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DOUGLAS COUNTY. RESOURCES OF ADVANTAGES AND

his material wants and necessities might es of all these products vary. be most easily obtained. Diversified Five million pounds of evaporated

Let no one be misled. We have no desire to create the impression that the conditions here in Southern Oregon combine all the good and none of the imperfections. Such an Edenic state does not exist on the shores of time Yet in a most prosaic way it can be truthfully stated that we have here but a very minor portion of the natural vi cissitudes which are encountered in most other of the so-classed temperate climes. Drouth nor bluzzard, flood nor cyclones, have ever here been known The extremes of heat and cold are very moderate and a sure reward awaits the intelligent husbandman.

has here been found.

Donglas county, Oregon, lies in the southwestern part of the state, and has steadily increasing, we need only to say an area of over 3,031,000 acres, or nearly that the annual shipments now require over the county, but no properties have 4800 square miles. It is bounded on the from ten to fifteen heavily loaded trains, as yet been developed, except near Elkeast by the summit of the Cascade which, if coupled together, would extend ton where a fine vein has been uncov mountains and on the west by the broad a distance of considerably over a mile. ered. Pacific Ocean. Nearly the entire area is A mile of cars laden with Douglas coundrained by the Umpqua river and its ty fruit is something scarcely dreamed of tributaries—a stream about 180 miles in a few years ago, yet so rapidly has the traverses 116 miles in crossing this coun-became an accomplished fact yearly. ty from north to south. The Umpqua And yet most of the orchards are still comprises the principal valley which ex young and many more are just coming ten is from the Pacific Ocean over 150 into hearing. More trees are annually miles to the Cascades.

being a general comminging of hills forward without abatement. portion of its ares. It is but natural that such a diversified country should

farming and stock raising, which are yet estimated by careful and competent kinds yield prolifically. This is not suras in any place which can be found, and where flowers, both domestic and wild, bloom in the open air at nearly all seasons of the year, and roses are often picked fresh from the gardens at Christ-

grow and mature well with but ordinary verting this vast virgin wealth to the care and without irrigation. The fruits use and benefit of mankind. In this and berries are especially luscious and mild climate the timber is accessible at ries grow wild in all parts of the county. are never obstructed with ice. The cereals also yield and mature well. the principal varieties including wheat, oats, barley, rye and corn. Timothy,

weighing from two to four pounds each on extensively since the early 40's, and dred inhabitants. Now with the subbeing by no means rare. Beets, turnips, the placer mines are still yielding large ares, it easily contains 4000 which were sugar beets, cabbage etc., do exception- quantities of the yellow metal. Among in 1 ided in the corporate boundaries at ally well, as do also watermelons, musk the important streams for placer mining the last session of the legislature. The melons, tomatoes, equashes, pumpkins, might be mentioned Cow Creek and its new census now about complete i for

Mankind has ever sought a land where hops and many other things. The pric-

tastes and inclinations have led him on prunes is an aggregate amount of this to the furthermost parts of the globe in luscious fruits, the magnitude of which quest of this ideal. The movement has is fully comprehened by but few perbeen on for centuries and seems des- sons. This is even true of the citizens tined never to end, although the world of Douglas county, where the annual has long been traversed from its tropic output now approximates very nearly center to the ice-bound barriers of the that figure. From the early family orpoles Under the great diversity of con- chards with but a few varieties of fruit ditions therein, the many marvelous in each, Oregon has become an exporter tributaries, Starveout, Hoggam, Tenuesachievements of modern civilization are of orchard products, both fresh and see, Whitehorse, Westfork, Union not the most pronounced in either extreme of climatic environment. The increasing magnitude. In Douglas Coffee Creek and Myrtle Creek with languor of perpetual summer and the county, from the desultory shipments, their tributaries, the Umpqua from the rigors of intermittent winter are in a of a few hundred pounds each, the angreat degree avoided, and in the inter- nual export has become one of car mediate zones are found the nations of loads and trainloads annually. More gold is found, nuggets worth over \$200 the earth who lead in the world's intelli- than one hundred and fifty cars of tif- have been picked up off the bedrock. gence and civilization. A blessed land, teen tons capacity each are now required therefore, is the one which suffers neith | to handle the fruit from Douglas county | an i of too much importance to here at er the extremes of winter's cold nor alone each year. To further show the tempt an exhaustive writeup. The yield and summer's heat-and such an one magnitude of this product, which is from gold, silver and copper quartz



