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## THE SIUSLAW VALLEY.

### A Brief Description of Florence and Vicinity.

#### ITS RESOURCES AND PROSPECTS.

#### Homes for the Emigrant. Employment for the Laborer. Opportunities for the Business Man.

Among the counties of Oregon Lane ranks fifth in population and wealth. It lies about midway north and south in the state and extends from the summit of the Cascades on the east to the Pacific ocean on the west. Within its boundaries may be found a great variety of soil, surface and productions; a portion of the county being level and well adapted to grain growing, while some is mountainous and better suited for stockraising. Fruit grows well almost anywhere in the county. The Bohemia mining country has been attracting a great deal of attention during the last two or three years by reason of the discovery of rich gold mines. It lies partly in Lane and Douglas counties. Eugene, the county seat, a thriving city of about 4000 inhabitants, is pleasantly situated at the head of steamboat navigation on the Willamette.

In the western part of the state and lying partly in Lane and partly in Douglas county is the Siuslaw valley. It is so called from the river that flows through it, which rises in the Coast mountains and flows, with many windings and turns, in a general westerly direction, a distance of perhaps a hundred miles by the channel, before it enters the ocean. During its course it has many branches and tributaries. The largest of those entering the upper river or that part above tidewater are Lake creek, Wildcat, Wolf and Esmond creeks. While those entering the lower river are Knowles, Hadsall, and Sweet creeks, Duncan slough, South slough and North Fork.

The Siuslaw river is navigable for boats drawing twelve to fifteen feet of water, from its mouth to Mapleton, a distance of nearly twenty-five miles.

Florence, the largest town in the valley is located on the river about four miles from the ocean. It was laid out in 1887 and is a thriving place of about 200 inhabitants. Among its business enterprises are a cannery, saw mill, two hotels, a post office, four general merchandise stores, a millinery store, drug store, two meat markets, a blacksmith shop, one real estate office, a saloon, and a printing office, where its newspaper the West is issued. There is one church here which belongs to the Presbyterian denomination. The town has a good school which employs two teachers for nine months of each year to instruct the youth of the place. An addition to the school building was erected last summer and it is now a well furnished house with plenty of room for the pupils. The fraternal orders having local organizations in Florence are the Odd Fellows, Masons, United Workmen and G. A. R. The Florence Lumber Co. who own the mill below town intend to build a new mill in the upper part of Florence within the next few months. The Florence creamery which is located on the main river about two miles above town has been operated three seasons and affords the farmers a home market for their milk. Its product finds a ready sale at good prices in the city markets. The Rose Hill cannery is on the south side of the river about a mile above Florence. It has not been operated for some years past.

A new saw mill is to be built this summer near the creamery and men are now at work getting out timber for its construction.

Across the river from Florence the town of Glensda was laid out about ten years ago. It has a hotel, post office, a small store, a school house, church, and number of dwelling houses.

Acme the second town in importance in the valley is located on the river about three miles above Florence. It has its postoffice, hotel, store, meat market, school house and dwellings. Here is located the Siuslaw and San

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Francisco Lumber Co's mill, which was built last year, and has a capacity of 40,000 feet of lumber per day. It is the intention of the company to add a pony saw the coming summer which will about double the capacity of the mill. M. E. Saubert & Co have owned a mill at Acme for about fifteen years, and three or four years ago erected a large building, but owing to the business depression of this country they did not complete the mill at that time. They have recently purchased machinery which, ere long will be placed in their building and Acme people can then boast of two good mills.

Point Terrace at the mouth of Sweet creek has a post office and a church. Here is the quarry from which rock is obtained for the jetty at the mouth of the river. There is a small mill about a mile below Point Terrace where lumber is sawed by a water power. There is a school house on the river a short distance above the post office.

Mapleton, near the head of navigation has, besides its post office, hotel, and school, a store which does considerable business supplying the wants of the people of the surrounding country.

The principal occupations of the people of this valley are farming, fishing, fruit growing, stockraising and lumbering. There is not much grain raised but vegetables of all kinds, and hay grow in abundance. Several kinds of fish including trout, sturgeon, herring and salmon are caught in the river, the salmon being by far the most valuable. A large number of men are employed for several months every year at catching this fine fish for which they find a ready sale at the cannery at prices which leave them good profit for their labor. It is only withing three years or so that there has been much more fruit raised here than was needed for home consumption. About that time several young orchards commenced bearing and made considerable surplus fruit. Several thousand bushels of apples have been shipped to the San Francisco market where they command a ready sale.

