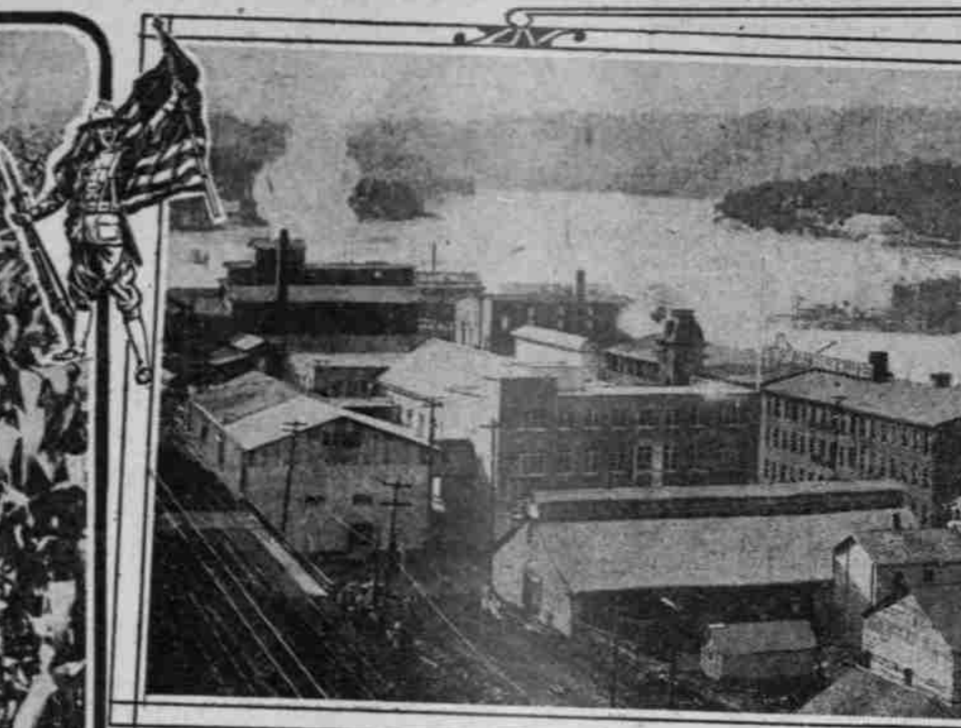
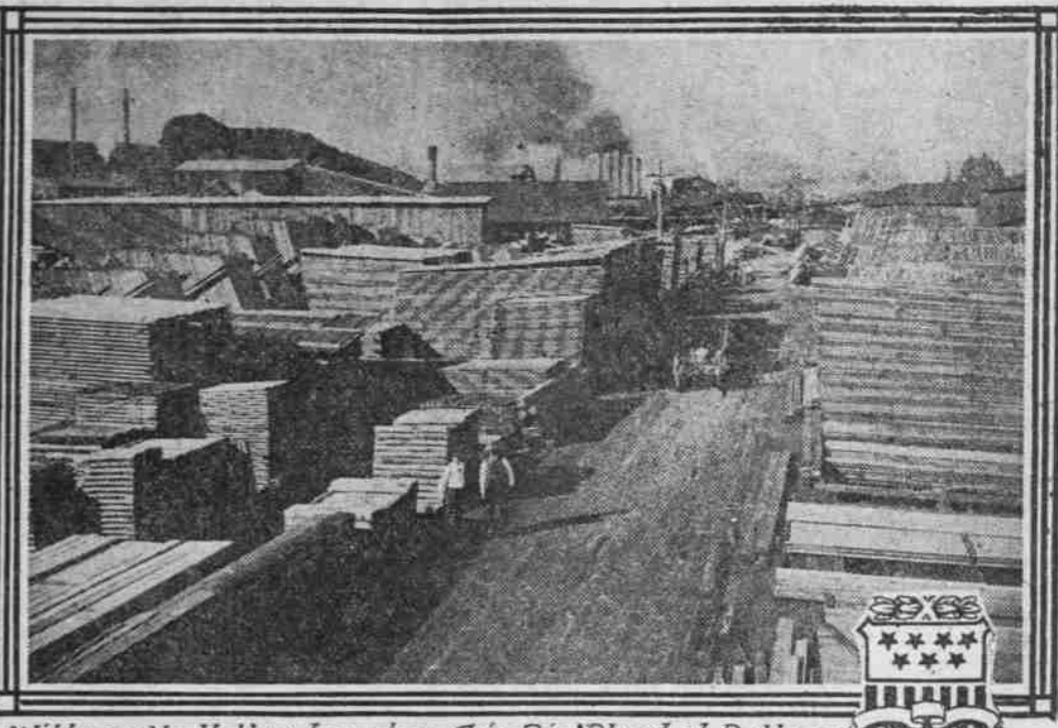


