

The Daily Astorian.

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Homes in Oregon.

The state of Oregon is now divided into five land districts, viz.: Oregon City, Roseburg, Lakeview, LaGrand and The Dalles, the local United States land offices for said districts being situated respectively in the above named towns. The Oregon City land districts, originally the Willamette land district, embraced prior to March 2, 1853, (at which date Washington Territory was organized) all the land in the territory of Oregon, said territory prior to that time, embracing all that part of the territory of the United States which lay west of the Rocky mountains and north of the 42d parallel of north latitude; now comprising Oregon and the territories of Washington and Idaho, covering an area of over 251,000 square miles of land. The Oregon City land district now embraces all the land south of the Columbia river to the 3d standard parallel, and west of the summit of the Cascade mountains to the Pacific, containing an area of about seven million acres. The counties of Clatsop, Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Yamhill, Benton and Linn, with the exception of a few acres in the southern part of the two latter, are entirely situated in this district. About two-thirds of the land embraced herein has been surveyed, a great deal of which is yet unsettled. Lands lying near navigable rivers and railroads, have, of course, been first selected by settlers; and persons who desire to settle upon government land in this district, should not expect to find locations nearer than the foot hills of the Cascades and Coast ranges of mountains. However, by reason of cancellations and relinquishments, tracts of land may be obtained in any part of this land district. There are a vast number of acres of vacant government land in the counties of Clatsop and Columbia, the soil of which is very rich and fertile, but heavily timbered. In fact, the land in this district remaining unclaimed, is generally covered by forests of fir interspersed with hemlock, cedar, cottonwood, oak, pine, alder, maple, ash and various species of trees of less value. Fires have at different times raged furiously in the Cascade and Coast ranges of mountains, partly consuming the trees for miles in extent, and thus leaving the country in some places comparatively open; this is especially the case on the west side of the Coast range. Water of the purest quality is everywhere abundant, and range for stock is, in the foot hills, excellent. During the year ending December 31, 1881, two hundred and fifty-six homestead entries aggregating 35,593 acres, and 188 preemption declaratory statements under section 2259 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, covering 24,628 acres of land, have been filed in this office; 144 claimants have made final proof in their homestead claims, covering 17,821 acres, for which final receipts entitling them to patents, have been issued; 45,420 acres of land, in which are included preemption claims, timber entries under the Act of Congress approved June 3, 1878, and excesses in homestead applications, have been sold for cash at \$1.25 and \$2.50 per acre, the rate depending upon the location of the land.

charge that it is hard to realize that it is not a delusion and a snare. With the completion of the Northern Pacific a similar rate should be offered Washington wheat growers. If the management of the company will announce that they will carry wheat from Eastern Washington and Oregon to Duluth, St. Paul and Chicago as cheaply as the Southern Pacific does from California to St. Louis, they will be offering a greater inducement to immigration than train loads of pamphlets by the most vivid writers, and at the same time do much more to allay the hostile feeling entertained by many people than they could in any other way. Only that the wheat should come down the river and be loaded in deep sea-going vessels at Astoria.

The Panama Canal.

EDITOR ASTORIAN: YOUR Washington correspondent is misinformed in regard to the De Lesseps canal. The work is not only begun, but a very large force of men and dredgers are continually at work at the excavation. The character of the ground to be excavated is now found to be so much softer than at first supposed that it is believed that only four years will be required for the work. The cost will be much less than at first supposed. But it may strike the ordinary reader that it is strange how much news about the Panama canal comes from Washington city. One would think that De Lesseps with his army were digging a tunnel under the capital and that the old ironclads and newspaper correspondents were to be marshalled to stop him. The fact is, the average resident of Washington city can not understand how any transportation interest can be inaugurated without first securing a large land grant or mail contract in connection with it. And now, Mr. Editor, let me tell you a little Washington news that your correspondent has omitted. The Northern Pacific, Union, and Central Pacific railroad companies are making common cause in a warfare against the De Lesseps canal. They are now arranging their pools on way business across the continent, and the idea of any competition coming up between these railroad-grant corporations on through business is sheer nonsense. They are afraid of the De Lesseps canal because after it is completed there will no longer be any chance to form pools on through business and keep up passage and freights to double what they should be. Consequently they are moving all Washington, agitating the Monroe doctrine, the Nicaragua canal, and other nonsense. Through a powerful lobby they are trying to get our government to commit suicide by preventing the construction of the Panama canal.

THE OREGONIAN tardily comes to the rescue and now declares "the bar must be improved." If that paper had stood in for bar improvement when the Portland Board of Trade were issuing circulars warning foreign ship masters that no vessel drawing over nineteen feet of water should come to the Columbia river, it would be in better grace with the people of Oregon to-day, than to come wheeling into line now, when every paper in the State is a unit in demanding the improvement of our great national highway. Probably had D. P. Thompson returned sooner the Oregonian would have advocated sensible measures sooner.

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Proposals for Fresh Beef, Mutton and Flour. SUBSISTENCE OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA, Vancouver Barracks, W. T., March 1, 1882. Sealed proposals, in duplicate, subject to the usual conditions will be received at this office and at the office of the Acting Assistant Commissaries of Subsistence at the following named posts (for the supplies needed at these posts only) until 12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday, April 12, 1882, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of bidders for the furnishing and delivery of Fresh Beef and Mutton during the year commencing July 1, 1882.

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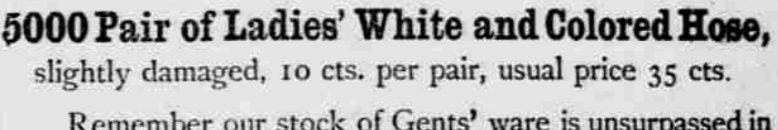
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