

THE COAST COUNTRY

Its Claim to Section Distinction.

OCEAN INFLUENCE RULES IT

Special Aspects of the Tillamook Country, With Remarks Upon Its Character and History

By a staff writer.—First letter.

TILLAMOOK, Sept. 6.—While that part of Oregon which lies over against the sea is the true Western Oregon of geography, it is no part of the Western Oregon of tradition, but a country of quite another sort, with a definite character and a habit of its own.

Here, over against the coast, every condition is reflective of close neighborhood with the sea. The climate is directly and completely subject to the influence of the ocean—so immediately so that the weather in its daily and hourly variations responds to the ocean's changing moods.

The most striking and effective distinction of the Oregon coast region is its climate. It is at once more moist than the country of the Willamette, warmer in winter, cooler in summer—in all these facts exhibiting the effect of proximity to the sea.

The Coast Range Mountains which separate this westernmost or maritime Oregon from Western Oregon lie parallel with the shore and back from it from 30 to 40 miles. It is a stiff backbone, rising in places to a height of about 4000 feet, falling in others to a few hundreds, its average being perhaps 1500.

It needs scarcely to be added that in its superficial aspects the country is not a cheerful one. The tone of the ocean and of the forest is over it. The rainy winter is long, and the summer, bright and cheerful enough while it lasts, is short. It is essentially a land for stout hearts and for spirits which yield not to the deeper and gloomier influences of nature.

The coast region of Oregon to which these remarks generally apply extends the full length of the state, from the Columbia River at the north to the southern line of Coos County, something more than

300 miles. But in the writings which are to follow I aim to deal particularly with the Tillamook country, a district scarcely farther from Portland in miles than the heart of the Willamette Valley, but practically more remote than any other populated and productive part of the state.

That for all its separation from the world, Tillamook has made progress after its own fashion, and in spite of difficulties has achieved a prosperity of which many regions of more fortunate opportunities may well be envious. Its settlement began far back, almost coincidentally with that of the west side counties, and while it is only in times relatively recent that any considerable industrial and commercial progress has been made, the country is far from new.

It could hardly have been possible during the pioneer period for Tillamook to attract immigration other than from the Willamette Valley, for there was no navigation connecting our coast ports, and practically the only means of getting into the country or out of it was overland across the mountain range.

Those who braved these conditions were no weaklings, they were no lovers of ease, and the habit and fashion which they gave the country were those of pioneer hardihood and of domestic virtue. It is 40 years since the organization of the county government, and in that time there have been no official delinquencies, no extravagance, no failure to meet the demands of public necessity.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—(Special).—The report of Union Pacific earnings for the first month of the new fiscal year compared with the same month a year ago, shows the following:

Table with 3 columns: 1902, 1901, Inc. Gross, Expenses, Net

THE question of the equalization of railroad valuations was brought before the board of equalization yesterday by King County. King County has assessed the railroads at \$6000 per mile, and a strong plea was made to the board not to raise this valuation.

Northwestern Postoffice. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Sept. 7.—On September 15 the postoffice at Oak, Coos County, and at Washington, Coos County, Or., will be discontinued.

Special mail service has been established from Newkown to Emma, Tillamook County, Or.

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WOODMEN CARNAVAL. OLYMPIA, Sept. 7.—(Special).—The Woodmen of the World carnival closed last night with the largest crowd in the city for many years.

Among the Woodmen of the World camps officially represented yesterday were Portland, Elma, Aberdeen, Viora, Hoquiam, Centralia, Seattle, Tacoma, Everett and Puyallup, besides representatives from camps all over the West.

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FOREIGN STOCK MARKETS Turkish Lottery Loan Advances on Berlin Bourse. BERLIN, Sept. 7.—The bourse last week lacked a uniform tendency. The rather rapid advance of coal and iron shares of the previous week in spite of the unpleasant reminders that the industrial situation had not yet improved was seen to have been unwarranted.

Portland Boy Accidentally Shot. SALEM, Sept. 7.—(Special).—William Lacock, the 10-year-old son of E. E. Lacock, of Portland Heights, is being treated at the Salem Hospital, having been accidentally shot by a 22-calibre rifle while hunting on the Oliver Beers farm, about 10 miles north of Salem, Friday.

Insane Patient from Alaska. SALEM, Sept. 7.—(Special).—George G. Perry, United States Marshal for the Third District of Alaska, accompanied by two guards, L. W. Copeland and Godfrey Gmelin, today brought to the insane asylum (W. T. Garrett), a miner aged about 40 years, from Eagle, Alaska.

Hops Better Than Last Year. SALEM, Sept. 7.—(Special).—I. L. Patterson, of the firm of Gilbert & Patterson, owning a large hop yard in Polk County, today said they would have 25 per cent more hops this year than they harvested last year.

HOMESTEADERS INDIGNANT Pass Resolutions Against Methods of the Timber Sharks. EUGENE, Sept. 7.—(Special).—Since a large number of contests were filed some months ago against homestead entries on timber lands in this county, there has been much uneasiness among the homesteaders who have not proved up.

Howard for Horsestealing. Trial for Crime for Which He Has Already Been in Penitentiary. BAKER CITY, Sept. 7.—(Special).—The case of the State vs. Manny Howard, on the charge of horsestealing, will come on for trial before Judge Eakin in the Circuit Court next Monday.

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RACES AT STATE FAIR. Visitors Will See Fast Harness Events—Best Western Horses.

Just one week more and the state fair will open and Oregon will see some warm events in the way of horse races. One of the principal events will be the mile race for the Capital City stake, in which the principal contestants will be Helman's Myrtha Whips and Stuart's Democracy.

There is every indication of a hot race to take place on the Riverside road this week. Lohrme has Schoobler out against the world and Farmer, Honeyman and Eaton are after him for laurels and place.

Sam Jones, Wallace Whitmore and B. F. Swagert shipped 20 runners to Salem last week. All the horses were in fine condition and they give good indications of speed in the coming events.

J. W. Tilden and George T. Beckers took their stables down to Salem Tuesday. Tilden has several good ones in his string and Beckers has his two-year-old Jester, whom he expects to prove a winner.

The latest reports from the state fair group show that the stables are being filled rapidly. H. A. Threlkeld, of Boseman, Mont., has brought down a whole stable of trotters, and he has one, Gold, by Directum, entered for the \$300 stake. Placer, a son of Gold, is Threlkeld's entry for the Capital City prize.

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