Roseburg's City Hall.

length The Southern Pacific railroad production increased that this has now being planted. The output has doubled The surface is largely rolling there in the past four years and is still moving

Douglas County Timber

Forests of thousan is of acres in extent contain great wealth of varied natural and of the finest qualities ex st in Donglas county, Oregon and are as yet practically untouched by the lumberman. Besides the pioneer occupations of The density and value of these forests predominant, many new industries are cruisers to contain from 3,000,000 to 12,now being given attention. This has 000,000 feet of merchantable timber per culturist, as fruits and berries of all quarter section of land Several bodies prising, however, in a climate where the county are estimated to average 5,heat and moisture are as evenly ble.:ded | the county are evintual | t tion. Such forests as these delight the

lumbermen from any country, and well they may. There are thousands of trees The soil is very fertile, and nearly coming and scores of mills—a few are given it. everything in the way of plant life will already running—will very soon be con-

A Douglas County-Timber Scene.

and Southern Oregon. burg and Elkton.

month of Myrtle Creek to its source, and the Olalla and its tributaries. Coarse

mines is yearly increasing. The reader is referred to the map herein for the lo-

eastern part of the county is one of the showing the remarkable increase of 50 several companies. richest. There are many veins of very per cent in five years. No other rich quartz being worked in this district. Boy, Black Republican. Hall, White, \$2,000 per ton. The Canyonville, Glen- Oregon south of Eugene, and is tenth dale and Elk Creek districts are also on the list in the entire state. very promising.

Cinnabar is found in several places in

ty. The Bohemia District in the north-

car loads are shipped annually; has now practically done away with its forthree large fruit evaporators.

Myrtle Creek is situated on the S. P. R. R. 23 miles south of Roseburg, on the banks of the South Umpqua river; in schools and churches Diversified in dustries are carried on including lumber ing, fruit growing, stockraising and m'n oil drilling plant located at this mines are being developed rapidly with flattering prospects for rich producers.

are also being extensively developed. ern and western portions of the county Douglas county is not lacking in re The largest deposit of nickel ore known

miles below at the mouth of the river. Scottsburg, the first town founded in Southern Oregon and former metropo-

lis of this whole region, is situate on the north bank of the Umpqua river, some the mail route from Gardiner via Scotts- thirty miles above its mouth at the head of tide water. Was founded in Dillard is situated on the S. P. R. R., 1850 by Captain Levi Scott. For years on the banks of the South Umpqua prior to the building of the O. & C. R. river, 11 miles south of Roseburg : popu. R. it was the supply point of all Southlation about 100; one general merchan. ern Oregon. All the trade of Southern dise store and postoffice, one church Oregon and a part of Northern Califorbuilding and good school. It is an im. nia for years passed through this place, portant shipping po nt for peaches, pears enroute to and from San Francisco by apples, melons and strawberries; many water. Railroad transportation has

Bouslas County Court House.

hotel and school. Stage line from Drain

makes connection here with steamers

Founded in 1850, the first convention

and freight.

mer importance as a shipping point to the interior; population 100; one store

day and is spending a few days in Roseburg and vicinity buying borses with which to increase his livery stock. He reports it "dry" over in Coos county, where local option is vigorously enforced.

1 inch in length.

Mrs Walter Gray, supplied the besutiful cut roses for the graduating exercises at Cottage Grove last Friday evening. No where in the great state of Oregon does the rose grow to such a degree of perfection as in Roseburg, hence this city is well termed "The City of Roses" for Gardiner, carrying passengers, mail Here this beautiful flower grows in the open air and bloseom every month in

Elkton is situated on the Umpqua W. G. Hughes, of Mt. Alto ranch, river at the mouth of Elk creek, 16 miles west of Drain. It is a station on the ness call Friday. He had just returned Drain-tiardiner stage and mail route. from a business trip to Portland and reheld in Douglas (then Umpqua) county | cidedly lively air incident to the opening was under an old oak tree at this place in 1851; populatio 150 Supports a sawmill flouring mill, has a good school weather makes assured abundant har-

Looking Glass is situated ten miles not expect to out-do last year's success west of Roseburg on the Coos Bay wagon in raising turkeys, as she raised 300 last road, near the center of a beautiful little year and sold six hundred and seventeen valley that has a population of about 700 (\$617.00) worth. This spring is not nearly inhabitants; the station itself contain sp favorable to turkey raising as the two about 100 people. The chief resources years past. Oakland, the great poultry are grain, fruit and stockraising. Has center of Douglas county, or Oregon, so two general merchandise stores and far as that is concerned, may yet have a rival in Havhurst.

