

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR SHOWS RICH RESOURCES AND FINE STOCK



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Showing Off Their Drivers.

## THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY.

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Probably there is no section of any country that offers a greater opportunity for the dairy industry than does Clackamas County, Oregon.

### The Question of Feed.

Clackamas county has a very strong clay and sandy loam soil, which produces abundantly such feed as is best for dairy cows. The legume crops, such as clover, vetch and peas do well and are fed as green feed spring and summer. The vetch hay, which is unequalled as a feed for dairy cows, yields three and four tons per acre. The clover will also yield the same at the first cutting. The grain crops cannot be excelled. As much as 85 bushels of oats per acre is harvested and 50 bushels of wheat is common. The root crops, such as mangel wurtzels, carrots, turnips, etc., grow in abundance and pumpkins are the banner crop, their size often causing difficulty about loading into the wagon. Corn producing ten and fifteen tons per acre is fed green and made into ensilage. But the king of all crops for the dairymen finds its home in this particular locality, namely, Kale, which is grown here by the tons and green feed is fed by wagon loads during the winter months. These succulent plants weigh twenty-five and thirty pounds and even more, and are unsurpassed as a milk producing cow feed. Tons of this feed can be pro-

duced on an acre and as it grows all winter, it can be hauled from the field each day, fresh and green.

### The Favorable Climate.

The grass grows green the year around in Clackamas county. Perhaps this statement will convey some idea of the wonderfully mild climate which gives this country such a great advantage for dairying. The only change in weather is sunshine and showers, for extreme cold is not known and the coldest experienced lasts only a few days and never checks the growing crops. A roof to protect the livestock from the rain is about all the housing that is needed and even these rains are warm and are not found uncomfortable.

### A Good Market.

It is plainly seen from the foregoing facts that the dairy products can be produced most advantageously here. The next consideration would naturally be the market. Portland, the metropolis of the Northwest, is only twelve miles from Oregon City and the shipping facilities, either by rail or boat, are the best. There is a good demand for dairy products the year around and for the last two years, butter fat has averaged thirty cents per pound. The Western dairymen are unable to cope with the demand and are not supplying the local trade.

### No Better Place to Live.

Not only are these previously stated considerations in favor of dairying here, but this section is a very desirable place for the dairymen to live. As far as health is concerned, for

both man and beast, this county can not be excelled. The water is pure and this county has the best of improved roads and all the advantages of daily mail and telephone systems. He is a wise dairymen who investigates the advantages of Clackamas county, Oregon.

Clackamas county wants you; you want Clackamas county. The only question involved is that of your coming and becoming familiar with conditions as they actually exist. That will settle everything and from that time on you will be a resident of one of the best counties of the great state of Oregon. Come and see.

There are thousands upon thousands of people back East who are seriously thinking of coming to the Pacific coast in the immediate future. Send them a copy of this edition and thereby help in bringing them to Clackamas county. Do your share of the boosting.

Milch cows and stock live out doors and eat fresh green grass throughout the winter in Clackamas county. Does that look good to you dairymen of the frozen East? You may be skeptical but come and see for yourself.

No section of the country offers more to the disciple of Isaac Walton than Clackamas county. Streams abound with trout, salmon and other fish. It is a sportsman's paradise.

## CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR.

The Clackamas County Fair Association was organized and incorporated in 1907 and has held four successful fairs.

The first fair was held at Gladstone on the Chautauqua Grounds, the officers in charge of the first fair being Richard Scott, president; Geo. M. Laselle, vice-president; C. E. Spence, secretary; Thos. F. Ryan, treasurer. The grounds at Canby were then purchased and the second fair was held on the new grounds with Geo. M. Laselle as president; R. S. Coe as vice-president; T. J. Gary, secretary, and Thos. F. Ryan treasurer. The third annual fair was managed by the following officers: Geo. M. Laselle, president; J. W. Smith, vice-president; M. J. Lee, secretary, and W. H. Bair treasurer. The fourth annual Clackamas County Fair by far surpassed the three preceding efforts and embraced a live-stock and agricultural display that was a credit to the State of Oregon. The management of this fair was entrusted to J. W. Smith, president; O. E. Freytag, vice-president; M. J. Laselle, secretary, and O. D. Eby, treasurer. At the recent election held by the stock holders, the same directors and officers were re-elected.

The Clackamas County Fair has been the greatest publicity agent that the county has known and on these grounds has received some financial aid from the County Court at different times. Clackamas County Fair, although one of the youngest in the State, has the reputation of being the best district fair in the Willamette Valley.

At the last fair, not only was the live stock department a surprise to the people but the dairy cow contest had more entries than did a similar contest at the Oregon State Fair. The location at Canby is ideal for the fair grounds.

The tract of land comprises forty acres, including the open ground on which is located the best half-mile race track in the State, and the pavilions and barns and a beautiful fir and oak grove that is the scene of a tent city during the fairs. The Southern Pacific railroad bounds the east side of the grounds, and is a great factor in bringing the great crowds to the fair every fall.

Arrangements are being made for the coming fair for 1911, and in view of the great success of the past fair and the fact that the same managers are at the helm, Clackamas county is looking forward to an even greater fair this coming fall. The dates for the Fifth Annual Clackamas County Fair have been set for September 27, 28, 29 and 30. This will be the "BLUE RIBBON FAIR."

## FRUIT GROWING IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY.

By M. J. Laselle—Publicity Manager Oregon City Commercial Club.

