# POLK COUNTY HAS BEST OF CLAIMS TO BLUE RIBBON

## Diversity of Products Grown on Rich Soil and Fine Climate in Valley Make Ideal Condition.

By Lynn Davis

Incomparable in size or strength to any of the other seven districts of the Willamette valley, the right of Polk county to be called "The Blue Ribbon County of Oregon" has often been questioned, but justification for this claim lies in the quality and abundance of its diversified products.

When the lands contained within the boundaries of Polk county were first brought under cultivation they were devoted to the usual dry land farm crops, such as wheat, oats and barley. It took only a few years to prove that the soil was rich enough to produce far more profitable crops.

At present some of the finest berry farms, orchards, nut groves and dairy farms in the state are located in this district. Apples, cherries, pears and peaches flourish, and loganberries and strawberries thrive under the combination of an excellent soil and an ideal climate.

**709 SQUARE MILES**

Polk county occupies an unique position in the Willamette district, being half within the Willamette valley itself and half within the Coast range mountains.

As a means of comparison, it has often been pointed out that its 709 square miles of territory is just one third the size of the state of Delaware.

The half of the county in the valley proper lies at an elevation of from 400 to 800 feet and is mainly rolling in character. Soil is deep and fertile in character and readily adapted to diversified farming.

Small hills extending along the side of the county bounded by the Willamette river really make a separate valley out of the lower lands. This territory is drained by the Lucklamute river and La Creole creek with a small area in the northern part drawn upon by the Yamhill river. All these streams flow into the Willamette.

**STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY**

The entire valley section is suited to the growing of fancy fruits and vegetables, and to intensified dairy and stock farming. In the vicinity of Dallas, the county seat, there are 5000 acres of prune farms alone and many more young orchards coming into bearing.

Apple culture is really in its infancy in this section but in future years it is believed that this will be one of the most profitable industries of the Polk county section. About 50 carloads of this fruit was shipped to various sections of the country this season.

English walnuts, filberts and almonds are being produced successfully. Hops have been a staple crop for this district and at one time Polk county was second in rank in the production of this crop.

From the Polk orchards millions of pounds of fruit are packed annually for shipment to all parts of the world. The district has two large packing plants of its own and plants in other counties draw from the products of this territory. Other packing and refrigerating plants are to be built next year.

**HAS TIMBER RESOURCES**

There are still many acres of good fruit land in Polk county selling at from $125 per acre up. There is also a small amount of berry culture land still available at what may be considered nominal prices under present conditions.

In addition to the berry, fruit and cattle industries there is still another that is a valuable asset to the county; that is the timber industry.

The half of the county that lies in the Coast range mountains is covered with dense stands of Douglas fir and other classes of timber. Altogether it is estimated that there is more than 3,000,000,000 feet of standing merchantable timber. Almost all of this is privately owned, as only one sixteenth of it is within the confines of the Siuslaw National forest reserve.

At Dallas there is a sawmill with a daily capacity of 125,000 feet. Other sawmills are scattered together with box factories over the entire territory. The lumbering industry is quite important and insures a future development and wealth even though all other assets should fail.

But little, if any, unappropriated land remains within the confines of Polk county, as the report of the department of the interior in July, 1918, stated that only 600 acres were available under the homestead laws.

Above all other features the climate is the principal attraction. The average rainfall in the valley is approximately 40 inches and plenty of moisture is therefore guaranteed. In the Coast range the rainfall is almost double this fall.

Summers are cool and moderate and the weather is mainly clear and sunshiny. Heat has never been oppressive in this district. The average daily maximum temperature for July is 80 degrees and the minimum is 54 degrees.

Winters are moderate and the thermometer seldom reaches 20 above zero except in unusual cold snaps brought on by an equally unusual east wind. Some winters have passed with but few frosty days and plowing has proceeded all winter. The average daily minimum temperature for January is 24 degrees.

**FISH AND BEASTS ABOUND**

Two types of scenery may be viewed by the traveler. In the valley is spread an ideal farming scene and in the mountains rugged promontories and picturesque wildernesses.

Fishing is excellent in all the mountain streams, where cascades and waterfalls are numerous. Big game, including deer, bear and wildcat, are to be found by the hunter along with duck and goose shooting along the marshes of the Willamette and pheasant hunting in the open country.

Principal towns in the county are Dallas, Falls City, Independence and Monmouth. Other thriving towns are scattered in all parts of the district.

# Woman Denies She Intended to Make Disloyal Remarks

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 17.—Denying any intention of making any un-American statements, Mrs. Frank Giovanozzo, wife of the Italian fruit and candy store owner, who recently drove a census taker from her home on the ground that she had no use for Americans, gave a representative of the American Legion assurance that she would be good in the future.