Camas Valley is situated in the west- Gill Meadows, who has spent several ern part of the county on the Roseburg- weeks prospecting on Upper Cow Creek Myrtle Point stage and mail route. 27 returned to Rosebury late last week and miles from Roseburg, has a daily mail states that there is certainly a fine gold each way and is on the line of the pro- mining district in South Douglas and posed Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern that besides the many paving properties soil is very rich and productive and well Bohemia mines where he has valuable is surrounded by an immense timber F J. Blakely, who recenty returned station on the line of the Oregon and belt; lumbering is carried on. Has fine from the East, says there is plenty of money in the East seeking investments,

north of Roseburg on the S. P. R. R. a investors to come to Douglas county is large sawmill is being put into opera to show what our resources are. We perous town of 400 inhabitants. Has Roseburg's water and electric power opportunity and see other counties get two hotels, school, church and several plants are located at this place, at which what we should have ourselves if a 75 or a 100 people reside.

Wilbur is the pioneer school town of H. E. Lounsbury, general freight the county, the old Umpqua Academy acent of the S. P. Company, remembermine and others, start from this place being ocated here. It is the center of a ed the Plaindealer with a pleasant call mills. The wagon road to the Gold Bug It is the business point of upper Cow prosperous farming, poultry raising and while in town friday. He said there Creek valley, and is admirably located, fruit growing country. Is located on was a decided improvement in the gennestled in the mountains with splendid the S. P. R. R. about 10 miles north of eral lumber market of late which would spring water, and above all, a most Roseburg. Population about 200.

las county it may be said that she ex-

is supported by various important in- and chickens, \$50,000 worth of salmon, dustries, such as lumbering, dairying, \$1,000,000 worth of lumber, \$30,000 fishing, tanning and shipbuilding; pop worth of butter and cheese, making & ulation about 500; schools, and churches. total of \$1,520,600, which we consider a The United States Light House and good showing when compared with our Life Saving Station are located a few entire population which is about 15,000 or \$101,00 for each man, woman and child, or about \$505.00 per family, exported each year. This amount would be largely increased by the addition of our yearly mineral wealth which amounts approximately to \$100,000.

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County Industrial Notes

Rev. Geo. C. Richey, of this city, reports picking green peas from his garden

The first box of cherries for the season, were delivered 'n Roseburg Friday, May 12, by Mr. H. E. Huntington, of Edenbower. The fruit is luscious.

Douglas county's strawberry grop is abundant and of fine quality this season. While the market is well supplied the price remains high 20 cents per quart ?

Len Braden, the Myrtle Point liveryman, came out from Coos county Thurs-

Many fine salmon catches are still being reported in the North Umpqua river over at Winchester, but Chas. Bruce still holds the championship catch for the season, he having recently landed a 55 pound salmon over there with a hook and line, the big fish being 4 teet and

sawmill flouring mill, has a good school and church, several husiness houses and is surrounded by a large stock and farming count v.

Weather makes assured abundant harvests of hay and grain crops.

Mrs. Miller of Hayhurst valley has

225 young turkeys at present, but does

While the building season usually comter of an extensive farming, stockraising schools, two saw mills. Population 400 and that thousands of people are coming to Oregon this year, all of whom will

> probably result in the early starting up of the many sawmills which have been shut down for some months. He also In summing up the products of Doug- said that Roseburg would get a full share of the money to be expended in

Roseburg the Queen City of the Great Umpqua Valley

Inducements and Opportunities Open to the Investor and Home Seeker in This Favored The quartz mines are also numerous Portion of Oregon.

the county. There is a mine located at Elkhead and one on Calapooia creek. Coal is also found here and there all

