

METROPOLIS OF STATE OF OREGON

PICTURESQUE PORTLAND WITH ENVIRONMENT SURPASSINGLY PLEASANT—A MODERN CITY IN EVERY RESPECT, WITH A GREAT FUTURE BEFORE HER.

The surroundings of Portland are surpassingly beautiful. In mountains and valleys, rivers and waterfalls, green fields, flowers and perpetual snow the other cities of the Northwest may vie with but none equals her in immediate environment. Particularly picturesque is the magnificent view from the heights of the city, and it is doubtful that there is a site in the entire Northwest more favored by nature in this regard than the spot chosen for the Lewis and Clark exposition of 1905.

Portland is a city of at least 123,000 population. These figures are given it by the city directory census completed during September last. In 1902 the number of inhabitants was approximately 114,000, a growth of about 9,000 in a year. With this rate of increase it is considered probable that by the early spring of 1904 the city will have a population of 125,000, making Portland not only the metropolis of the state of Oregon, but the leading city of the Pacific Northwest. This growth has been sure and substantial.

Portland is a modern city in every respect. As it is known to the people of the entire East that there are no Indians here nearer than a long time away. Pioneer conditions passed away two decades ago. Portland, to mention her improvements briefly, has streets paved with asphalt and stone, a sewer system, electric lights and electric streetcars, beautiful driveways and parks, a salubrious climate and ice-cold water the year round from Mt. Hood from her own underground water works system costing approximately \$5,000,000. Among her natural attractions are boating, yachting and fishing, and within a few hours' travel of the city the plucky sportsman can find almost any kind of game he may want to tackle from the native and luscious grouse to elk, deer and as large specimens of bear as he may want to meet in the woods alone.

In amusements Portland ranks high. There are five theatres, playing through the season not only stock companies, but the best plays and players on the American stage. The largest and finest theatre is the Marquam Grand, and there are few more attractive playhouses than the Empire and the Baker, Cordray's and the Arcade, all of which, including the others, are financially successful. The night-theatre crowds are one of the noticeable features of Portland.

Moonlight and sunlight shine on three giant mountain peaks in plain sight of Portland. Mt. Hood, distinctively "Portland's mountain," is only 40 miles away, Mt. St. Helens 65 miles, and Mt. Rainier 110 miles distant. The peaks are from 11,000 to 14,500 feet high, are covered with snow the year round, and together with the Cascade or Coast range of mountains, of which they are conspicuous sentinels, afford some of the grandest scenery on the continent. The Columbia and Willamette rivers contiguous to Portland are beautiful streams and the scene of many excursions the year round. Though but a few feet above the level of the sea, Portland has towering above her the massive mountains and eternal snows.

The state of Oregon is unusually well governed. That has been a characteristic feature of her history from pioneer days down to the present time. It is the pioneer state of the Pacific Northwest and possesses an unsurpassed natural wealth in minerals, timber, agriculture and horticulture. The constitution made nearly half a century ago by the pioneers still obtains and is considered good. Democrats and Republicans have ruled, alternately, in the politics of the state, the latter party having been more often victorious in comparatively recent years. The present governor is a Democrat.

The state officers are the same that are provided for and elected in other states, with the usual boards and commissions of state institutions. The last

named are modern and up to date in every respect.

The financial affairs of the state are in a highly satisfactory state. There are not outstanding bonds, and there is sufficient money in the treasury to pay all warrants. The total valuation of taxable property is about \$175,000,000, as compared with \$147,000,000 a year ago. It is understood, as usual, that these figures do not reach real values. The average state tax levy is 5.041-3 mills.

The population in Oregon in 1850 was 12,294. In 1902 it was approximately 520,000, and growing not only rapidly but steadily.

The Indian tribes on the five remaining reservations in the state are rapidly passing away to the happy hunting-grounds. The reservations in Eastern Oregon are the Umatilla, near Pendleton, the largest and richest; the Klamath reservation and the Warm Springs reservations. In Western Oregon there are two, the Grand Ronde reservation, situated near the coast, and the Siletz. At Chemawa, near Salem, is a large Indian training school. The total Indian population in the state is about 3,500.

COUNTY OF THE CAPITAL.

Marion, One of the Oldest of the State, Very Prosperous.

Salem, Dec. 17.—Marion county, one of the oldest settled counties in the state, is today probably one of the most prosperous in Oregon. Its valuable farming lands lie in the most beautiful and fertile portion of the far-famed Willamette valley and the products of these farms have made many of their owners rich men in the past few years, and especially has the last year been a most prosperous one.

The best single crop is probably that gathered from the hop yards of the county, and dealers in this important product report that fully 20 per cent of the output of Oregon comes from the hop-yards of this county, and as the crop of 1903 was a most profitable one, it can be seen that a large amount of wealth came to the county from this source alone. This crop is a valuable one not only to the grower, who this year reaped an abundant harvest and sold his product at a big price, but to the laborers, including women and children, who make good wages during the picking season, thus earning money for necessities and luxuries for the winter. The hop crop distributes more money among that class of people having nothing invested in agriculture, than any other product of the land, and all of the money paid for hops comes from outside the state, thus being a clear profit to the county and state.

