

### CRY FOR SETTLERS IN OREGON GREAT

Opportunities in Every Part for Newcomers With \$1000 and More Are Told.

### FARMING CLASS WANTED

Commercial Organizations Co-operate With Oregon Development League in Effort to Tell Colonists of Conditions.

Responses pouring in from commercial organizations in all parts of Oregon indicate eagerness on the part of the business associations everywhere to co-operate with the Oregon Development League in the effort to help incoming colonists to secure lands at reasonable prices on which they may settle and make homes.

Before the opening of the colonist season letters were sent to all such organizations in the state, calling their attention to the fact that the most of the coming homeseekers will be from Portland and the surrounding territory. The Portland Commercial Club has declared its intention to aid them in every way possible to secure land at reduced prices and to keep them out of the hands of speculators and unscrupulous promoters, and requested co-operation from all associations in the Oregon Development League.

**Many Answers Received.**  
The following are extracts from letters received from prominent commercial organizations in Oregon, in response to the inquiry recently sent out relative to the chances of the homeseeker with \$1,000 capital. Special demand was made for something definite in land values, and in a number of instances lists of actual offerings, the character of which was vouched for by the Commercial Club, accompanied the response.

**Dufur Tells of Opportunities.**  
Dufur Valley Development League: "We can locate as many as 20 to 30 people here in homes. These homes are homesteads that can be bought out and 160-acre places deeded that can be bought and payment made on them and get time on the balance. In this way \$1000 would give some of the colonists a start. These are not the best places here, but are places with some good land and timber on them, but not all in cultivation.

"We will do all we can to locate these people that come to us, but they must not want to take up homesteads, for there are none here to be had that are worth taking. We can locate them on fruit tracts of 10, 20 or 30 acres and can find small pieces of 50 acres not set to fruit also, but of course costing more than the outside places not so close to town.

**Prairie City Commercial Club:** "We can place at least 100 families on farms in our vicinity this Spring. There are numerous openings for families with capital of \$1000 in such pursuits as dairying, farming, etc. As a Commercial Club, we will do all in our power toward placing colonists here to us."  
**Aumsville Commercial Club:** "We have exceptionally good opportunity and good locations for a doctor and druggists. Send us out one, or both, located to colonists with small capital, would advise that a large number of five to ten-acre tracts are available."

**Klamath Has Much Land.**  
Klamath Chamber of Commerce: "At the present time we have no less than 500,000 acres of agricultural land, both irrigated and non-irrigated, on which we can place colonists."  
"We want people who are interested in dairying, hog and poultry raising. These men of limited means, after placing their families on the land, holding such as they would buy, can secure employment in our sawmills, in our box factory, in our lumber yard, or on our farms. We have a Bohemian colony here of about 80 families. The first of them came here about three years ago. They bought small holdings, ranging from 10 to 40 acres, and at the time paid \$37.50 an acre for their land. This was raw land—still had the brush on it. Today they have 4000 acres of land, 2900 of which is seeded to alfalfa, the remaining part is under cultivation and on it diversified farming is indulged in. These people raised sugar beets last year, which stood the highest tests of any beets ever tested in Washington, D. C."

**Bay City Commercial Club:** "We can accommodate about 25 or 30 families on farms of about 5 or 10 acres each, which are located moderately close to this city. The energetic married man can make a good start on a minimum capital of \$1000 here, provided he is willing to turn his hand to odd jobs the first year. The big opening here is for those who will engage in the production of truck and berries."  
As a club we will meet all colonists, provided we are advised of their arrival previous to their reaching here, and assist them all we can toward securing a location; will give them conscientious advice; will give them advice of undertaking any particular object, purchase of any tract and assist them in all ways that we can to get a start here."

**Stayton Lands Not Cheap.**  
West Stayton Commercial Club: "The cheap land, by which is usually meant \$10 to \$20 an acre, is something we haven't got around West Stayton, and we are glad of it. The land in the immediate vicinity of West Stayton has all been under cultivation for years and has recently been put under irrigation by the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land Company. Their holdings comprise some 4000 acres, of which 2000 is being sold for \$225 and \$250, including the perpetual water right, and when one considers that land without water, unless it is sub-irrigated, will not produce alfalfa, clover or other stuff for dairying purposes during the dry Summers in paying crops, irrigated land is cheaper in the end to a man who is going in for dairying, poultry, hog raising, intensive farming or orchard culture than 150 land in an uninviting spot, where one has to contend with poor transportation facilities (an all-important item), where neighbors are few and far between, and the lands are sold on exceptionally easy terms, as low as one-fifth down having been accepted in some cases and five years or more to make good."

