

stable lavas and basalts which generally form its bed.

At the international boundary the hills are close to the river on both sides, with little or no bottom land, and this continues to the mouth of the Columbia, to the way up in British Columbia to the Canadian Pacific crossing at Revelstoke.

The hills gradually increase in size and grandeur until at Revelstoke they assume the height of mountains. Descending the river, the hills decrease in height until at Little Dalles they take the shape of elevated terraces, which, when cleared of timber, make productive farms.

As soon as the boundary line is passed, coming down river, level terraces commence, and with the exception of a few places, continue all the way to the mouth of the Columbia. To the east of the Columbia, the hills gradually increase in size and grandeur until at Revelstoke they assume the height of mountains.

From measurement made as near low water as practicable, and making due allowance for a further fall to low water, it has been ascertained that the low-water flow in the Pacific river is about 5,000 cubic feet per second.

From the mouth of the Okanogan to Celilo the distance is 234 miles. Of this stretch, the 65 miles from the Okanogan to Wenatchee are navigable. The stretch of 51 miles from Wenatchee to the head of Priest Rapids, and the stretch of 198 miles from the foot of Priest Rapids to Celilo, are navigable under favorable conditions.

Between Celilo and The Dalles are 13 miles of obstructed river, and from The Dalles to the mouth of the Columbia 120 miles of open river, made open by the completion in 1886 of the canal and locks at the Cascades.

Portland's Position Strengthened by Development.

There have been many changes in the period covered by river improvement on the Columbia. Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah, all Western States, and all buyers of the products of Oregon, have been admitted into the Union since the Cascades locks improvement was projected.

The closing months of the year found the Northern Pacific seeking independent terminals at Portland. Water navigation has been the main method of transportation. Land once thought to be sterile is planted in cereal crops, orchards and vineyards.

There have been, in fact, too many changes to enumerate, but they have not affected Portland's position. It is today, as it was in the time of the great fur trade, the steamboat, the leading city of the Northwest, the center of finance, commerce, education and population.

Why capital seeking for remunerative employment has so long neglected this promising and undeveloped field has been a source of wonder to our people. Year after year we send to other parts of the United States our surplus wheat and manufactured products, paying the charges for several thousands of miles, and the labor entering into their production, while the material used in their manufacture is in many cases more plentiful within our midst than where they were raised.

OREGON TO THE HOMESEKER

The Two Principal Advantages, Says Governor Geer, Are Reasonably Cheap Lands and the Certainty of Crops.

THE advantages which Oregon offers to homeseekers are many, but the two principal ones are reasonably cheap lands and the certainty of crops, two essentials not to be overlooked.

While food crops, such as wheat, corn and oats, are raised in large quantities, there are thousands of acres of the most productive land in the state yet in the hands of the Indians. The soil is rich and brush, easily cleared, and waiting for a greater population to bring it into the use of civilization.

In all parts of what is called the foothill country adjacent to the Coast and Cascade mountains there are each year cleared and reclaimed hundreds of acres of land, which requires vastly more labor than would easily transform the timber and brush lands near Portland into the most productive and attractive farms.

Certainly, much of this land must be held for higher and better uses, for it must be equally sure that, lying as it does in a remote section of the state, no income whatever is realized by its owners. This condition is always noticed by visitors, is a source of inquiry as to its cause, and really gives an unfavorable impression to many who pass through our state on their Western tours.

Perhaps no state in the Union furnishes so many opportunities for the application of effort in the matter of reclaiming lands from the encumbrance of a heavy growth of timber than Ohio. When first taken possession of by the early settlers that state was an almost unbroken forest of walnut, hickory, oak and other trees.

It is entirely proper to say, because truthful, that no section of the United States offers such an encouraging prospect for the investment of capital as does the Northwest Coast, and especially Oregon. The timber resources of Oregon are not confined to any one section, for both the Eastern and Southern divisions of the state are blessed with heavy and valuable timber belts.