Next in importance is the fruit crop, and the strawberry garden is only excelled as a wealth-producer by the prune orchard, and both of these are to be found in great abundance in Marion county. The orchardists and fruit-growers of Marion county are jubilant this year over the rich harvest which has well rewarded their efforts during the past year and paid better dividends on the investment than would a block of preferred stock in the steel trust.

As a producer of grain, Marion county has broken all records. During the year just closed the yield of the wheat and oat fields having been far in excess of anything ever experienced. Livestock of all kinds has also brought good prices and the farmers are in consequence all happy and prosperous.

This prosperity among the people of the county in general is reflected in the cities. Business houses of all kinds are reporting better sales than in years, and the stocks of goods carried in the towns and cities of the county will compare favorably with those of larger cities in other sections of the country, and the increase in the stocks has been found to be justifiable in view of the greater demands.

Many new business blocks, substantial as in the larger cities, have been erected in the several towns and more are in contemplation, and the present era of prosperity, unequalled in the past, seems to be but the beginning of better things to come in the near future. And what is said of the cities holds good in the rural districts. New houses, substantial and beautiful, are going up everywhere in the country, farmers putting up buildings to replace the old, while many of the new arrivals from the East, who have in recent times located here, are erecting nice homes and

YOU CAN BUY
The Eclipse Range for \$1.00 a Week

Are You One Of the 8,000

A Christmas Present for \$1.00 a Week

WOMEN OF PORTLAND WHO USE AN
ECLIPSE RANGE?

If you are, you can do your neighbor a kindness by telling her of the many points of merit the ECLIPSE has.

For \$1.00 a Week!

The son, daughter or husband can make the nicest kind of a Xmas Present. We will deliver the Range at any time it is desired, and we absolutely know that for a fuel-saver, or baker, the ECLIPSE RANGE is better than any other on the market today. This guarantee goes with every range:

GUARANTEE BOND

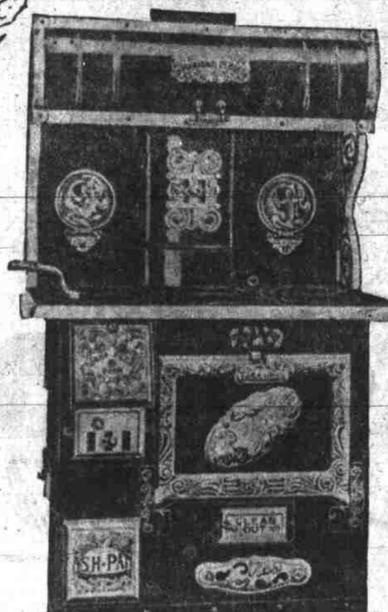
CAUTION—Do Not Lose This Bond

This is to Certify, That the ECLIPSE STOVE COMPANY fully warrant and guarantee the Stove or Range covered by this certificate, not to crack by fire for fifteen years, and to be a perfect baker.

Provided, The chimney is not defective, and that ordinary care and attention are given.

THE ECLIPSE STOVE CO.

Sold by I. Gevurtz & Sons



I. GEVURTZ & SONS
HOME FURNISHERS

173-175 First Street 219 to 227 Yamhill Street

\$1.00 Per Week Buys Your Wife
An Eclipse Range
For a Xmas Present.

The Eclipse Range for \$1.00 a Week
—An Elegant Xmas Present

Great Slaughter on Smoking Jackets

OUR SPLENDID

\$6.00 JACKETS FOR ONLY \$3.75
\$8.00 JACKETS FOR ONLY \$4.75
\$9.75 JACKETS FOR ONLY \$6.75

And the merry selling still continues on Suits and Overcoats. Here's the whole story in a few words.

Real \$18 to \$25 Values

SUITS

Your Choice
\$14.75

OVERCOATS

Your Choice
\$12.45

YOUTH'S SUITS

Values to \$12.50

Your Choice \$9.75

Nothing to equal these values in the city today.

WELCH,

The American Clothier
Cor. 1st & Morrison

Cash Well Invested . . .



When you buy Jewelry or Diamonds from me. You'll like what you get for your money when you buy here and will have a living satisfaction in the purchase, since it will prove a lasting value.

I have many novelties in JEWELRY, CLOCKS, OPERA GLASSES, CUT GLASS, ETC. Come in and see the whole stock—you'll see something you want for Christmas.

A. N. Wright
293 Morrison Street
THE IOWA JEWELER

adding to the prosperity of this section.

Large farms are being cut up into smaller tracts, and where formerly a tract of land supported but one family, from three to five dozen are now earning a good livelihood, and doing it with more comfort than our Eastern visitors can imagine.

