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THERE IS OPPORTUNITY.

We have been asked to publish an article prior to the opening of the Lewis and Clark Fair, setting forth undeveloped resources and attractive business propositions that are awaiting capital in Corvallis and the county as a whole. This is by no means an easy task. What looks to be a good business venture to one man spells "ruin" to another. Where one man will succeed another will fail. For success, much depends upon the individual, his general business sense, diplomacy in dealing with all classes of people, a thorough and practical knowledge of the business he has undertaken. Give two men equal advantages and one will succeed where the other will go to the wall.

Benton county is one of the smallest in the state, but her financial standing is of the best. If a man is seeking a farm there is no need of going elsewhere, for no place in this great valley can he find better. There are hundreds of large farms here, that were they cut up into smaller tracts, cultivated as they should be by men accustomed to farm life, would yield a handsome living to thousands greater population than we now possess.

Stock-raising is yet in its infancy in this county compared with what it will be in the not distant future. Dairying, too, is profitable and there is everything here that nature can give, and a dairyman has but to go at it and his reward is certain. Land is very reasonable at present, but ere long the price is certain to increase.

One of the great means of making money in the future will be that of fruit-raising. Almost any kind of fruit can be successfully grown in Benton. The prune industry is already great, but apples, pears, plums, peaches, and the like have not been given the attention they are entitled to.

In Corvallis there are many good openings for investors of money. In the first place, we have here the greatest college in the state. The enrollment at the State Agricultural College is increasing more rapidly than has been expected and as a result there is a lack of suitable cottages for use of students during the school year. A good many thousands of dollars could be safely invested in building such cottages.

A woolen mill should pay in Corvallis as well as any place in the state. As yet there is no mill here, but we shear annually in this county thousands of pounds of wool and mohair. It all goes abroad.

A good cannery, one that will can all sorts of fruit and vegetables, ought to pay unusually well here, for there is an abundance of every kind of fruit and vegetable raised here. In connection with the cannery there could be operated a factory for canning or condensing milk. No opposition whatever will be found here in this line.

Space is too limited at this time to set forth anything like the opportunities awaiting the right men—men of some means, energy and experience. A little investigation will pay any such man mighty well.

Council Notes.

Council met as usual for the regular monthly meeting last Monday evening. Various items of business were attended. Bills were allowed on the general fund in the sum of \$341, and on the

street fund to the amount of \$46. The matter of paying firemen for services after fire was under control was duly considered. Bills that were brought in against the city on account of the fire recently started in the lumber yard of the Corvallis Sawmill Co. were cut down considerably. A resolution was passed to the effect that hereafter, after a fire, if, after the fire was under control, it was deemed wise for men to be detailed to remain and watch said fire, the fire chief shall be empowered to select not more than four men to assist him in this work. For this service the assistants are to receive not more than 40 cents each per hour and the chief shall not be paid more than 75 cents per hour as his salary.

An adjourned meeting of the council is called for next Monday evening. At this meeting it is thought that various engineers will be in attendance and the matter of the probable cost of surveying and estimating Rock Creek water route will be discussed. Whether there will be any direct bids made at this meeting for the contract of making this survey and estimate is not known. It will likely be an interesting meeting.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

OAK GROVE.

W. H. Holman, of Albany, spent Sunday with his brother here, Frank Holman.

O. A. Williams, of Albany, was visiting relatives here, Sunday.

Ed Wiles, of Soap Creek, was an Albany visitor, Saturday.

William Gellatly, of Blodgett, was looking after business here, Saturday.

Miss Minnie McCourt leaves for Alsea, Friday, where she will begin teaching on the following Monday.

Rev. Elmore, of Brownsville, filled the pulpit at North Palestine, Sunday.

H. J. Moore left, Thursday for Portland, where he will remain for some time.

George Beamis was able to be moved to his home, Saturday. He stood the trip very well and was much pleased to get home once more.

L. E. Jones who is attending school at Albany was visiting in this neighborhood a few days this week, the guest of S. P. Lauranson.

The young ladies of Oak Grove will give a basket social at the school house, Saturday evening. The fund will be used in the interest of the base ball team which is beginning to practice for the summer's work.

The farmers have again commenced field work, and if fair weather continues for a reasonable time the grain fields will soon be finished, as the spring weather has been very favorable for field work, and most farmers have taken advantage of the opportunity thus offered, there only remains a small amount of seeding to be done.

Elmer Gof has returned from Cottage Grove where he spent a few days visiting relatives and looking over the country.

The farmers who are going to connect with the independent telephone system are busy completing their lines and expect to have them finished by the last of the week. When completed Mr. DeVarney will place his switchboard in Albany and be ready to do business. One line runs from Ridders mill to Granger and the other from John Holman's to Albany.

A very enjoyable party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miesal last Wednesday evening. The evening was spent in a social way and consisted of games. Delicious refreshments were served at a late hour after which the jolly crowd departed for their homes much pleased with the evening's entertainment.

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