

CLOVERNOOK DAIRY.



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other dairy section, according to information furnished by local creameries.

When speaking of the live stock industry the first flash of the mind is to cattle, either to herds of beeves upon the range, or the patient cow in the dairy. With the growth of settlements the stockman has found it advisable to become a stock farmer. Under the old-time methods the animals were permitted to shift for themselves without reference to either feed or breeds, but with the transformation of the range and wooded hills into farms the farmers are awakening to the advantages in stall-feeding and improved grades. The number of high-bred beef cattle in the state is steadily increasing and the enthusiast along that line of industry will find conditions here favorable for the play of his best efforts. In addition to the economy in producing beef in Oregon, the proximity of the markets and their continued expansion is a guarantee of big profits.

The agricultural development of the western part of the state has created a big demand for good horses and here in Clatsop county are numerous ideal spots for first-class farms for the raising of either working or racing stock. The development of the timber limits, mines, and the building of railroads has created a big demand for horses, and they bring prices which would astonish an eastern farmer.

Sheep are raised successfully in almost any part of Oregon, which produces more wool than all other western states combined. Conditions in this section are favorable for their promulgation probably more than in any other part of the state. The mild climate, the dewy nights, and the rapid growth of forage all combine to make sheep-raising a very successful occupation in Clatsop county.

Hogs are also beginning to attract attention of the farmers who have discovered that a very excellent corn for forage can be raised in the rolling sections of the district. Chickens, geese and all kinds of fowl are also raised extensively, everything being very favorable for their production.

CLATSOP COUNTY'S NEW COURT HOUSE.

AFTER making history for half a century in its old official habitat, Clatsop county has built a beautiful and modern court house, at a cost approximating \$165,000; and the early structure of frame, smoked and grimed and worn past all semblance of utility and comfort, has been relegated to the realms of nothingness.

The old house has done excellent service in its 50 years of use, but was a meagre and illy-constructed building to start with; and its utter inaptitude has been crucially apparent during the past decade, during which the public business of Clatsop county has trebled over all the volume of the past; rendering the new building an immediate and imperative necessity; and the government of the county is now installed in capacious and handsome quarters, than which there are none better in the whole State of Oregon for this class of service.

The building is reared on a sandstone base, and is without any cellar room whatever, and rises to a third floor which is surmounted by a large, low dome of copper; and while it is severely handsome, its real values are apparent in the clever arrangement of the offices and the excellence of its construction.

It is of brick, with facings of cream pressed brick, and terra cotta trimmings, designed especially for the structure, with heavy plate-glass windows; the only relieving strain of color being two snow-white marble pilasters flanking the main entrance at the head of the splendid flight of sandstone steps from the street. Once inside the building its formal front is forgotten in the bright and beautiful equipment of polished oak and glistening marble floors and wainscoting that mark the halls and corridors, stairways and entrances, and all the appointments incident to the complete finish of so costly and important a structure.

The ground floor is given over to the big heating apparatus; and to store-rooms, always essential to public buildings when the steady accumulations of the years begin; and it is left in such shape that additional offices may be established there at any time they shall be needed in the future, and especially is it useful for additional vaults as time shall impose their construction and use.

The second floor is the business floor of the establishment, as all the county officers are assigned to this floor, each and all with an abundance of room; that is, all except the county surveyor, whose quarters are on the third floor; the main corridor is on this floor, and is very rich in its lobby-lines and finish, bisecting the building from the main entrance to the foot of the magnificent oak stairway at the rear; this in turn being crossed by the lateral corridors that lead to the various offices and reception and court rooms. The lofty panellings of (eight-foot) marble and the white marble floors are the leading features here, and are certainly gratifying to the eye and every sense of what is adequate and essential to such a place. The offices of the sheriff, and the county clerk, with all their vaults, and waiting rooms and private offices occupy the easterly half of this floor, while the westerly division is given over to the assessor, the treasurer, and the county judge and commissioners; this, and all floors being handsomely equipped with retiring rooms and lavatories.

The third floor is given up almost wholly to the circuit court department of the county, and district officers; to jury rooms, consultation rooms, retiring rooms for the judge and bar, for witnesses and all the various uses inseparable from the conduct of this branch of the judiciary. The district court room is very complete and strikingly finished; one-third of its area being given over to the bench, the clerk's bank, and the bar-spaces, including, of course, the witness-box and the bailiff's and sheriff's quarters when in attendance upon the court. The room will be lighted with one hundred electric bulbs distributed in the great oval ventilator in the center of the ceiling and in half a dozen pendant chandeliers conveniently placed. Daylight is provided amply by three large plate-glass windows in the west and south fronts and by the central glass ventilator referred to. The room will be so seated as to make it comfortable for far more people than are likely to gather there except upon the rarest of occasions. There is probably no handsomer hall in the state devoted to this particular service, and it is the "star" chamber of a splendid edifice, in the best sense of the term. It will be initiated by Judge Thomas McBride, and there are thousands here to frankly hope it will be under his especial use for long years to come.

The conception of the project, and its entire construction and equipment, have fallen to the hands of the men whose names are perpetuated in marble, testified to by a handsome tablet inserted in the west wall of the main hall on the second floor, to-wit:

C. J. Trenchard, Judge; Andrew Young, Commissioner; C. C. Clarke, Commissioner; William Larson, Commissioner; C. C. Masten, Commissioner; John Frye, Commissioner; Edgar M. Lazarus, Architect; Hastie & Dougan, Builders.