**Ontario Commercial Club:** "We can place a great many colonists that have an average capital of \$1000, as our plan of locating them on the land with one-fourth down would give a man on a ten-acre tract \$200 to work on and his first payment made, but the colonist who has only his railroad ticket paid to Portland is a hard man for us to place, as we have no manufacturing and owing to the construction of the

### ALSEA CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC SCHOOL TO HAVE EXHIBITS AT STATE AND COUNTY FAIR.



FINE NEW STRUCTURE IN OREGON TOWN.

The students of Alsea Consolidated Public School, at Alsea, Or., have organized an agricultural club, and plan to have a splendid collection of exhibits at both the county and state fairs.

The enrollment of the school is 172. Last year it was greater than the school census, and this year it is about 90 per cent of the census. The average per cent of attendance this far this year is more than 96 per cent.

The school has two literary societies—the Washington and Lincoln—which give programmes alternately every two weeks.

The athletic association has nearly 50 members. To secure funds the association took the janitor work of the building. The association is divided into squads of five, and each squad, in turn, does the work for one week. The association will have the athletic field plowed, leveled and rolled, putting it in perfect shape for baseball, tennis and basketball.

Three hundred dollars has been raised since the school was established two years ago, and spent for pictures for the various rooms. The library contains 250 volumes. All citizens of the community, as well as the scholars, are entitled to use the library. A few citizens have shown their interest by donating or loaning books from their private libraries.

Weaving, basketry, drawing, modeling in clay and sand have been introduced in the primary department. A stereopticon was recently purchased. The first lecture was given March 23.

Oregon-Eastern on through the country toward Central Oregon, this section has been overrun with working men and we have had considerable trouble trying to take care of them. We will be glad to have our share of the colonists that have the capital of \$1000.

"To substantiate further the story of our novel scheme for selling land, as set out at the Irrigation Congress, we have disposed of more than 500 acres out of the 1000 and to more than 70 different persons. The people are well pleased with the results and the activity manifested in real estate by the selling of these tracts is noticeable in that many other pieces of land have changed hands and much improvement is being carried out.

"A man from Redmond, who came here and located about a month ago, we sent down to Ely, Nev., and he has disposed of 14 tracts and sent in the money for the first payments, which shows that we are not disposing of this land entirely to local people."

**Dairying Is Profitable.**  
Redmond Commercial Club: "We send you a short list of land being offered for sale in this vicinity, merely to give you an idea of the bargains that are offered. There are for sale in this valley, at prices ranging from \$40 to \$75 an acre for irrigated land, probably 100,000 acres of good land that is well adapted to growing of all crops of hay and vegetables. We would especially recommend this section as a dairy country. Those who have gone into that business have had remarkable success. We have the latest four months there has been shipped into this town more than 400 cows. Hogs and poultry also do well."

**Toledo League:** "We have the land and the soil and lots of it, and our land is not out of reason in price."  
**West Creek Commercial Club:** Secretary owns large property there and says: "I can place several families who have \$1000 and will do everything possible for their comfort and prosperity if they have the necessary requisites for success—a willingness to do anything and everything that is honest and honorable, when they cannot have what they prefer, there is no question about their success. I have several pieces of good land which they can till for themselves, but am keeping my work, of which I have a plenty, such as clearing land and cutting wood, for such as buy tracts and are not able to use part of the money paid for land in giving employment to the purchasers. Part of the time they can get work for others, too, and every day they are not working for others they can be working on their own tracts, and every \$50 so spent makes them look \$500 better. There is exceptional opportunity here for the man of moderate capital."  
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month. The agent here for the Carey lands has now ready for settlement about 4000 acres, in small lots of from 40 to 160 acres, and in irrigated area. The price of this land is at present \$40 an acre for the irrigated portion and graded down for that not irrigable. In two months there will be an unlimited amount of Carey land opened up for settlement at \$45.

**Silverton Commercial Club:** "We can place almost an unlimited number of colonists and put them on good farms in this vicinity. The farm lands in this section have not been boomed yet and there is a good supply to be had at reasonable prices. We can handle a limited number of men with families with an average capital of \$1000 and if they are willing to go in debt we can place good many." "As a Commercial Club we will do everything in our power to help colonists referred to us, get a good location and assist them to establish a home. Our need in this vicinity is home-builders—people who are not afraid to till the soil. There is plenty of good land that can be divided into small or medium-sized tracts for home-building."

