

Over the Mountains
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There is a great deal more to the Pacific Northwest than
the willamette valley, although those who have lived
 eany to tet the moontains which border this belt of farmland
and woodland circumscribe also the mental outlook of the
inhasitants. Over the Cascades is another great empire, exinhasitanss over the cascades is anumia river, an empire
tending north and south of the colum and great in its resources of land, of climate
vel and of peopple. Those who live on this side of the range should
visit the inland country more frecuently. They should see thet region where big things are done in a big way by big
men .Nature was not as gente on the other side of thr range
and men have had to grapple more strenuously to build their and men have had to grapple more strenuously to build
farms, their orchards, their homes, their schools, their
Haying lived on both sides of the mountains, this
has a pretty good working knowledge of conditions in has a pretty good

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sections of the indand empire.
trip was a highly enjoyable one; and it it particularly sat
fying to find that the people visited are far more optimis
than a year ago. There have been many business casualt there, but
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Ouy route lay up the Columbia river highway to
thence over the new short cut road which follows the Colum-
bia to Wallula. This stretch of 27 miles is almost a perfect
highway as to grade and curvature. It is scenic to, hanging
hs it ioes to the stern basaltic palisades of the Wallula gap. hig itway as to the stern basaltic palisades of t $t$
as it does thla we turned east to Walla Walla.
Wheat, mountains of it, has accumulated along the rail-
road sidings. Warehouses are bulging. Piles of sacked wheatt
lie outside. Some farmers have had to store their wheat on their farms for lack of space in the regular warehouses.
This tells the story of the year's crop, which overcame the
misfortune of a freeze-out of nearly all the fall-seeded wheat.
It' tells the story also of the marketing problem for the big it tells the st
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wrench to their individual independence.
sovernment plan to move out $40,000,000$
surplus which now overflows the granaries.
There are always new roads to find, if one looks for
them; and new roads always give new experiences. We had
them in crossing from the Palouse country to the Big Bend
country. This is scab land country useful only for grazcountry. This is a scab land country, useful only for graz-
ing. Roads wind around the potholes and lava outcrops with scant sense
road as we
expected, he which serve the inhabited sections quite completely now.
Another new route we used was from the wheat b across the central Washington desert, over the White Bluffs contrast than the valley. Nowhere of the could one figated fields and a sharper
waste of the desert which hems them in.

This was our first motor trip through the Yakima valley
in nearly fifteen years. It is a great country, and at this season a very busy country. Apple-picking is in progress; hay and vegetables and hops. Moxee is a hop district. Fields
there are concentrated in a mall area, instead of scattered about as they are in this valley. At Moxee many new fields
are being set out under the stimulus of high prices and re-
turn of logalized beer Yakims lops are not as favorably turn of lagalized beer. Yakima hops are not as favorably
regarded as those grown here; but growers there have ad-
vantages of freedom from damp weather in the growing season and the picking season. They were not free from
pests of labor agitators as the stockade at the Yakima county
jail and the "No trespass" notic e s about the hop field jaiil and the
testified.
We had one other purpose in traveling to Yakima, besides on Col. W. W. Robertson, editor of the Yakima Republic; tinies of his paper which is as much an institution in the
Yalima country as the Northern Pacific railroad or the Big $Y^{\text {" }}$ on a box of apples. Just at present he is endeavor-
ing to preserve a philosophic calm as he views another "new
deal." one of many he has seen unfold and pass into the deaa, one of many he has seen unfold and pass
limbo in the long span of his editorial experience.
The new road we had picked for returning was the recentiy completed Satus highway. Another new and grand
road from Yakima is the Naches highway to Tacoma, with
a spur into Sunrise park on Mat. Rainier; but we are saving that for another time. The Satus highway got woes from Toppen-
ish accoss the Indian reservation (again one notes a con-
trast between the highly imporoed ranches of the white the patween the highly improved ranches of the whites and
wall of the valley, and of keeps on climbing ; up the Satus creek
The road is strikingly beautiful at this season. The hills
are bare in the lower stretches, but the brush along the creek is turning to the varied colors of autumn. At higher
altitudes the scrub trees of the hillsides appear colors; and finally one gets into the pine woods at the summit swiftly down the Kilickitat cutting through the ridge one drops Lyle on the Columbia river.
Washington has been working for years on the North
Bank highway. This was our first time over it. From Cook
to Vancouver the road is completed and it is a wonderful highway, It is wider and straighter and it is a wonderful
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