Nickel ore is also found in large quan-

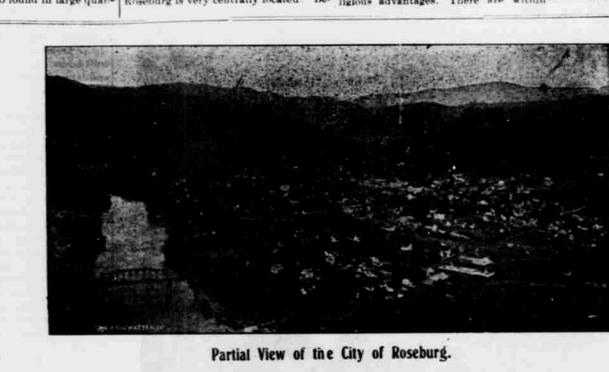
Oregon town can show an equal or The Wyrtle Creek District is destined to bet er record. One of the latest compare very favorably with those elsebe one of the richest ever known, where and best evidences of Rose where There are 130 school districts in qua Valley Oil Company has a first class are located the Continental, Yankee burg s right to the distinction of being the county, containing 5820 pupils, bethe leading city of Southern Oregon is tween the ages of 4 and 20 About 175 place with good prospects for oil. Quartz Kruse, Oatman and Armitage claims the official report of postal receipts for teachers are employed; there being and others, character of ore, pyrites, the past year. According to this, Rose- twelve districts e ploying from two to with assay values ranging as high as burg is unequalled by any other city in twelve teachers each. Many schools,

> Roseburg is well situated geographitributaries, being on the main line of north of San Francisco. From the east- ronized by the people of the State.

Schools and Churches

The public schools of Douglas county even those in the rural districts, main- R. R. in Cow Creek valley, population tain eight or nine months' school during about 350, has a first class hotel, three the year; the average is six months; stores, good graded schools and churches. cally to hold such a position. It is in \$42.687 was expended for maintaining It is a shipping point of much importhe very midst of the great territory the schools of the county during the past tance; farming, stockraising, fruit grow drained by the Umpqua river and its year. The Central Oregon State Nor- ing and mining being the principal inmal schools of the State, is located at dustries. Placer mining has been carthe Southern Pacific Railroad, 198 miles Drain in this county. It enjoys an en ried on here for fifty years, yielding south of Portland and 584 miles by rail viable reputation and is liberally pat-

Roseburg is very centrally located Be- ligious advantages. There are within is found near this place.



from four to seven feet and upwards in tities. In the Cow Creek district near ing 75 miles by rail from Eugene on the our county more than forty church Canyonville is located one mile from

The City of Roseburg

Gold, silver, copper, lead, zinc, nickel, and radiate. In Southern Oregon the platinum, ciunabar, coal, iron, lime. Otto of D. alfalfa and clover are grown for hay and platinum, cinnabar, coal, iron, lime-pasture. Most of these products are stone, marble, building stone and others in recognized leader has been maintained here for the past pasture. Most of these products are stone, marble, building stone and others in population and business importance. utilized for home consumption, it being of nature's mineral products are found in this respect the figures given in the found more profitable to feed them than extensively in all parts of the county, last U. S. census reports are misleading. and 't is now thought the county con- This is partially accounted for by the All kinds of vegetables and garden products grow abundently, potatoes Placer gold mining has been carried 30 years ago, having then but a few hunder of worthy veterans of the various wars struction, the finest being the new

diameter, standing tall and straight and Riddle is situate an extensive nickel north and 39 miles from Grants Pass on buildings now being used for divine the South Umpqua river and six miles reaching 100 feet or more to the first mine the largest deposit of nickel ore the south, the two nearest county seat limbs. Thousands of timber claims The finer grades of livestock and poullimbs. Thousands of timber claims known, but at present is not operated. towns in either direction, it is the center denominations. Method ist, Baptist, less the distinction of being the oldest by three in width, altitude about 700 discovered, developed and operated. Imbs. Thousands of timber claims known, but at present is not operated. The He will spend the summer in the try are being produced in ever increase have been located in this land district Mining industry being well established, of a large territory of vast natural Presbyterian, Christian, Episcopalian, ing quantities, and the vast wealth of in the past three years, and the stream and with the large area of unexplored wealth. These various resources are the O. & C. R. R., an important stage date of the O. & C. R. R., and the O. our forests and mines is just beginning of takers from the denuded timber reto be made known under the awakening gions of the East and Middle West con- to receive much greater attention in the of this article. Following is something tinues unabated. Operators are also near future than has ever before been of the town itself, with its business and institutions of various kinds.