Debts Being Wiped Out.

Debts, so often a burden on many communities, are being wiped out at a rate that is phenomenal and this sure sign of prosperity is best shown in the record department of the county where mortgages are daily cancelled, while foreclosure sales are so rare that it might be said they are unknown. One of the best evidences of the progress of this county in recent times can be found in the investments made by local people in bonds of cities and school districts, which formerly were held by Eastern investors. These are now being refunded, and have been for several years, at home, and where other communities pay 6 and 7 per cent interest, local bonds are readily sold to small investors at home at 4 per cent, and whenever an issue of this kind is thrown on the market here, it is always subscribed for readily in four or five times the amount called for, and all this by what would be called the money-lending class, but by the common people, showing that all classes are well provided with funds.

A case of genuine want is unknown in Marion county. There are poor people here, of course, they can be found everywhere, but there is absolutely no want and when a big mercantile house in Salem, during Thanksgiving week, piled 50 sacks of flour in a window and offered it free to people in want, none could be found who actually needed charity of this kind, a great contrast to former years when many families had to accept help.

Marion county is indeed prosperous, and the outlook for the immediate fu-

ture is bright, while the undeveloped resources of the county, extensive as they are, await only the coming of more brain, muscle and capital to develop them.

SALVATION ARMY SANTA CLAUSES.

In San Francisco the Salvation Army men who watch the papier mache turkeys on the street corners for contributions for a Christmas dinner for the poor dressed up as Santa Claus. Walter Holman of Portland, who is visiting there, has written his father, Edward Holman, that the Santa Clauses are much bothered by small children soliciting Christmas gifts and are rather encouraged in so doing by the older people just for the fun of it.

CHRISTMAS TREES GALORE.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Dec. 17.—According to estimates given by a number of leading dealers 50,000 Christmas trees will be used in New York this season. The prices range from 75 cents to \$25. Nearly all of the trees come from the Maine forests. There is a good demand also for evergreen rope and mistletoe and holly, which is being sent to the metropolis in large quantities from points as far distant as Tennessee.

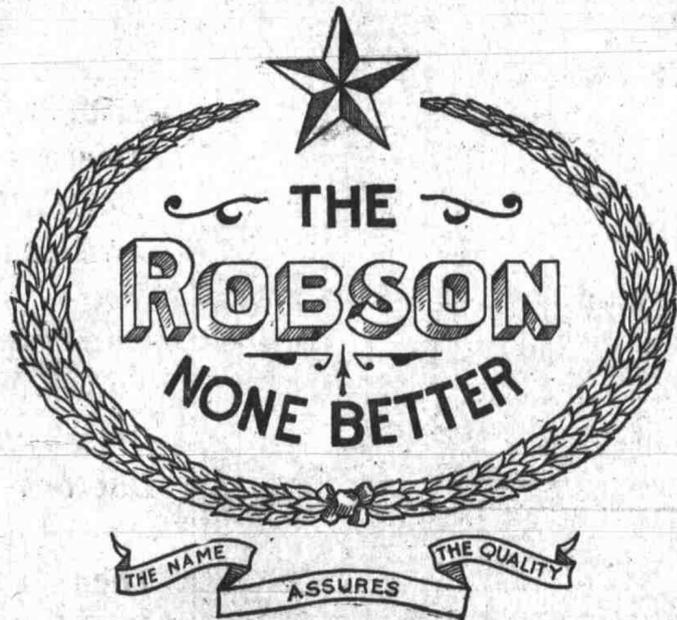
SAMPLES OF COAST TIMBER.

(Journal Special Service.)
Tacoma, Dec. 17.—The eight huge timbers to be used in the construction of the Washington state building at the St. Louis Louisiana Purchase exposition next year are already cut and will be shipped soon. These timbers are 100 feet long and 24x24 feet in size. They are said to be the largest pieces ever used in the construction of a building.

Preferred Stock Canned Goods. Allen & Lewis' Best Brand.

THE ROBSON HAT \$3.50

ALL THE STYLISH SHAPES



THE BEST \$3.50 HAT IN THE BIG ROUND WORLD.
MAKES CUSTOMERS OF MEN WHO EXPECT THEIR MONEY'S WORTH.
ROBINSON & CO. 289 WASHINGTON STREET.

CHRISTMAS TURKEY

Leave Your Order Early
Everybody Will Have Turkey For Christmas.

Butter 5c Lower
BUTTER 40c and 45c

Best creamery 55c and 60c
Eggs, selected, dozen 35c
Best sugar-cured ham 15c
Pine and Cottage hams 10c
5 pounds pure lard 55c
10 pounds pure lard \$1.10
Best 60c tea 30c
chickens, 15c; geese, 14c, for Saturday.

LA GRANDE CREAMERY
1464 YAMHILL

SAVED SEVENTEEN

PAGE 10