

FRUITFUL JOHNSON Mines, Ranges, Farms, Forests and Climate.

MOUNTAIN AND VALLEY YIELD

But Transportation Facilities Are Needed to Develop the Resources of the Country—Easy Route to Build a Railroad.

E. B. Cleaver, the well-known mining man, who has spent most of his life in the John Day country, is in Portland, and even more enthusiastic than usual regarding the resources of that country.

To tell the exact truth about the richness and extent of the ore bodies there would make one ridiculous in the eyes of mining experts," said Mr. Cleaver.

"Therefore, we have to temper our statements a good deal, and keep constantly before the facts in order that outsiders may believe us. What is needed to develop the country is a railroad, and we need that badly.

The middle fork of the John Day and its tributaries in the Greenhorn Mountain and Dixie Butte, and is noted for the celebrated Susanville district, of which the leading mines are the Badger, Bull of the Woods, Sky Scrapper and numerous others.

"On the Dixie Mountain slope, which is continuation of the Quartzburg district from the south, there are various copper prospects. The whole watershed of the middle fork of the John Day, in fact, both north and middle forks, are covered with yellow pine timber which is of a high grade of saw timber about 2,000,000 feet to the section, clear of underbrush and easy of access.

The John Day Valley as a whole, including the Strawberry and Dayville on sandstone belt, is 5 miles long, and has an average width of nine miles clear of timber, the river bottom lands, or garden lands, an average width of two miles. The river bottom lands will produce any kind of fruits, such as apples, pears, cherries and peaches in some seasons. This is what we call the Strawberry Valley. The Dayville or Sandstone belt will produce any kind of fruits, and peaches of the very finest. The land at present is used principally for hay, alfalfa and clover, of which very large crops are produced, especially in alfalfa, the crops being raised in a season by irrigation. The open hill lands or rolling lands will produce the finest of grain and apples by irrigation, and there is more than an abundance of water for that purpose. The valley, commencing at its head, for 25 miles is covered with a heavy growth of yellow pine timber, suitable for mill purposes.

"In the Strawberry Valley proper, there are 11 streams of water flowing into the John Day, either of which would give enough water power to run a large quartz mill. By connecting the four upper streams by ditches, there can be had, above Prairie City 12 miles, a water power equal to 600 horse power. Such water could be used time and again in the different streams after it had been used at the first station.

"Prairie City is situated in the center of the Strawberry Valley, due north eight miles from Strawberry Valley, and about eight miles due south of Dixie Mountain. Dixie Creek flows due north and south, and comes into the John Day River at Prairie City. The Quartzburg mining camp is situated in Dixie Creek, about six miles from Prairie City.

"The rock formations on the north side of the John Day River commence at the town. First comes the sandstone, then a granite of very fine quality, suitable for building purposes. In this granite there are a few ledges of white quartz, very rich in free gold.

"Dixie Creek flows on at one time one of the best placer camps on the Pacific Coast. It having been washed out from Prairie City to Quartzburg. The Quartzburg camp of the John Day valley is a class of narrow ledges on the surface runs from nine inches to two feet, is very rich in both gold and silver, and yields an average of \$50 to \$100 per ton. The smaller ledges run north and south to the main ledges, of the camp, which run north and south, and with only one low mountain pass connecting them.

"The road down the John Day Valley, I am told by railroad engineers, is easy to build. This would make connection between the head of the John Day River, and the Oregon Short Line on Ontario, shorter by about 75 miles than the present line, and with only one low mountain pass connecting them.

"If the road were to be built through the present line, it would pass through an immense coal field, which will eventually be one of the greatest fruit and grain districts in Eastern Oregon.

"If the road were to be built through the John Day Valley at the upper end and turn south, it could go out about three miles below John Day City, through the Lacooc Pass and on down through Bear Valley, Suix Valley and into Harney Valley, which is 80 miles long and 40 miles wide. This valley will eventually be one of the greatest grain and stock raising districts in the State of Oregon, it being a fertile country, which could be irrigated from Bear Valley at a trifling expense in proportion to the results that would be obtained.

"We have in the John Day Valley any quantity of lime, both chrome and hematite iron ore, gold, silver, copper and lead ore, coal, marble, sandstone, granite, timber, granite, basalt, obsidian, and water for irrigation and power purposes. What we need is capital, people and transportation.

"Looking backward, I should say it would have been much better if we had sold our slaves and avoided the war and the enfranchisement of the negro, with few exceptions, was not ready to accept the Republican policy of granting the franchise to and allowing a hand in the Government to the natives in the Philippine Islands.

"The case will be taken to the Supreme Court.

For a Cold in the Head, Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets.

RACE QUESTION IN SOUTH IT IS AS MUCH ALIVE AS EVER, AND IS GROWING WORSE.

Everywhere the Colored Population is Forcibly Reminded That It Must "Keep in Its Place."

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 28.—In making a trip through the South, the race question is the one that is called to the Northern's attention.

"I executed a strategic retreat. On the steps an incident happened that reminded me. He was an old Frenchman, stored me. He was an old Frenchman, stored me. He was an old Frenchman, stored me.

PERSONAL MENTION. Levi Ankeny, the Walla Walla banker, is at the Perkins. J. C. Wolf, a hoppelard of Silverton, is registered at the Perkins.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows: From Portland—A. P. Tift, at the Astor; J. B. ...

ARE YOU GOING To Spokane or Lewiston? Take the Northern Pacific. Two trains daily.

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UNITED STATES IN LEAD LIKELY TO BE WORLD'S GREATEST EXPORTING NATION IN 1900.

Has Good Start Over United Kingdom, Its Competitor—Progress of Twenty-Five Years.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The United States seems likely to stand at the head of the world's list of exporting nations in the year 1900.

Even this distinction, however, of leading the world's list of exporting nations but partially tells the story of the wonderful growth of our export trade as measured by that of other nations.

THE FOLLOWING table, compiled from official reports, shows the exports of domestic merchandise from the United States and the United Kingdom.

Table comparing US and UK exports in 1875, 1880, 1885, 1890, 1895, and 1900. Columns show US Exports, UK Exports, and US % of UK Exports.

APPROPRIATIONS IN THE HOUSE BILL. HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 27.—(To the Editor.)—Relative to the appropriation for the Spokane exhibit for the year 1902, it seems to me our Congressmen received credit for their own selfish interests.

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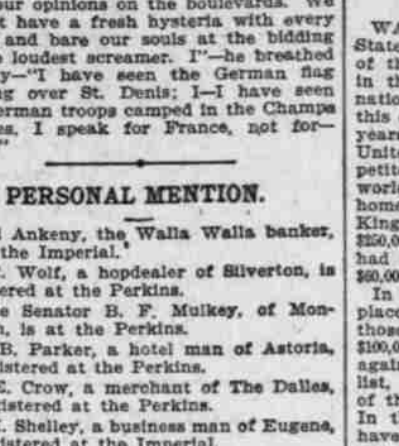
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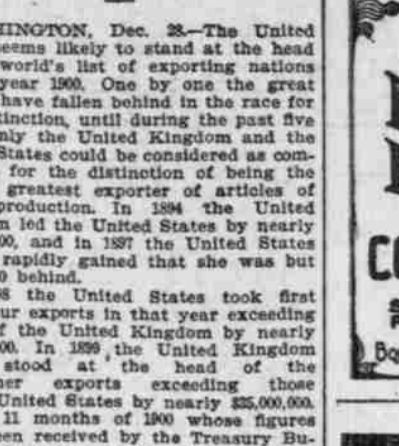
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