The fruit production of the Northwest is immense and has by far surpassed the expectations of the pioneer fruit growers. The eyes of the world are on Oregon and Washington as the one great fruit producing section. The development of the fruit industry is as yet in its infancy and within the next few years the production of the various fruits will be doubled. Moneyed interests as well as practical and expert horticulturists are constantly turning to this section for their field of application in this great industry. Many who are intending to engage in fruit growing have found that the price of land in the already developed fruit sections, is seemingly extremely high, but with the proper investigation this will prove to be a fallacy, considering the adaptability of the soil and climate and the net returns from the fruit. The practical alternative for this high priced land for those who want to enter the business is to locate in a section that has proven its adaptability for fruit growing and yet has not reached its height of popularity to such an extent that the price of the land is out of reach of the average buyer. Therefore now is the time to consider that great scope of country lying between Mount Hood and the Willamette river known as Clackamas County and which is just in the development of a great fruit section.

Apples have been grown in Clackamas county for more than fifty years but not until a few years ago were they cared for as a commercial crop, and even at the present time a very small acreage of the county is growing apples. This seems very strange when this very productive soil will produce forty bushels of wheat to the acre that will probably return the grower \$25.00 per acre and his neighbor along by the side of him, on the same kind of land is growing apples and strawberries with five times as great a return. General farming has been the custom of the pioneers ever since the days of donation land claims and it seems that an established rut is a stubborn obstacle in the way of progress. But now Clackamas county is entering into the eve of a reformation. More people are coming from the Eastern States and settling upon smaller places that are made by the division of the larger ones. These smaller places will be operated along intensified lines and will return many fold for the proper methods used and the intelligent use of the time expended.

The strong loam soil of Clackamas county in connection with the wonderful Willamette Valley climate, which is free from the extremes of heat and cold, prove to be the congenial combination that meets the requirements of all kinds of fruits. A great variety of fruit is being grown on the farms and often large red and yellow apples, different varieties of pears, all kinds of cherries, quinces, apricots, plums, prunes, peaches, strawberries, raspberries, logan berries, goose berries and currants will be found producing abundantly together without the slightest attention of the farmer. With the advent of the horticulturist and specialist, the height of perfection in fruit growing is being developed.

The center of the fruit industry for Clackamas county is Oregon City, at which place the growers' union has the headquarters. This is the natural shipping point as this place has the advantage of the best of facilities. The main line of the Southern Pacific railroad is used for all overland shipments of some distance. The water transportation by steamer is used to some extent and will be a great factor as soon as the Panama Canal is opened, which will place this section in touch with the world by water. For short distance and local shipments, the two electric lines out of the city



One of the Standard Bred Race Horses of Clackamas County.



Clackamas County is Especially Adapted to Raising Fine Stock.

have proven to be a great boon to the fruit grower as they take the produce to the market while the dew is still on the fruit.

As Clackamas county adjoins the metropolis of the Northwest, Portland, with her 250,000 people, puts this district in the position of a garden supplying a great kitchen. This fact alone, considering the proximity to this great local market, is attracting the attention of many fruit growers.

Clackamas county is a beautiful rolling country with a varied landscape of gardens, orchards, fields and forests, and a most desirable place to make a home. The roads are good and the country folk have the advantage of modern conveniences, such as telephones, daily mail, modern dwellings, water and lighting systems, and are satisfied with their conditions.

The Oregon City Fruit & Produce Union, which has been recently organized, has headquarters as well as the warehouses at Oregon City. This organization has been and will be the means of bringing the growers together, causing them to adopt the proper methods of fruit raising, and also attends to the buying of supplies and the selling of the crops of fruits, berries and farm products in general. The union is managed by prominent growers of the county who are practical men. They are always willing to accept the membership of beginners in the fruit industry as well as the experienced horticulturist, and will help

in many ways to assure success to the new settler. "History will repeat itself," and likewise will Clackamas county prove to be a great fruit section. The conditions are right for the growing of fruit and at the present time the price of the land is within the reach of all, and the best of authorities agree that this section is destined to be one of the largest fruit producing sections in the Northwest.

## OREGON CITY FRUIT & PRODUCE UNION, INC.

The Oregon City Fruit & Produce Union was organized and incorporated during the latter half of the year 1910, and already the effect of the organization is shown on the fruit industry of Clackamas county. More trees are being planted and a general interest along horticultural lines is manifested. The orchards that are bearing are receiving better attention. The Union this year has supplied the members with lime-sulphur spray and more spraying has been done than ever before.

The Union has an office and warehouse in Oregon City and deals in fruits and farm products of all kinds, also fruit growers' supplies and nursery stock. A sufficient percentage is charged to defray operating expenses, and all other benefits go directly to the members who are the producers.

By means of the Union, the farmer is first instructed in the proper way

to grow the crops and meet the market. The products are then taken to the Union and are sold to the advantage and the check returned to the grower the first of every month. Membership in the Union is a position from several standpoints and of great help to the beginner in cultural pursuits.

The present officers are, Geo. D. Dron, president; B. Koppelman, vice-president; M. J. Laselle, secretary; O. D. Eby, treasurer; O. E. Freytag, manager. These gentlemen are all prominent growers and will gladly answer any inquiry as to the Union, but preferably you should address the secretary at Oregon City.

Oregon City offers exceptional opportunities for manufacturing plants of various kinds. Power is at hand at low rates and the markets of the entire West easily reached. Let us up.

The immense water power developed at Oregon City insures the future prosperity of this section. It is an exceptionally good place which to engage in business because of the immense pay roll of the industries located here.

It really means something to Clackamas county is the very best of the famous Willamette valley—of the richest agricultural section of the world.



Parade of Fine Stock at County Fair.



Thoroughbred Cattle Are Raised in Clackamas County.



Camping Grounds Near Fair Grounds.



Scene at Clackamas County Fair.