# WESTERN OREGON IS TO FORE IN FOOD PRODUCTION

## Willamette Valley Counties Have Prosperous Year—Men and Supplies Are Furnished to Help Win War



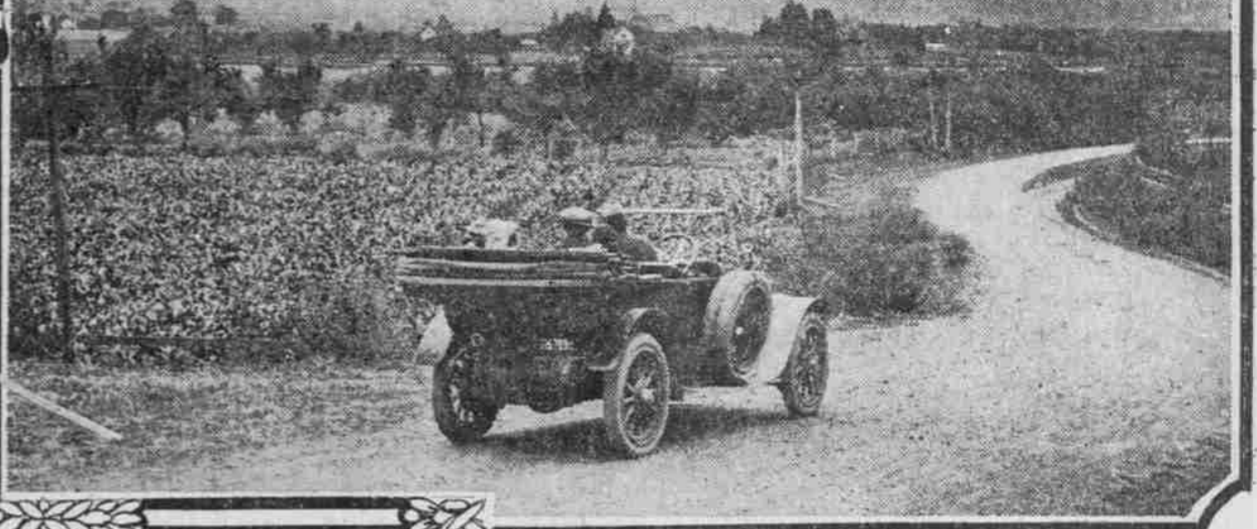
Partial View of Oregon City's Industrial District



Willamette Valley Lumber Co's Big Plant at Dallas, Oregon



Rich Columbia River Delta Lands



Farm View Near St. Helens, Columbia County

### Making Land Pay for Itself in Rogue River Valley

**S**ALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Coming back after a few lean years, Marion County, industrially, can say that 1917 has been a good year to its people. Mills have reopened, new industries have been developed and started on a prosperous path; farming acreage has been increased and generally the people have found themselves more prosperous and contented.

