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**Prune Raising Industry - Also Important Industrial City**

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place every spring and there is no doubt but that the predominant specialty of Polk county from now on will be the growing of the prune.  
But this is by no means the only fruit grown in the county. Apple orchards are doing splendidly and there are now about 1200 acres of this fruit in bearing with several hundred acres more that have not yet reached the producing stage. She is also

other sections in Oregon. But berries grow just as well there as they do anywhere else in the Willamette valley and the newcomer who enters Polk may rest assured that he can raise excellent berry fruit there if he chooses to do so.  
**The Purebred Cattle Industry**  
Pure-bred stock raising and dairying is a gigantic industry in Polk county. A study of the crop reports reveals the fact that for her size, Polk county raises more feed and forage crops than any other county round about. Over 22,000 acres of oats, over 11,000 acres of hay and more than 8,000 acres of clover indicate that the feeding of livestock

They have a herd of more than 10 of these valuable animals. McArthur & Stauff, at Rickreall, have achieved wonderful success in raising Register of Merit cows and champion sires. S. J. McKee of Independence has a growing herd and has a cow which for more than a year was the champion Jersey of the world. G. G. Hewitt, of Independence, H. D. Hleff, also of Independence, Parker Bros., of Monmouth are other breeders whose cows and sires have won prizes at state and international stock show competitions. As a center of the pure-bred Jersey cattle industry, Polk county is renowned the world over.  
**Hopgrowing**  
Hopgrowing attained large proportions in Polk county in the days before the Volstead act went into effect. The bottom lands of the Willamette river near and at Independence are peculiarly adapted to this crop and for years and years the hop yards of this section of Polk and Marion county across the river led all competing areas in production. The soil is yet just as adaptable for this crop and Polk and Marion hop-fields are still producing 1600 pounds on the average as against a general average in the state of 1000 pounds; and despite the fact that the manufacture of hop products is on the decline, there was recently planted in Polk county almost 400 acres of new acreage. The fact remains, in spite of the lessening market, that as long as hops are needed for any purpose, the Polk county hops will be in demand because of their quality.  
There has been a wonderful development in highway building in Polk county the past few years. Between Salem and Dallas, there is a paved road and the Westside Pacific highway, one of the primary roads of Oregon crosses the county from north to south. This highway has not yet been completed although a considerable portion of it is done; but the permanent survey has been established, the preliminary grading done and the remainder of the road will be built during this and the coming season perhaps. All of it this season. From Rickreall to Monmouth the pavement has been completed, the remaining links being those north from Rickreall and south from Monmouth to the county limits.  
Polk county is an inviting field for the newcomer no matter what his financial resources are. For the man of independent fortune, there is opportunity for excellent investments, whether in agricultural lands or in industries. Such a person can find ample work for his dollars to do and ample security for them while they are busy. For the man who desires to follow agricultural pursuits, in a mild country where failures are unknown, and for the horticulturist

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tremendous producer of cherries, having in full bearing now 512.75 acres as against 539 acres in Marion county. These two counties stamp the Greater Salem district as a leader in the raising of this crop, which has a wonderful future ahead of it.  
**Produces Quality Nuts**  
Polk county is growing into a nut-producing section of great

The quality of nut grown in the two counties is in a class by itself, the Polk and Marion county products outselling the California nut by several cents to the pound on the open market. The county is also getting into the berry raising industry extensively, although the development in berry culture has not yet reached the magnitude that it has in some  
is a most important industry. About 20,000 acres of fall and spring wheat are raised annually. Many of the leading pure-bred cattle raisers of Oregon and the world carry on their activities in Polk county. The area is predominantly a pure-bred Jersey raising section. Frank Loughary & Son of Monmouth are among the pioneers in this industry.  
Monmouth, Polk county, is the home of Oregon's only State Normal school and is an educational center of high rank. This institution prepares young men and women for the teaching profession. It affords the means for an excellent education attainment at free cost—and it has brought to Polk county and to Oregon many parents who have desired unexcelled educational advan-

There is a wonderful field. A mild and equable climate is one of the big requirements for horticultural crops and is a distinct advantage for the stockman, for the constant feeding of stock and housing in barns during the winter months is not necessary. It is very likely due to this condition, partly, that the raising of purebred livestock has met with such signal success here and that so many of the leading records of butterfat tests and milk production are held by Polk and Marion county breeders.  
For the man with little money, there is opportunity. Such a one can easily get into fruit and berry and nut culture on a small investment and he can find work during the time his venture is maturing into the productive stage. Or, if he chooses, he can find employment in factories and mills in the larger communities. There are thousands and thousands of families in the United States which would be happier and far more prosperous and contented, did they but come to Polk county and become acquainted with her many opportunities.  
Markets, the great requirement for prosperity on the farm, are here in plenty. For the horticulturist, the man who grows berries, vegetables, fruits of all kinds, there are canneries in the large centers which prepare their products for world consumption. For the dairymen, there are first class creameries, all of which find a wider market for their butter than they can supply.  
The world is depending upon canned goods for its food. It is looking to the sections which can produce the choicest berries, fruits and vegetables for its supply of foodstuffs. The perfection of the canning method of preserving such products for shipment has placed a tremendous opportunity within the reach of these favored sections. Here, the supply will always be found, for Polk county is recognized by some of the largest canning companies in the world by placing their canneries within the reach of her growers. The future is unlimited in its possibilities, if you cast your lot with Polk county and "stay with it."

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