To John Montgomery, of this city, the well known contracting plumber, is due the credit for the installation of the splendid heating plant that serves the structure; and to Jacob Heblack, superintendent of construction for the contracting firm of Hastie & Dougan, and a member of that house; and to C. G. Palmberg, the leading builder of this city, as superintendent of construction, for the Honorable County Court of Clatsop.

From its deep foundations to the apex of its dome, inside and out, the Clatsop county court house is a model and modern building, thoroughly well designed and built and will be for long years to come a monument of the progressive spirit of the county and an invaluable adjunct to her official life and history. And so solidly is it founded, that if the years shall make demand for extension, its walls will amply maintain a super structure of several stories, a wise provision in this behalf, since its lateral expansion might be curbed by limitations of the block boundaries circumscribing it.

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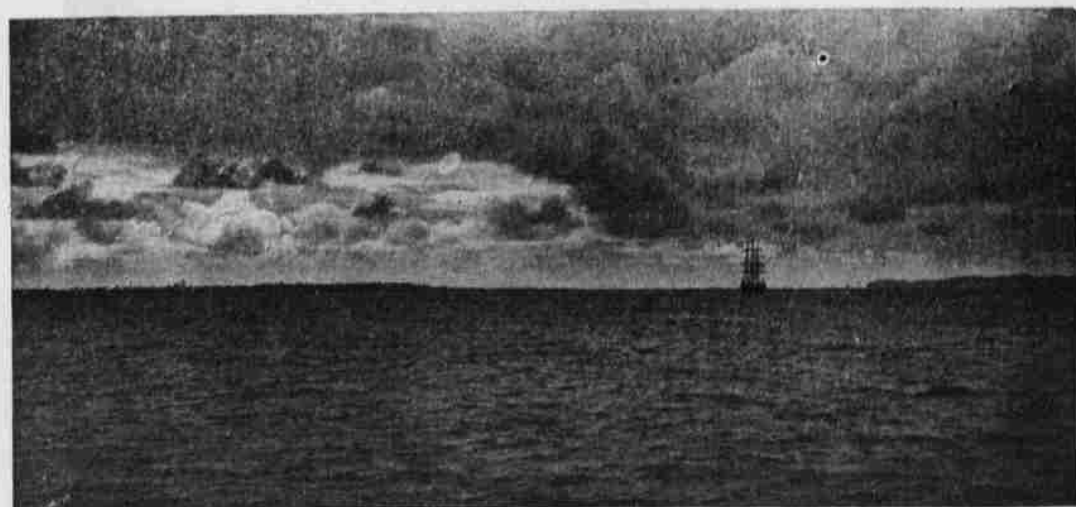
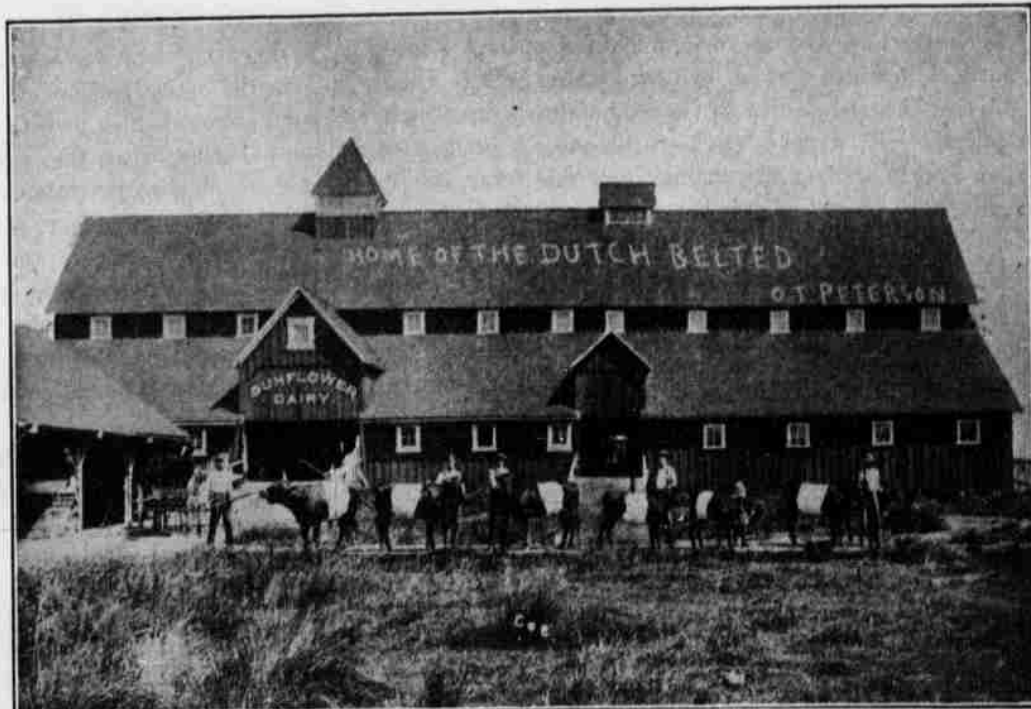
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