The best concrete example of conditions may be found in the bank deposits. An increase of 33 per cent shown in the deposits in the 18 banks in the county, according to figures prepared by State Bank Superintendent Sargent. In these 17 state banks and two National banks on September 11, 1917, the deposits totaled \$8,904,568.11, including \$3,988,223.30 in demand deposits and \$4,916,344.81 in time deposits. On September 11, 1918, the total deposits were \$6,637,848.78, or \$4,519,256.77 in demand deposits and \$2,118,591.99 in time deposits. The deposits in 1917 over 1918 showed an increase of \$2,287,719.33 in the aggregate, or an increase of \$1,387,662.99 for time deposits and of \$1,447,567.93 for demand deposits.

These deposits perhaps show one reason why Marion County folks could go into their pockets and dig out well over \$1,000,000 to aid in the great financial drives which have been made to help win the war.

In the first liberty loan drive \$250,000 was subscribed and in the second \$482,900. Of the second amount Salem alone subscribed \$353,500. The county gave \$17,000 to the Red Cross fund and \$450 to the soldiers' library fund.

The result of its work in food conservation showed that over 97 per cent of the homes of the county have subscribed to the food conservation campaign. A large number of German-Americans are included in the population of this county and they have come forward loyally and without a single reservation that has been made. As an example, in the little town of Mount Angel, when 200 German-Americans at a meeting were asked to raise their hands to show who would subscribe to the second liberty loan, more than 75 per cent of them responded.

The 40,000 subscribed to the Red Cross work is not all that has been done in that campaign in this county. Salem is the headquarters for the Willamette Chapter of the American Red Cross, which has auxiliaries in every precinct, practically, and has accomplished an immense amount of work in giving practical assistance to the Red Cross.

Every campaign which has been waged here along the line of assistance in war work has been carried on only after a most thorough organization has been effected. These organizations stand ready at any time in the future to duplicate or better their efforts in the past and, from appearances, this county is ready in 1918 to meet any of the services or sacrifices which it might be called upon to offer.

### RESPONSE TO WAR DEMANDS GENEROUS

Washington County Makes Fine Showing in Furnishing Men, Funds and Supplies

**H**ILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Hillsboro County has not lagged behind its sisters in the part it is taking to win the war and is well represented in the fighting forces and all the agencies forming the second line of offense. The county's quota in the first draft was 28 men, but volunteers in all branches of the service bring the total from the county now in the ranks to more than 300. Immediately after the declaration of war the boys in the Hillsboro High School enlisted, practically en masse in the Third Oregon, and the example was followed by other schools of the county. Many others are now in the regulars, the Marines and the Navy.

Exact figures are impossible in giving the county's financial contributions. Adjoining the city of Portland, many Washington County residents transact their business through the banks of that city. This is particularly true of the eastern section, and liberty loan subscriptions were made largely through Portland banks. Reports from ten of the 11 banks in the county give \$181,400 for the first loan and \$248,850 for the second.

### LOYALTY IS SHOWN BY BENTON COUNTY

Every Call for Assistance in War With Fine Spirit—Many Men Are Sent to War

**C**ORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Benton County has been keeping to the fore in all war activities since this Nation first became involved. She had the first Home Guard company, with more than 200 members, organized within a few days after the war was declared. She had the first Honor Guard company, with 250 members, organized about the same time. Her ranks highest in number of men registered for service in proportion to population, with a showing of 1197, or 28 men to the square mile. She has the reserve officers' training camp, seven to the engineers, seven to the Coast Artillery, and when the call came for men eligible to serve Benton County was "exempt" because she had already furnished 24 men more than her allotment.

pany—Company K, with 97 men—ready for duty when the call came. They were fully equipped and drilled and entrained immediately to Camp Withycombe when called. They are under the able command of Captain Charles A. Murphy, with Herstel Eiteneber as First Lieutenant.

Benton County has not given of men alone. She has oversubscribed of her dollars for every war fund for which she has been called upon. For five successive years she took the blue ribbons at the State Fair and became known as "the blue ribbon county."

