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The Willamette river runs through the county from south to north affording excellent transportation facilities at minimum rates and service, at the same time, to modify and control the rates on the railroads. Many good-sized mountain streams, with clear as crystal water, course through the county from their source amid the crags and fastnesses of the mountains to their exit in the waters of the Willamette and Columbia rivers.

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The snags are being picked up fast, and better prices will no doubt prevail in the near future. Any inquiries as to lands in this county or as to water-power will be cheerfully given on application. H. E. CROSS, Oregon City.

CLATSOP COUNTY.

Activity in All Lines Provides Work for All Who Want It.

Clatsop county, in common with the rest of the state, has made a marked advance the past year in the line of material development of its natural resources, and shows a well-defined increase in the value of its products.

Let it be understood that Clackamas county immediately south of Multnomah county, the county seat of which is Portland, the metropolis of the Northwest. Thus we have an unlimited market for all our products.

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last for years. Some of it is of a quality fit for steaming purposes and in quantity equal to supply the needs of the commerce of the Pacific. In the eastern portion of the county a colking coal has been discovered, and recently a local company was formed to open up the vein.

Superior Quality of Clay.

Another valuable natural resource which will, if properly utilized, result in the establishment of a paying industry, is a superior quality of clay. Within a short distance of Astoria are large deposits of pottery clay of a quality suitable for the manufacture of the finest drain pipes and earthenware.

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Increase in Stock Holdings.

A verdant land, where the grass is always green, one would naturally suppose to be a good country for stockraising and dairying. We find that by development and clearing, the acreage of tillable lands has been increased at least 10 per cent during the past year.

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Union County.

Large Grand Ronde Farms Being Cut Into Small Tracts. The population of Union county was considerably increased in 1899 by immigration from the states farther east.

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INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITS IN OREGON NATIONAL BANKS

The following comparative diagram shows the highest individual deposits of the National banks of Oregon in each year from December 9, 1892, to September 7, 1899. Words could not tell so striking a story of the prosperity of the people.

Table with 13 columns (Millions 1-12) and 7 rows (Dec. 9, 1892 to Sept. 7, 1899). Total values range from 9,639,357.39 to 11,781,130.33.

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FOREIGN COMMERCE OF OREGON

The following diagram, with comparative horizontal extensions, shows the foreign commerce, imports and exports combined, of the customs districts of Oregon (Portland, Astoria and Coos bay), for sixteen fiscal years ended June 30, 1899.

Table with 13 columns (Millions 1-13) and 16 rows (1884-1899). Total values range from 7,720,949 to 10,639,068.

During the sixteen years under review, Oregon has imported and exported merchandise valued at \$125,982,623, of which \$107,531,129 is credited to Portland, and the balance to Astoria and Coos bay.

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