

PHASES OF INDUSTRIAL GROWTH OF STATE OF OREGON

TOWNS PROSPER ON NORTH BANK

Construction of New Railroad Boon to White Salmon and Bingen.

LOTS INCREASE IN VALUE

Prospect of Transportation Facilities Attracts Investors and a Heavy Building Movement Is Now in Progress.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—The rapid development which is taking place along the North Bank Railroad is said to be more conspicuous in the towns of White Salmon and Bingen than at any other points along the line of the new road. Three years ago there were less than half a dozen dwellings in the limits of the present town of White Salmon, while today it has two banks, three hotels, a school in which there are over 100 pupils enrolled, stores of all descriptions, a newspaper, lodges of Oddfellows and Masons, who own their own hall, churches, a flourishing Commercial Club and a theatre which is in process of construction and will soon be finished.

To Build Electric Road. White Salmon taps the Trout Lake, Canas Prairie and Glenwood country, which is devoted to dairying and the lumber business. A company has been recently incorporated with the purpose of constructing a road from the river to the lake for the purpose of hauling lumber to the railroad and transporting passengers to the lake, which is becoming quite popular as a summer resort. The land in the immediate vicinity of the town is devoted to fruit raising, which has heretofore been carried on with the most successful results. Fine fruit has been produced, but growers have decided that it can be improved by the use of irrigation and have formed a ditch company. An engineer is now engaged in making a preliminary survey for the new ditch, which, when it is finished, is expected to serve about 2000 acres of fruit land.

Bingen Also Prospers. At Bingen, which is a mile and a half below White Salmon, on the Columbia River, a depot for the new railroad will be built and workmen are now engaged in leveling off the ground for that purpose. The first residents of Bingen are new dwellings and business buildings have been erected there and lots have advanced in value. A Portland investor offered to buy this week all that was left of the native ownership on a tract of 250 acres of high figure, but the owners refused to part with it. It is rumored that Bingen may become the terminus of a branch of the new road. It is about 5 miles from Portland over the route of the railroad and is said to be better adapted for this purpose than any place along the line. The railroad company has secured a tract here 400x300 feet and is said to be negotiating for more. The cheapest lot that can be bought at Bingen is \$225, and as high as \$1000 elsewhere. The station will be near where it is expected the station will be built. The townsite is owned by the Sukdorf family, who are declining to sell property at what is considered high prices.

OPPOSE NEW FOREST RESERVES. Hagney Valley Stockmen Regard Them as a Menace. HARNEY, Or., March 24.—(To the Editor.)—We have had the finest winter for many years, not over ten inches of snow at any one time, and the mercury marked only a degree below zero only twice. The farmers have been plowing and seeding for the last three weeks and the ground is in fine condition. The outlook for a crop was never better. Homeowners are coming in almost daily and from reports we are receiving they have only commenced to come.

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IN A SOUTHERN OREGON VINEYARD.

in five miles of Harney City. We think this will work to the disadvantage of the incoming emigration as well as to those who are here—especially the leasing of the range, which all object to, as we cannot get the stock on the range, nor can we herd them off it.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 24.—Work on the state and county roads from this city to the Humptulps Valley and thence to the ocean beach, is being pushed as fast as the weather will permit and Commissioner Watkins hopes to have this road in shape and ready for traffic by August 1. As soon as the bluff around the limits of Aberdeen has been crossed by the new roadway and the Humptulps River bridge, it will be possible to come from Seattle, Portland or Tacoma in an automobile, going through to the ocean beaches.

NEW BREED FOR STATE. DUTCH BELTED CATTLE LATEST FOR OREGON FARMS. Clatsop Rancher Brings Six Head Across Continent to Build Up Dairy Herd. ASTORIA, March 24.—(Special.)—Clatsop county, which is rapidly coming to the front as a dairy district, is the possessor of the first herd of pure-blooded Dutch Belted cattle to be brought to Oregon. The herd, consisting of one bull and five heifers, arrived during the past week from Pennsylvania and New Jersey for O. L. Peterson, of this city, and is now at his flower Dairy on the Lewis and Clark River.

Fine Church for Roseburg. ROSEBURG, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—The Methodist Church of Roseburg has selected plans for a new brick or cement block church to be built this summer, to cost about \$5000. When finished it will be the finest church in Southern Oregon.

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AFTER RICH PRIZE

Roads Fight for Entrance to Gray's Harbor. HEAVY BUSINESS IN VIEW Reports of Great Wealth in Seven Devils District.

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SEASIDE, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Four miles south of Seaside there have been discovered indications of oil in the mountains this side of Elk Creek. Samples of rock have been brought in that are strongly scented with oil. There is talk of organizing a company to prospect the find.

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