Nearly all kinds of fruit do well, raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, etc yielding abundant crops. Prunes, plums, and pears bear heavy loads of the finest fruit. Apples also produce good crops of nice flavored fruit on the upper part of the river and its tributaries. The pests which the fruit raisers in most places have to contend with, cause little or no trouble in this valley and it is thought by many that the ocean breeze is unfavorable to their development and that they will never do any great damage on the west side of the Coast mountains.

All kinds of stock thrive well, cattle, sheep and goats requiring little or no feed in the winter. During the last three or four years many of our farmers have invested in goats and find them very profitable. Dairying has been carried on to some extent from the time the valley was first settled but owing to the lack of shipping facilities, the market was limited to what was needed for home consumption. The creamery which has been operated for the last three seasons has furnished a better market and with the increased demand, the dairy industry is certain to grow rapidly in importance.

Ever since the first saw mill was built at Acme, an occasional settler would now and then cut a few logs and take them to the mill, but until the last two years the price paid was not sufficient to justify cutting the timber. During the last year the market for logs has been good and has led many to engage in lumbering so, that there are now probably not less than thirty camps on the main river and creeks, where logging has been carried on during the winter. With the increased capacity of the mills and the new ones to be built this summer, logging is sure to form an important industry and will furnish employment for large numbers of men for many years to come.

There has been several ocean vessels built at Acme and Florence during the past few years, and the large quantity of the best timber for this which can be easily obtained here will no doubt cause shipbuilding to become a permanent industry on the river. We are informed that it is the intention of a prominent San Francisco firm to build a large schooner at Acme the coming summer, but the illness of one of the members has delayed matters some and arrangements have not been completed yet.

The climate is one of the finest in the world. Free from the extremes of heat and cold, the blizzards, cyclones and terrible thunder storms of the states in the Mississippi valley are unknown. At Florence the mercury seldom rises above 90 degrees in the summer and it is indeed a rare occurrence for it to go more than five or six degrees below freezing in the winter. There are but few nights that are cold enough to freeze. The greater part of the rain falls during the winter season and the summer is comparatively dry. But it must not be inferred that it rains all the winter, though some growers say that a year in Oregon is made up of nine months of rain and three months of wet weather, for people can often work out of doors a large portion of the time.

The soil in the bottom lands is very rich, producing large crops of all kinds of vegetables, hay and fruits. The bench lands are well adapted to fruit-raising and make good pasture.

There are many fine springs along the creeks or near the foot of the mountains and nearly every farmer's house has its spring near by, where plenty of the purest soft water can be obtained the year around.

The people take great interest in the education of their children and there are few families who do not live conveniently to a school house. In nearly every district school is taught from six to nine months of the year.

A jetty at the mouth of the river is now in process of construction by the United States government. About \$100,000 have already been expended and \$20,000 more has been appropriated by congress to continue the work. A contract for the same was let last fall and operations are now going on under it. When the jetty is completed the Siuslaw will have a fine harbor where vessels can enter at any time with safety.

The lack of shipping facilities has been a great drawback to this valley but at the present time there are from twelve to fifteen schooners carrying lumber from the mills at Acme and Florence to the San Francisco and San Pedro markets. Besides these, the steamer Roberts makes trips to Yaquina and Coos bay carrying freight out and in, and furnish much better opportunity for shipping than under the conditions prevailing a year or two ago.

There is a great difference in the price of land in different parts of the valley according to the kind of land, location, and value of improvements. Some quarter sections can be bought for \$500 to \$800 and from that up to \$3000 to \$4000. There are still a few chances to obtain fairly good homesteads with enough bottom land to support a family.

Lake creek is the largest branch of the Siuslaw and on this stream and its branches the industrious settlers have cleared up some fine ranches. There is also a large quantity of fine timber conveniently situated for logging. There is yet room for quite a number of settlers on Lake creek and its tributaries including Indian, Deadwood and Nelson creeks.

Wildcat, Wolf and Esmond creeks and the upper Siuslaw also have large bodies of fine timber growing near to the water, which will prove a source of wealth to its owners. Intending settlers can find some desirable locations on these creeks.

There are also some good claims to be taken on Knowles, Hadsall and Sweet creeks. These streams also have large quantities of fine fir timber.

North Fork, which enters the Siuslaw about two miles above Florence, has wider bottoms than the main river. On the lower part of this stream are found some of the best ranches in the valley, and it is from them that the creamery receives most of the milk during the summer. The upper North Fork has some good timber which will be valuable before long. A few more homesteads can be taken along this stream.

Around Hocket light house which is situated about sixteen miles northwest from Florence is found some of the finest scenery in Oregon. There are fine hunting and fishing grounds in the vicinity and this place will probably become a favorite summer resort.

Around Mercer and Sutton lakes lying north of Florence there are several good ranches which are well adapted to stockraising.