Business in every district radiates country a United States land office has winter in Roseburg and carpenters and stores, school and churches. fine flavored, and many varieties of ber- all seasons of the year, and the streams from a common center. Be the area been located here, the Roseburg land brick masons lost but little time. The large or small, there is always one district comprising practically all that large and imposing two-story brick B. limits of Douglas county, and is a prostion and town lots are being platted, simply can't afford to miss this great commercial point to and from which a part of the state lying west of the Cas- P. O. Elks' temple which was com-

many years' experience.

in our state and nation are here main- department store building of Fisher &

ders and a well-kept lawn.

Roseburg has a first-class water and and resourceful county. electric light plant, owned and operated by a private corporation. It gives excellent service throughout the city. It is operate t by water power, being fully pools creek; copulation about 600; is an equipped, however, with full auxiliary impor ant shipping point for farm pro-

An extensive sewerage system reaches An extensive sewerage system reaches ing mill. It is beautifully situated and nearly all parts of the city. During the well supplied with good water. It is a past few years many blocks of the prin- thriving little town. cipal business streets have been graded Youcalla is situated a few miles north and surfaced with a good covering of of Oakland on the S P. R. R. Has a crushed rock. Protection against fire is population of about 350; with good provided by numerous hydrants attached building activity at this place including to the city water mains, and there is several bricks. It is a fine fruit section. ample pressure to throw streams over any building in the city. Hose carts, near the north end of the county; popuhook and ladder truck and other appara- lation about 400 Stockraising and lumtus are in readiness for instant use. bering is carried on extensively. Sever-The volunteer fire department includes at large sawmills are located near by, Rescue Hook and Ladder Company, Piling timber is also cut and shipped from here in large quantities. The Cen-Rose Hose Company and Umpqua Ten- tral Oregon State Normal School is lo-

Building Activity in Roseburg

prises the spring, summer and autumn and fruit growing section. Mining has months in this part of Oregon, build-been carried on ever since 1852, popula-Since the earlier settlement of the ing operations were in progress all last tion 350 Has a flouring mill, two hotels, of Douglas county, is located 5 miles only way we can get these settlers and being Thomas Gibson, an observer of cost from \$1000 to \$3,500; a dozen brick store buildings have been completed; The Oregon Soldiers' Home is located one tron building has been erected, other tained in comfort during their declining Hellows. It is also stated that the Ma- abound, and is an ideal place for recrea-

extended to the members of this insti- on Jackson street and will build a mag-Being the county seat, a commodious Much permanent street work has been county, is situated at the mouth of worth of cattle, sheep and hogs, \$20,000 this season, a new round house being brick courthouse and substantial jail accomplished or is in progress and the Umpqua river at the the of navi- worth of berries and peaches, \$25,000 among the improvements contemplated are among the necessary adjuncts. saw and hammer is heard in various gation for sea-going vessels. It worth of bops, \$25,000 worth of turkeys at this place. These buildings occupy a beautiful pub- parts of the city where many cozy homes lic square, with fine trees along its bor are being erected. Why this building activity? is the question all ask, but The city hall is a substantial two-story aver due reflection it is easily answered, brick building, one-half of which is de simply from the fact that the town is voted to the use of the Roseburg fire enjoying a st als, permanent growth department. The other half is occupied and is only keeping pace with the by the city officials and the city bastile growth and development of this rich

Oakland is situated on the S. P. R. R. 20 miles north of Rosebury, on Calasteam power plants for use in any emer-ducts, steck, poultry, fruit and hops, Has good schools, several church denom inations, tile and brick factory and flour

town in the county, founded in 1852. It

Glendale is situated on the southern

business houses. It is on the line of the

S. P. R. R. and a distributing point for

numerous mines, wood camps, and saw-

healthful resort. Game of all kind

Drain is located on the S. P. R. R.