The Portland papers have also dubbed her with this title in the matter of raising war revenue.

The first call was for money for the Y. M. C. A. Benton was allotted \$1000 as her share and raised \$2300, or 230 per cent.

The next call was for the Red Cross. Benton was allotted \$10,000, and raised \$15,000, and has an active Red Cross organization of several hundred members.

Benton was asked for \$250 for war libraries. This was raised entirely through the medium of the Gazette-Times without a single person's solicitation and was oversubscribed nearly \$100.

Her first liberty loan allotment was \$112,000. She raised \$112,000. Her second liberty loan allotment was \$212,000. She subscribed \$211,000, an oversubscription of \$8 per cent, being the largest oversubscription in Oregon.

### SHOWING BY LANE COUNTY IS GREAT

More Than 750 Men Sent to Colors and Production of All Kinds Is Increased

**E**UGENE, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Lane County is in the front rank in the Nation's war activities. Since President Wilson proclaimed a state of war with Germany, April 6, she has been responding with men, money and materials. More than 750 of her sons have answered their country's call, according to conservative estimates, and the folks at home have been brought to a realization that they are concerned vitally in events that are happening in far-away Europe. Little by little, in second and third grades in the schools of Eugene are taking part in the war activities. They are making and stringing gun wafers for the soldiers. Older boys and girls are making trench candles. In the high school and university students are devoting a part of their time to the Red Cross military studies and drill. Men and women are working through the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. in almost every conceivable way in doing what they can to help win the war.

Lane County farmers, millworkers and timbermen are busy. They are supplying food clothing and shelter for the Army. Canned and dried fruits and vegetables, meat, grain, tent pins, khaki cloth, woolen blankets, lumber for ships, cantonments and airplanes, and valve grinders, to keep automobile and aircraft motors running smoothly, are some of the war products which are being supplied by Lane County.

Lane County is proud to have been one of the 15 counties in the state exempted as a whole under the first draft. She is still further credited with volunteers which will reduce her quota for the second call. She is also proud of the fact that two months ago J. M. Williams, one of her prominent citizens, was appointed Adjutant-General of the state to relieve Adjutant-General White that the latter might enter active service.

Eugene, as the headquarters of the Oregon Coast Artillery and the home of Colonel Creed C. Hammond, the commander of the regiment, since her sons have gone away with such succeeding ease, finds a quickening interest in all movements for their welfare and to aid in the success of the country's cause.

The Lane County Chapter of the Red Cross, with Eugene as the center of its activities, has a membership of 2200, and its record for production gives it rank among the foremost chapters of the organization on the Pacific Coast. Hundreds of women in Eugene are giving a part of each day to the Red Cross and the branches in the other cities and towns of the county also have a large proportion of active workers.

war library funds, there being particular interest in the second drive for the former, the county's quota of \$6000 being exceeded.

Much interest instantly developed in the Spring campaign to speed up food production and a large acreage was planted. Crops suffering from the drought, hay and spring grain being particularly affected, but because of the large planting the potato crop is about normal in quantity. Beans were generally planted in many sections and, while but a half crop was gathered, the outcome was so much better than anticipated that it is believed growers are not discouraged and will plant largely next year.

Notwithstanding the feed shortage, it is probable that the dairy interests will be but little affected. Dairywomen are receiving the highest prices ever paid for milk and, while it was feared earlier in the season that there would be a general selling of dairy stock, it developed that in most cases where sales were made the stock still remained within the county.

Warned by the experience of this year, farmers generally planted Fall grain and the acreage devoted to such crops will exceed those of previous years. In spite of the dry Fall, they did not wait for rain, but there was dry plowing and rolling and large areas formerly devoted to other crops are sown to grain.