South of Florence in Douglas county, the Clear and Teiticoos lakes whose waters afford fine sport for the fisherman.

Arond these lakes and on Maple and Fiddle creeks, which flows into them, are found several good ranches. On these creeks a few good claims may yet be obtained.

A stage route from Eugene over which daily mail is carried each way, connects at Mapleton with steamer for Florence. Two stages are used, making the through trip each way every day. The steamer makes the round trip daily, leaving Mapleton for Florence in the morning and returning in the evening.

The principal kinds of wood found in this part of the state are fir, cedar, spruce, hemlock, maple, hazel, cherry, and alder. Of these fir is the most valuable and grows to great size. Trees are frequently found eight feet in diameter and 300 feet in height.

To the man with but little means who desires to find a place where he can make a comfortable home for his family, in a mild and agreeable climate, the Siuslaw valley offers opportunities found in few other places in this country. To the business man it offers many chances that will yield handsome profits.

The capitalist who has money to invest in speculation, can lay out his money here in property that during the next few years will rapidly increase in value. The invalid who desires a pleasant climate free from extremes of heat and cold, will find this one of the best. The pleasure seeker intent on sport with the rod and gun will find this country almost a paradise.

In conclusion we invite all who are in search of a good place to make a home, or who desire to engage in business, or those who have capital to invest, and who desire to help to build up and advance the interests of the country, to visit the Siuslaw and see for themselves the truth of what we have said.

#### FOR COMMISSIONER.

At the solicitation of his friends John L Taylor of Hermann has consented to be a candidate for county commissioner subject to the decision of the republican county convention. For some ten or twelve years past Mr Taylor has resided near Hermann where he is engaged in farming. He is well known as a man of intelligence, business ability, and of the strictest honesty, a man whom it is a pleasure to meet. He is a life-long republican and takes great interest in public affairs but has never before been a candidate for office in this county. The voters of Lane county may rest assured that they will make no mistake if they elect him commissioner.

THE PEOPLES' party have been for years past advocating direct legislation and have made that one of the prominent articles of their political faith. But when the county central committee of that party selects the delegates to the state convention instead of leaving this to the county convention as is nearly always done by the other parties, it looks to a man up a tree very much as if their precepts are directly at variance with their practice.

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Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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A single firm of Patent Lawyers, C. A. Snow & Co, of Washington, D. C., have in the last year procured 1,630 patents for their clients, many of them for rejected inventions. C. A. Snow & Co have been accused of railroading patents through the Patent Office, but they insist that this locomotion is better than ox-carting them for by the latter process the inventor often dies before he gets his patent.

THE ATTENTION of voters is called to the fact that if they fail to register before May 15, they will encounter the same difficulty about voting in the presidential election next fall, that they do in the June election. Boys who are under 21 but will become of age in time to vote in November, should also have their names registered the same as older persons.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by all druggists.

#### GREENLEAF ITEMS.

By a WEST CORRESPONDENT.

Greenleaf school district failed to organize and there will be no school this year.

A daughter was born to Mr and Mrs Jarvis at O Willcutt March 2. Mr Jarvis is the niece of Mrs Willcutt who came from Oklahoma last fall.

In the Deadwood school district Mrs Johnstone was elected clerk and Levi Berkshire and O Willcutt trustees. Mr Johnstone is the other trustee. School opens April 1st.

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#### POINT TERRACE ITEMS.

By GARMER.

Mar 11, 1900.

D. H. Stevens came out from Ord Wednesday.

George Hartley has been seriously ill for the last few days.

Andrew Hartley and wife are visiting with his mother, Mrs Hartley.

John Lloyd returned Tuesday after spending the winter in Bolivia.

Margaret and Kate Brund of Bohemia are visiting friends and relatives here.

V. Gurney brought his oxen up the river Saturday to Mr Neely's place where he will soon begin to put in piling for the government works.

THE BEST should be your aim when buying medicine. Get Hood's Sarsaparilla and have the best medicine MONEY CAN BUY.

#### SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Since our last issue we have learned of the following who were elected school officers in their respective district.

Acme.—W. L. Fick, director; F. J. Alexander, clerk.

Mapleton.—Wm Herrington, director; Frank Knowles, clerk.

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#### GENERAL NEWS.

The bubonic plague is raging in India over 400 deaths from it being reported in one week.

The president has nominated Melville C. Brown, of Wisconsin, to be Judge of Alaska. There will, in all probability, be two associate judges appointed and the Oregon delegation are endeavoring to secure recognition for this state.

#### TO OUR PATRONS.

We have made arrangements which we will furnish the West Oregonian with the West for one year to any address for the sum of two dollars payable cash in advance.