**Port Orford Ambitious.**  
The Port Orford Commercial Club: "We will take a day off to look after every family or colonist directed to us at Port Orford. You can tell them that we have sent you word that Port Orford is to be the next city on the Coast. We have the harbor deepest between Seattle and San Francisco, have organized a port district, are asking for Government aid, and ready to bond for port work."

"We can place several families on small ranches here if they have as much as \$1000 to start on, and many come in here on much less and get along all right by working in the camps, mills, etc., to help out. Can sell two dozen 10-acre tracts for \$30 an acre near Port Orford, \$100 down and \$10 a month, giving a man a chance to improve and make garden and truck place, etc. With advent of railroad, which is assured us in 18 months, this land will be worth \$100 an acre. This is the best place in Oregon for a poor man."

**Newberg Commercial Club:** "There is not any real cheap land here, but there is some of the very best of land that can be bought on very reasonable terms. I mean so far as making payments on same is concerned. Speaking of men with families who have a ready capital of \$1000, that sum is not much of an investment in this country. A man could make a small payment upon a piece of property, but then he has little left to improve it with, and when it comes to men with families who are seeking day labor, we really have more than we can keep busy. There is exceptional opportunity here for the man of moderate capital."  
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### NEW SPERLING BLOCK, NOW NEARING COMPLETION AT INDEPENDENCE, WILL BE UP-TO-DATE STRUCTURE.



NEW BUILDING CONTAINING LERONA HOTEL AND BANK.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—The new Sperling block, a very substantial brick structure of three stories, with concrete basement, is nearing completion and will be the finest structure in this city. The first floor is to be occupied by the new bank, hotel dining-room, men's lobby, a restaurant and the City Bakery. The upper floors will be occupied, 74 rooms, for hotel guests. The hostelry will meet a real need.

The new bank is expected to open its doors for business about April 15. J. J. Fenton is president and C. W. Irvine cashier. Mr. Fenton came here from Greybull, Wyoming, where he was connected with the banking business. The new hotel will be known as the Lerona, and will be opened about May 1. The building will be thoroughly modern throughout.

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lands in this vicinity. As secretary, I have talked with our real estate men and believe that their prices are reasonable, and that they will treat the colonists right. I, myself, will do all I can toward looking after the colon-

ists and seeing that they are well cared for."

**100 Places for Sale.**  
Albany Commercial Club: "We are getting out in pamphlet form a list of about 100 places that our people have for sale. It is difficult to say how many colonists we can place, but one thing is certain and that is that land prices in our county are more reasonable than you will find anywhere else in the Willamette Valley. It is hard to get our dealers to advertise the cheap lands, but they have them for sale, and if they cannot sell the best ones they will gladly show the others."

**Burns Commercial Club:** "There is a great deal of land for sale in Harney County, and in all-sized tracts. In our Commercial Club literature we have stated that the best quality of farming and alfalfa lands are for sale at from \$25 to \$50 an acre, but as a matter of fact we put the price high on purpose, and there are many thousand acres of the very best hay and grain land in this county for sale at from \$10 to \$15 an acre. First-class sage brush lands without improvements can be purchased at about \$12.50 to \$15 an acre, and stock ranches at about the same price. Farms of 160 acres, fenced and with some other improvements, with water at a depth of eight to 12 feet, but with no running water for irrigation, can be had for about \$2000 per 160 acres. The road land grant recently purchased by L. W. Hey is to be put on the market, we understand here, at a low figure. There are 200,000 acres of this land in Harney County. There is also an immense amount of homestead land in this county, which for dry farming methods is good land, but of course practically none of the homestead land has water for irrigation, except as taken out of the land."

**Water Is Plentiful.**  
"One important fact which is not generally understood and appreciated is the abundance of water to be had at a very shallow depth almost any place in this county. The average depth to an inexhaustible supply of water in Harney Valley is about 10 feet, and with transportation into the country, so that we can obtain erude oil at a reasonable figure, there will

be a great deal of irrigation done here by the pumping system. When a person can buy sage brush land in Harney Valley which only requires a limited supply of water for irrigation to make it produce equal to any grain lands in the state for \$15 and \$20 an acre, and that water can be obtained at a depth of from eight to 12 feet, it seems to me that the new settler has a comparatively easy problem to solve. At present, of course, the price of oil is prohibitive, but this will soon be remedied by railroad transportation."

**One's Money for Clothing.**  
The Youth's Companion.  
On the average approximately one-eighth of the income in workmen's families goes for clothing. To those

who keep abreast of the fashions and who dress with some elegance it must seem quite preposterous that a family of five should spend only \$100, or less, a year, for clothing, but multitudes of working-class families are really clad with sufficient warmth and with decency on such an expenditure.

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