At the last session of the Legislature that body accepted the offer of the National Government to undertake through individual or corporate agencies the reclamation of large areas of arid land in Eastern Oregon. If this results successfully it will largely increase the population and wealth of the entire section of the state, but it is well worth a fair trial, though already the attempt to divert the water from streams that have been for many years used for irrigating purposes by stockraisers gives promise to regretful litigation.

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abroad in our own country, the opportunities for the investment of capital in manufacturing enterprises serves to bring nearer the time when we will buy less from other states and sell them more. This realization will, it appears to me, be the first and most important factor leading to the lifting of our state to the standard of industry and commercial activity which permanently characterizes the older settled portions of the United States.

Oregon Needs Manufacturing. This state needs, first of all, manufacturing establishments enough to produce all the articles we consume that are composed of materials which we possess with ourselves. It really needs this more than it does more people to engage in agriculture.

But the opportunities existing here for capital investment are being for them can only be made to attract public attention by attracting public attention to them, and this is not done in the most effective manner by saying nothing about the subject. Nothing the state has ever done has been so instrumental in helping in this direction as our exhibit at Eastern Exposition, which attracted and probably delinquent, or perhaps uninterested, visitor at Buffalo saw a salmon which weighed 50 pounds or more, he had absolute faith that Oregon had salmon that weigh 50 pounds; whereas, if he had merely seen a statement to that effect in some paper, he would not have believed it.

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cost of transportation to market of its products. This has in many instances amounted to a prohibitive embargo. Gradually this condition has been improved, but relief will only come through a continuously open river from Lewiston to the sea. This will give a water level grade to the sea for many parts of Eastern Oregon and a great measure of relief to all of it, and is a proposition of such great importance that it has the support and encouragement of every citizen of the entire state.

State Has Promising Future.

Not to be tedious, then, it can be generally said that the future of our state is most promising. Eastern Oregon will always be a most desirable location for permanent homes, for it is great agriculturally, for mining purposes, and for grazing, although, as it seems to me, the interest of the latter industry calls for a persistent and earnest protest against the leasing of the public domain for grazing purposes. Southern Oregon has a most equable climate and is especially adapted to the raising of various sorts of grapes, as well as for its great agricultural and mineral resources.

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GARDEN SPOT OF THE WEST

No Place So Homelike as the Willamette Valley—Large Development Must Result From General Forward Movement.

ATLANTA descriptive of the physical characteristics of the valleys of the Nile, the Jordan, or the Mississippi, which fail to give some of the history which has made those valleys famous in the history of the world, would fail either to interest or instruct. The same is true concerning the Willamette Valley, situated between the Cascade Mountains upon the east and the Coast range on the west. It represents, with its connecting valleys, an area of 2,000 or 3,000 square miles of the most productive of sedimentary soils, yielding liberal crops in response to the labor of the husbandman in nearly all the products essential to a comfortable existence.

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element of the Willamette Valley. Every lover of Oregon will be deeply interested in the accomplishment of the general forward movement of this society which will enlighten and stimulate admiration for the character of the valley.

Our forefathers who came in the Mayflower and established a settlement on this continent came as the subjects of a British crown, and as such they were to which the mother country held undisputed title. The first settlers in the Willamette Valley knew not what the termination to construction by the English and the United States might mean, but they were to which that region west of the Rocky Mountains and north of California.

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swelling in volume by the instruments of every commerce, by the increasing abundance in the domain of increasing population and production. There never was a more auspicious time than the present, and no place of which we have any knowledge that offers greater inducement for settlement than is offered here. Here is a situation that is fast becoming more central in the business intercourse, that is rapidly growing to become the center of the world. Here we find a civilization abreast with the best thought of the world, ready to do its part in lifting all mankind to the high standards of character and usefulness. Seekers for homes where they may secure them at a price that must certainly advance under the development which is going on, a place where they may secure religious, intellectual and social advantages of the highest standard, can find no other place where their lives can be so richly placed as in the Willamette Valley of Oregon.

BENTON COUNTY.

Wide Range of Productive Pursuits Offered to the Homeseeker. Benton County, comprising an area of 460,000 acres of land, lies in the center of the famous Willamette Valley. To the north is Polk County; to the south is Lane County; to the east is Clatsop County; to the west is Multnomah County.

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