

Greater Oregon City Prosperity Edition

Oregon City and Clackamas County Extend Welcome to All

IN SENDING FORTH this edition of The Morning Enterprise it is solely with a view to letting people elsewhere know of the actual conditions and advantages which exist in Clackamas county—to attract their attention to Oregon City and surrounding country, simply because we who live here know that there is not a better portion of the State, or one where the newcomer may "make good" in greater measure.

In the rich soil of Clackamas county the man who wishes to engage in general farming, fruit raising, truck gardening, poultry business or dairying will find conditions ideal. Markets are easily available and prices for everything raised are higher than those prevailing in many sections.

There is no real winter in Western Oregon. Every newcomer spends his first winter months awaiting the oncoming of winter and eventually the time has passed, spring is upon him and he has experienced no inconvenience whatever—winter is over and he stops to let it soak into his head that there is really such a vast difference between this country and back East.

The writer of this article was raised in Northern Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and has traveled over the entire Middle West, and in consequence is thoroughly competent to speak with reference to the material difference. Furthermore, I was back there and spent the winter a year ago—but never again, no never again. Western Oregon for mine from this time on, and no part or parcel of it is better than Clackamas county.

You people of the Middle West and East who keep on thinking that you would like to "break away," but are somewhat skeptical about disposing of your holdings, just cut loose, bring your families and such stuff as you may want to make use of and come to Oregon City or any other part of Clackamas county. You cannot miss it. With a smaller investment, less labor and with infinitely more comfort, you will make more money and will bless the day that you pulled up stakes and cast your lot with the progressive people of Clackamas county.

Just look this edition over, and then sit down and write to the secretary of the Oregon City Commercial Club, or any of the reliable real estate dealers who are represented in these columns, tell them exactly what you want to do, how much money you are able to invest, how large your family is, etc., and they will immediately give you information which will prove valuable and result in your securing exactly what you want and insure your future happiness and general well being. Do it right now.

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EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOME SEEKERS AND INVESTORS IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

By M. J. Lazelle, Secretary Oregon City Commercial Club.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY.

Location—Northwestern Oregon, on Willamette River. Area—989,830 acres. Population—29,931.

Clackamas County is situated in the northern part of the Willamette valley. The northern boundary joins the city limits of Portland, while on the east, Mount Hood graces the extreme boundary. This vast area of fertile farms and timber tracts extends beyond the Willamette river on the west and adjoins Marion County on the south, comprising in all nearly 1,000,000 acres. This 1,000 square miles of the best part of Oregon has a valuation of \$2,000,000.

The land is level, rolling and hilly, affording ideal conditions for the various agricultural pursuits. Fruit trees thrive on the higher land and the berries do well on more level land. Grapes require the southern slope for the best results. Grains and forage crops grow abundantly in the fertile fields, while the bottom lands produce the large vegetables that have made Clackamas famous.

Red clay loam is the usual soil, although this varies from a light loam in the rich black soils that are found in the bottom lands. Cleared land near Oregon City is selling from \$100 to \$300 an acre, while farther away, the price is from \$50 to \$100 an acre. Of course cheaper and may be found, but these figures refer to the best farms.

Many farmers follow the diversified system, although the specialist in Clackamas County is coming forward. Hay and grain are raised with profit, although more intensified crops will gradually take their place. Wheat will yield from 25 to 40 bushels and oats will yield from 40 to 75 bushels an acre. Rye, barley, speltz and corn are also among the grain crops. Clover



and vetch yield abundantly and are the most extensive of the hay crops. Hops do well and many hop yards of the county are producing the best grades that go upon the market.

Potatoes are the banner crop of certain sections, and 100 sacks to the acre is a very common yield. It is the prediction of many authorities that in the near future Clackamas County will be devoted mainly to fruit growing. It has been demonstrated that all kinds of fruit adapted to a mild climate can be grown and that the quality is first class.

With the advent of the growers' union, which has recently been perfected, there is no doubt but that fruit-raising will become the major industry. One orchardist near Oregon City picked 200 boxes of apples from 20 trees. These trees made an average return of \$8. Out of 165 boxes picked from the trees, 91 fancy and 32 choice boxes were packed.

"Clackamas County against the world for strawberries." This is the motto of the Oregon City Commercial Club. Being so near Portland the demand for fancy berries is always good. The soil is especially adapted to the growing of all kinds of berries. The size, color and flavor cannot be excelled. One strawberry farm near Oregon City produced 8439 boxes an acre, making a handsome return to the owner.

Many people are living on five and 10-acre tracts. This proves the advantage of intensified farming. Truck gardening, fruit and berry raising afford the opportunity of making a living on a small tract of land.

Beef cattle are raised to some extent on the cheaper lands, although strictly speaking this is not a cattle country. Dairying is taking a prominent position in the county and several creameries are thriving, some of which are operated on the co-operative plan.

Hogs are a source of profit, especially so when raised in connection with a dairy. The luxuriant growth of field peas assures an abundant supply of the best of feed for hogs.

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SOME OF THE LEADING BOOSTERS FOR OREGON CITY AND CLACKAMAS COUNTY



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