

EASTERN OREGON.

The Prospect and Advantages of Eastern Oregon Counties and Towns.

BAKER CITY, Nov. 13.

To the Editor of the Oregonian.

Now that the election is over and people desire something to read besides "tariff" is a tax, allow me space in the columns of your valuable journal to call attention to some of the advantages of Eastern Oregon as well as a brief statement of the improvements made in this great inland Empire.

Umatilla county, once the stockmen's pride, has been transformed by its rapidly increasing population into a grand agricultural county. As a producer of cereals it ranks first to-day. The farmers of that county are prosperous, contented and progressive. Its business men do a large, profitable and safe business. Chief among the towns is Pendleton, the natural supply point of a large and growing community. With the opening of the Umatilla Indian reservation, soon to be an accomplished fact, the towns of Pendleton, Adams, Centerville and Weston must take a new growth, for that large reservation is tributary to each of them, and the character of the soil is the same as the other portion of Umatilla county. East of the Blue mountains is Union county. The Grande Ronde is the principal valley in this county, and it is beautiful and productive. Thousands of tons of hay are annually shipped from Union and La Grande, while its stock and mining interests entitle it to first rank among the wealthy counties of Oregon. La Grande is the principal town, and the supply point of a large section of country. Stages leave every day for Wallowa county, Union, Summerville, Island City and the Cove are all good, permanent towns. To the immigrant Union county offers many advantages.

Baker and Grant counties are the two great mining and stock-raising counties. Mines by the hundred both quartz and placer are being successfully worked while new mines are being discovered each year. Baker City is the principal town and now has a population of 4000 and is growing rapidly. A new public school building is about completed at a cost for building and furniture of \$35,000. While Pendleton has electric lights, Baker will soon have a system of gaslight. Pipes are being laid now.

The climate of this country is about the same, from one to two months snow in winter, the springs and falls are pleasant, the summer warm, but the nights are always cool. The winters are not as long or so cold in Umatilla, Union and Grant counties as they are in Baker.

These counties are yet in their infancy. Land is cheap, and many men now worth from \$3,000 to \$10,000 came into the county less than ten years ago with nothing.

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