It developed that the woman and her husband had had a family quarrel just before the census taker arrived, and she mistook him, she said, for a man of whom her husband was jealous.

The Legion has recommended that Giovanozzo be granted a license to run his fruit store.

**New Mill at Klamath Falls**

Klamath Falls, Jan. 17.—Framework of a new mill being built here is completed and machinery will be installed during the next few weeks. The plant will have a daily capacity of 100,000 feet and is being erected by the Ewauna Box company near their box factory, and will furnish lumber for box manufacturing. The mill will be ready for operation by April 1.

# WEATHER FLIGHTY DURING YEAR, BUT NEAR TO NORMAL

## Many Records Broken, but Average Temperatures and Rainfall Were Like Most Years in Past.

Despite record-breaking snow storms, record low temperatures, drouths and record rainfall in January, the year 1919 was nearly normal, according to the annual meteorological summary just prepared by the weather bureau for Portland, issued this week by Edward L. Wells, district meteorologist.

In his general observations on the weather for the year, as compiled from the daily records, Wells says:

**COLD PREDOMINATES**

"The year, taken as a whole, had nearly normal temperature and precipitation. The cold periods were more pronounced than the warm periods, but were not so long.

"There were two decided cold periods. The first culminated on October 27, in the lowest temperature ever recorded at Portland in October, 30 degrees. The second culminated on December 13, in a temperature of 3 degrees, which is as low as has ever been recorded at Portland in December, and is lower than ever before recorded in the first half of the month.

"The most remarkable feature of the precipitation was the heavy snowstorm of December 9 and 10, in which 17.5 inches of snow fell. This was the heaviest snowfall since 1892.

The annual mean temperture was 52.7 degrees, which is -|-0.3 degrees above normal. August was the warmest month, with a mean of 68.6 degrees, and December the coldest, with a mean of 33.6 degrees. The highest temperature was 100 degrees, on July 14, and the lowest was 3 degrees, on December 13.

"The total precipitation was 45.70 inches, which is 0.57 inch above normal.

"Four thunderstorms occurred; one, on July 23, was of unusual intensity, doing some damage. Hail fell on seven days, doing no damage."

The heavy rainfall of last January brought a maximum flood stage of 18 feet on the afternoon of January 24, the digest of the conditions in the rivers relates. Other things mentioned about the rivers of interest are:

**STAGES OF HIGH WATER**

"During the first four months the river stages averaged somewhat above normal, but no extremely high water occurred. The flood stage of 15 feet was reached on the afternoon of January 22; the river remained above the flood stage until January 26, reaching a maximum of 18 feet on the afternoon of the 24th. Very little damage was done, as ample warning was given, and perishable property was placed above the reach of the water.

"Backwater from the annual rise of the Columbia brought the Willamette at Portland to the flood stage of 15 feet on May 26; it remained above the flood stage till June 13, reaching a maximum of 18.6 feet on June 1 and 2.

The flood stage was not again reached during the year. On October 31 the stage was 0.0, which is the lowest October reading since 1896.

"On November 4 the river rose rapidly, and, as the Columbia was low, there was an unusually swift current in the Willamette. The highest stage in this rise was 8.8 feet on November 6.

"From December 11 to 17, inclusive, the Willamette was filled with floating ice, some shore ice formed, and at times the river was frozen from shore to shore in places, but the movement of boats in the Portland harbor did not entirely cease at any time.

"The Columbia river at Vancouver was frozen from December 10 to 17, inclusive."

# Medical Springs Has Descendant of Abe Lincoln in Pioneer

Medical Springs, Jan. 17.—Enjoying the afternoon of life on the homestead upon which he filed in 1868 is Dunham Wright, who served in the house and senate of the Oregon legislature from 1872 to 1882 inclusive. Wright came west from Iowa in 1859, mining in Colorado, Idaho and Oregon. While a boy in Oregon he had the fortune to save the life and care for Henry M. Teller, who afterwards became United States senator from Colorado and led the bolt from the national Republican convention in 1896.

The mother of Dunham Wright was a Hanks, a niece of Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln. Thus his mother was a cousin of Lincoln. The families were neighbors, and the father of Wright was possessor of the Bible that Lincoln used as a school book, a cherished heirloom which was destroyed when Wright's hotel burned two years ago. The Bible had been seen by thousands and ministers frequently used it.