### DOUGLAS CITIZENS DOING THEIR BIT

County Is Conserving and Producing Crop Yields Gain—Patriotism Is Shown

**R**OSEBURG, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—From the standpoint of patriotism, whether it required the sacrifice of lives, money or labor, the city of Roseburg has not been negligent in any part of the war programme outlined by the Government to further an aggressive fight against the enemy. It has given freely, unhesitatingly and with that generous spirit that always has prompted people from the very beginning of the world conflict, not only in the city, but throughout the county. The response to arms by patriotic youth in America in Douglas County, when war was announced with Germany, more than met the requirements of the Government, thus eliminating the draft in this county for the first call of men.

The Red Cross, since its organization, has received total receipts of \$2800, every cent of which has been earned by the members in various ways, with the exception of \$270, which amount represents donations received from various sources. With the assistance of the Rose Cross, Roseburg fed 17,000 soldiers en route to American Lake during the months of October and November, a greater number than any other city on the Coast, netting about \$1700 for their treasury in this manner. They have sent about 400 Christmas boxes to the soldiers in France. Several large shipments of bandages, a large quantity of surgical dressings and other material for hospital purposes also were forwarded to the war zone in the early part of the Fall.

The Government. These plants produce 75,000 cases of canned goods this year, as compared with 7,000 cases in 1915. Many hundreds of thousands of pounds of dried fruit also has been prepared at the canneries and at smaller driers scattered throughout the county. Blackberry jam for the soldier boy's bread has been a prominent canner product in Lane County this year. The Eugene plant alone handled 185 tons of these berries, making them into jam, much of which has found its way into the commissary stores of the War Department.

Increased hog production is the outstanding farm development in Lane County—no small matter in providing food for the Nation's fighting men. N. S. Robb, County Agricultural Agent, estimates that the increase in the hog production in Lane County this year has amounted to more than 20 per cent. In response to the Nation's call to plant, Lane County farmers last Spring planted 3400 acres of beans, the largest acreage for a single county in Oregon, and an increase of 600 per cent in the acreage for the county. As a result of drought, the crop was short, but sufficient to show an increase in production over former years. Corn donated to receive little credit as a "war crop" because it is fed largely to livestock, was the biggest agricultural success of the year, returning a good yield despite dry weather.

Virtually every branch of the lumber industry in Lane County is engaged in war work. Far back in the hills, loggers are getting out timbers which are being cut at the mills for shipbuilding and airplane stock. Two plants in Lane County are engaged exclusively in the production of tent pins for the use of the Army, and have manufactured a total of 2,000,000. These pins are made of ash, notched and made ready for use.

Outstanding features of Lane County's part in the war can be summarized as follows:

Men  
Second Company, Oregon Coast Artillery... 82  
Signal Corps, aviation and other... 101  
Sixth Company, Oregon Coast Artillery... 101  
Signal Corps, aviation and other... 145  
United States National Army (known as University of Oregon Ambulance)... 102  
Star Oregon Coast Artillery... 102  
Regular Army and Navy, Naval Reserve... 622  
Signal Corps, aviation and other... 622  
Branches of service (estimated)... 350  
Lumber for Navy yards... \$250,000  
Subscriptions to second liberty loan... \$250,000  
Contributions to Red Cross... 42,000

Lumber for cantonments... 2,248,841  
Wooden pipe stock for cantonments... 265,000  
Lumber for ships... \$325,000  
Lumber for Navy yards... 2,000  
Woolen khaki cloth manufactured... 2,000  
Woolen Army blankets (number)... 2500

are not available, careful estimates show the number of Linn County boys now in the service of their country is approximately 540. One entire company went from Albany and vicinity and the county well represented in the Third Oregon, the regular Army, Navy and Marines. This county also furnished several commissioned officers.

Linn was one of the Oregon counties which had so many volunteer enlistments that it was not called upon to furnish a single man for the first draft.

This county subscribed liberally for liberty bonds. It gave \$23,162.29 in the Red Cross drive. Subscriptions for the Army work of the Y. M. C. A. exceeded \$7000. The County Court of Linn County, the city of Albany and local citizens made up a mess fund of approximately \$1000 for the Fifth Company, Oregon Coast Artillery, which went from this city.

