesty, faithfulness and duty toward his fellow men, which has resulted in deserving confidence of the people. The judge has been connected with the Clear Creek Creamery since 1905, serving in a capacity which brought him close to the people. Studios, logical and refined, Judge Anderson seems to be the right man in the right place.

## The FIRST NATIONAL BANK

It is to the banks that a community must turn for that financial strength, which alone will permit the uninterrupted and successful transaction of business. They are the arteries through which flow the active life of commercialism and the storage chamber where wise men, from a small beginning accumulate savings, which in time amounts to financial strength. The First National Bank of Oregon City is an institution of great value to the industrial and commercial life of our city, and also furnishes a splendid index to the progress and prosperity of Clackamas County. It is a sound and conservative institution, conducted upon improved plans of financial science, and that its resources are largely trusted is fully demonstrated by the liberal patronage it enjoys. The bank has a capital stock of \$50,000. A general banking business is carried on, embracing everything known to sound and legitimate banking methods. It numbers among its patrons many of this county's most influential and wealthiest business men and citizens. This bank bears the prestige of many years of useful service in this community and stands prominently for its strength and progress. The broad and liberal policy pursued by the management of the institution, its readiness at all times to meet legitimate requirements of its clients and customers, its steady and progressive manner of enlarging its sphere of usefulness has combined to give it an important place among the banking institutions of the state.

### Schooley & Company

In all the development of the western country, no class of men have been more prominently identified with the country's growth, than those engaged in realty operations. They are constantly finding desirable purchasers for willing sellers, thus keeping property on the increase, and preventing the market from becoming sluggish. In this work W. F. Schooley and Company have taken an active part in Oregon City and Clackamas County. Mr. Schooley is one of the oldest established real estate dealers in Oregon City, and during his operations, he has brought to a successful issue many large and important deals which have greatly aided in the development of this community. The office of W. F. Schooley and Company is located at 612 Main street, where they transact a general real estate business, embracing farm, timber and fruit lands, together

with poultry ranches and city property of all kinds. During his long experience in this branch of business, Mr. Schooley has become thoroughly familiar with property values in this section, and is capable of giving advice to the prospective investor, as to the best openings for an investment. In dealing with W. F. Schooley and Company, the public can depend upon honorable dealing and courteous treatment. Their large and choice list of property, together with their thorough knowledge of the country, will prove to be of great value to the man who desires to locate in this favored section. Clackamas County has the natural resources, and offers the opportunity to the man who wants to make money, and W. F. Schooley and Company is able to unfold these opportunities to the man calling or writing to their office, at the address given. Mr. Schooley is a public spirited gentleman ever ready to help advance the interests of our city and county.