# Foreigners Mistake Employment Blanks For Census Reports

Job applications are not census enumeration blanks. But many foreigners in Portland who have recently filled out extensive questionnaires, preparatory to employment in large factories, believe that they have been counted in the census.

"I was counted," an Italian girl told her employer when he asked her if she had been registered. "I filled out the blank when I came to work for you."

Employers should make sure that every employe has been counted by enumerators, William D. Bennett, supervisor of the census here, today requested. In this way many persons will be "caught" who otherwise might not be seen.

# Alamo Battlefield Relic Is Exhibited

Medford, Jan. 17. — T. J. Noonan of Central Point is exhibiting an interesting relic, a grape shot, which he picked up on the battlefield of the Alamo at San Antonio, Texas, 40 years ago. It had been on the field probably for another 40 or 50 years, and is still in shape for business if anyone should want ammunition.

# Faculty Changes In High School at Klamath Planned

Klamath Falls, Jan. 17.—Several faculty changes will take place in the Klamath county high school at the end of this semester. Miss Mabel Mears, head of the domestic science department, will be succeeded by Miss Avis Dougherty. Miss Mears goes to the Eugene high school.

Mrs. E. G. Beauchamp will become instructor in the English department to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mrs. Joanna Given. Miss Lois Badger, who is leaving for her home in Oregon City, will be succeeded by Miss Margaret Kyd of Seattle in the French course. Miss Ione Glines, from Waldport, will be connected with the home economics division.

# Author of Popular War Books Will Be Heard in Portland

Conningsby Dawson, English author who wrote "Carry On" and "The Glory of the Trenches" as a result of war experience with the Canadian army in France, will lecture in Portland on February 20.

Dawson wrote much before the war, but many critics like best his later works. Much of his war experience was chronicled as he was convalescing in England. He says his aim was to show, not the brute side of war, nor the sentimental, but the human message.

He will speak at the Masonic temple while here. It will be his first visit to Portland.

# Multnomah County Heads O. A. C. List

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 17.—Multnomah leads all Oregon counties in long course attendance at the college with 571 registrations, as compared with 511 for Benton county. The latest figures from the registrar's office show that the total enrollment for the school year, including both short and long course students, is 4673. Approximately 375 new students have registered this term. Thirty-three states and territories outside of Oregon are included in the registration, Washington leading with 269 and California with 231. Eleven foreign countries are represented.

# Perfect Sugar Pine Plank Given to Club

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 17. — The Forestry club has received a large sugar pine plank presented by the California White and Sugar Pine association. This plank, which is as large as the top of an ordinary table, is free from all defects. It was sawed from one of the large sugar pine trees such as are found growing in Southern Oregon. It will be used as a memorial upon which the members of the club will record their "woodsmarks."


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## A Challenge Sale of BLANKETS

*Three Offerings That Defy Comparison by Those Who Know Values Best*

**Dorset Blankets**

**66 by 80 inches at, pair ..... $8.50**

¶ These well known and reliable Blankets are shown in pretty plaid styles and are of good heavy weight—they come 66 by 80 inches.

***Cotton Blankets at $3.95 Pair***

**72 by 80 Inches**

¶ A Cotton Blanket of good weight, 72 by 80 inches—they come in white, grey and tan.

**Wool-mixed Blankets**

**66 by 80 inches at, pair ..... $9.75**

¶ An exceedingly fine wool mixed Blanket shown in pretty blue, tan and pink and white plaids—they come 66 by 80 inches and finished with 1½-inch binding.

***Bleached Muslin 35c Yard***

Comes 36 inches wide and is of a standard quality with fine soft finish.

***Pillow Cases 3 for $1.00***

Well made from remnants of standard quality sheeting. They come 42 by 36 inches.

***Outing Flannel At 50c Yard***

A fine heavy fleeced white Outing Flannel, full 36 inches wide.

***Outing Flannel At 35c Yard***

A 36-inch Outing Flannel shown in plain brown, navy, gray and cream.

### A Sale of Men's Dress Shoes at $7.85 Pair

¶ Well known and reliable makes in both tan and black leathers—styles in English last and with box toe—all sizes. A sale worthy of your best attention.

***Men's Black Worsted Socks at 65c Pair***

¶ Like Mother used to knit—they are of splendid weight, slightly imperfect—2 pairs for **$1.25.**

***Men's Woolmixed Shirts and Drawers $1.69***

¶ Fine material gray wool mixed Shirts in sizes 36 and 38 only; and drawers in sizes 34 and 36.

***Men's Gray Cashmere Socks at 65c Pair***

¶ A standard quality natural grey Cashmere Sock shown in all sizes—2 pairs for **$1.25.**

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