In addition to the amount realized in the Red Cross drive this county has contributed materially to Red Cross work for the local chapter has raised more than \$5500 for this purpose. Of this amount approximately \$2700 was obtained from serving dinners to drafted men passing through Albany for Camp Lewis at Tazewell, Va. In this work, this county showed its patriotism, for the men characterized their Albany reception as the best they received. Splendid dinners were served, musical programmes given and local people gave the boys an enthusiastic and hearty welcome. People in various parts of the county donated supplies for these dinners so that most of the money received, was profit for Red Cross work.

In the making of supplies, too, the chapters and auxiliaries of the Red Cross in Linn County have done a remarkable work. Large shipments of supplies of all kinds have been sent to Red Cross headquarters.

With the largest acreage in its history devoted to agricultural purposes, Linn County is helping in that way, too, to win the war. In 1917 more land was devoted to the growing of grain and hay than ever before and small tracts and vacant lots always heretofore unused, were utilized for bean and potato crops. Only an unusually poor season—which, by the way, is the greatest acreage ever devoted to record-breaking crops.

But 1918 bids fair to eclipse this year in that respect. Already by far the greatest acreage ever devoted to Fall crops has been seeded. With favorable weather Linn County will produce the largest grain crops in its history next year to say nothing of hay, beans, potatoes and all kinds of fruits and vegetables. Linn County farmers also are raising large quantities of stock and hogs and the county ships a large amount of dairy products annually. It is estimated that the annual output of farm products in this county ranges from \$6,500,000 to \$7,200,000.

Linn County has a wealth of forest resources also which are available for war or other purposes. It has some of the largest bodies of good com-

mercial timber in the world. While much of this is in the Government forest reserve there are large tracts of privately owned timber not yet touched for commercial purposes.

Only a small percentage of the county's timber resources is being drawn upon now, and yet the annual output of forest products in this county is estimated at \$1,250,000.

Rich in natural resources and with a splendid, patriotic citizenship, enjoying every facility whereby its people may live happily and well, Linn County, which is one of the oldest counties in the state in point of organization and settlement, continued during 1917, to maintain its record of keeping pace with the general progress of Oregon along all lines.

### GROWING CLOVER SEED PROFITABLE

Annual Production in Linn County Is Valued at \$200,000—Quality of Best

**A**LBANY, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Ten years ago practically no clover was grown in Linn County. Now approximately \$200,000 is distributed among farmers of the county every year for clover seed and the clover raised in connection with the seed production yields an additional amount estimated at \$25,000.

A little more than a decade ago a farmer came to Linn County from the Middle West and bought some so-called "white land." This class of land, which appears in streaks in some parts of the county, will not grow wheat and generally was regarded as worthless. Whenever any unsuspecting stranger bought white land everybody felt sorry for him. This man planted Alsike clover on his farm and paid for it in two years.

This experiment opened the eyes of others and clover began to be grown generally. While the Alsike clover is grown on white land it is the red clover, planted on the better soil, which furnishes the principal clover crop of the county.

Once started, clover-growing became popular in Linn County and for the past few years large quantities of seed raising crop of wheat and clover much greater than formerly. This plan has allocated the old custom of Summer-fallowing, thus permitting greater and more profitable use of the land.

### LINN'S RECORD OF PATRIOTISM GREAT

County Gives Freely of Its Products, Men and Money—Progress Is Notable

**A**LBANY, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Giving freely of its money, its products and its sons, Linn County has assisted materially in making the splendid record of patriotism which Oregon has established since the war began.

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are not available, careful estimates show the number of Linn County boys now in the service of their country is approximately 540. One entire company went from Albany and vicinity and the county well represented in the Third Oregon, the regular Army, Navy and Marines. This county also furnished several commissioned officers.

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