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OLD WASCO COUNTY.

A FEW BRIEF FACTS CONCERNING ITS RESOURCES.

Fruits, Fish, Farm and Forests--She Has Them All, and Unlimited Water Power.

THE FRUIT BELT.

As we have shown, the wool and salmon industries yield annually from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. The stock shipments, which include, of course, the country south of us and not in this county, will amount to \$300,000 more, and our wheat will swell this to a grand total of \$1,250,000. Yet notwithstanding the vast total, the fact is plain that in a few years one other industry, at present in its infancy, but a growing giant, will yield a revenue greater than all that from all other sources combined. That is the fruit industry. Wasco county, although only a few years ago not ranked as a fruit producer, stands today confessedly the best fruit county in the state. The climate and rainfall are perfect for the growing of winter apples, and this fruit will eventually place her in the front rank financially.

The western boundary of the county being, as we have stated, the summit of the Cascade mountains, it is also the limit of the excessive rainfall of Oregon, which commences to decrease at that point, and by the time the agricultural portion of the county is reached it is just right. Commencing at the Hood River valley, which opens to the Columbia, 22 miles west of The Dalles, and which is one of the best known fruit sections of the state, the fruit belt extends to the east along the Columbia river, and as the mountains give place to the prairies, follows around the foothills to the south, and extends across the county to the Deschutes river. Apple trees generally bear in from four to six years, according to variety, and the kitchen orchards, about all that were planted until a few years ago, have never been known to fail of a crop in the thirty years since the first were planted. The crop is sure, and the market in the United States for this kind of apples has never yet been over-supplied. Orchard lands are cheap in the wild state, the principal cost being in preparing them for cultivation. They will run in value from \$2.50 per acre to \$50, according to amount of improvements, location, distance from market, etc. The trees are generally set about 108 to the acre, and are carefully cultivated, potatoes and other crops being raised between the rows.

While it takes time and work to grow an orchard, yet it is safe to say that the first crop will pay for the land, the planting of the orchard and the cultivation. We call to mind a case in Hood river valley of one farmer, Mr. John Sweeney, who planted two acres of orchard on a hillside, not suitable for other crops. It yielded a few apples the fourth year, and the fifth year produced its first crop. The trees were the White Winter Pearmain variety, and the apples were sold to a dealer in the trees for 70 cents a box. The crop netted Mr. Sweeney \$184 an acre. The land was taken up by him, but could have been bought in its wild state for \$10 an acre; its clearing cost about \$30 more an acre, and its care and cultivation for five years, at a generous estimate, \$50, or a total of \$90. This left him as the net profit on his venture, \$94 for five years, or almost \$20 an acre a year, and all for the first crop. The second crop was grown on the same land last year, and although we have not the figures at

hand, we are told by his neighbors that it far exceeded the crop of the first year. This is but one of countless cases that could be quoted.

It is only within the past five or six years that orchards were begun to be planted for other purposes than to supply the home demand. Then some small orchards were set with a view to making fruit-growing a business instead of a side issue. It was begun at first on a small scale, a few acres being planted at a time, but the idea has gained ground, as a few of these smaller orchards began to bring in such handsome returns, until now young orchards of twenty, thirty and forty acres are not uncommon. As these begin to bear, the quantity Wasco county will ship will be surprising. We have no doubt but that the winter apple will within five years yield a return of \$300,000, and within ten years double or triple that amount. While we speak thus of winter apples, do not for a moment imagine that the only fruit that can be, or is, grown here. We have mentioned the winter apple because that is a fruit that can be harvested at leisure and sold when the owner gets ready to sell; but all varieties of apples do well. The Gravenstein, the king of all summer apples, grows to perfection, as do all varieties, and in '93 a carload shipped to Omaha was sold on sight at \$1.50 per box, or bushel, netting the shipper 80 cents. Pear are a certain crop, yielding abundantly, and the Bartlett is superior in color and flavor to any California ever produced. Prunes will also soon prove an important crop, many young orchards now growing being planted after experiments had demonstrated that they yielded well and were finely flavored. Plums and cherries are both certain crops, and the trees bear enormously. Peaches grow finely, but are not a certain crop, many years being a total failure; but when they do bear, the trees seem to try to make up for deficiencies by producing a phenomenal crop.

All small fruits do well here, and the strawberry is quite an important one, not less than \$50,000 worth being sold annually. Hood River and Mosier are as yet the principal points at which they are raised, both being on the line of the railroad, a necessary condition to the shipment of this tender fruit. The variety grown for shipment, and which is the most perfect berry in the world is the Clark's Seedling. It is a deep red, highly epauletted, solid to the core, and a phenomenal shipper, this latter quality giving it its principal value. These berries find their market in the mining towns of Montana, Denver and in Kansas City and other far eastern points. At the Columbian exposition at Chicago the Clark's Seedling took the premium over all other berries, even though it had been four days in an express car and had traveled 2,000 miles. They bring good prices, too, and in '93 many of the patches yielded \$400 to \$500 an acre net. In this connection it might be proper to add that we refer to the year 1893, because in 1894 the unprecedented high water of the Columbia washed away miles of the railroad along its banks, which was not rebuilt until fall, so that for berries and other fruits the market was cut off.

When one realizes the area here that is peculiarly adapted to the growing of fruit, which in this county at a low estimate is 100,000 acres, and also the amount of money produced per acre, it is easily seen that as the hills are set to orchards a vast amount of money will be returned. Acre for acre the winter apple orchard is more valuable than the orange or lemon orchards of California, and besides there is not the same difficulty in handling them. The orange and the lemon must be sold at once; the winter apple is a friend that will wait for you in the cellar, and will not go back on you because you leave him a few days on the tree. Santa Clara county, California, with 36,000 acres of orchards, last year sold \$6,200,000 worth of fruit. There is no reason in the world why Wasco county in a few years should not produce at least as much.

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