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COTTAGE GROVE

A Resume of the Varied Industries and Resources of the Growing City and of prosperous Lane County.

This city is situated in the southern part of Lane county and is destined to be the leading and principal city of Central Oregon. Its surroundings and natural resources make it the notable commercial city between Portland and the southern part of the state. Within its eight-mile territory and positively tributary to it is one of the best farming and stock sections in Oregon. Stock is raised extensively here and with produce of all kinds finds a ready market at this point. In local consumption by reason of the many milling and mining enterprises, in the immediate vicinity, employing hundreds of laborers. The little city is completely surrounded by vast forests of fir and redwood, with occasional valleys of sufficient size to justify large farming enterprise, and in which may be found some of the best farms in the west presided over by men who have made a success of farming and who are contented and happy with their well-tended farms, and delightful climate, the pure mountain water and grand old forests.

The city is situated on the Coast Fork of the famous Willamette river, 144 miles from Portland, the metropolis of Oregon, and has 2000 inhabitants. It is a steadily growing, prosperous, progressive town, with a sturdy set of citizens, who are engaged in the various vocations that go to make up a hustling, thriving city.

The public schools of this city are unexcelled by any town of its size, East, West, North or South. Over 500 students are enrolled, and a staff of 7 teachers are now employed.

The Southern Pacific Co.'s Oregon & California line passes through the city. A handsome new depot was erected last year, the yards of the Southern Pacific are now being filled and covered with decomposed granite, giving them a substantial and pleasing appearance. Cottage Grove is also the terminus of the Oregon & Southwestern Ry., which is building a line into the great Bohemian Mining district.

LANE COUNTY.

Lane county extends from the Coast Range on the east to the Pacific coast on the west, having a length of 120 miles, its average breadth being 50 miles, with an area of some 6000 square miles. The famous Willamette heads in and flows through Lane county, the broad and fertile valley of which extends on either side a distance of from 8 to 15 miles. In the Coast Range on the west and the Cascade Range on the east, are to be found immense quantities of magnificent fir, cedar and hemlock timber, broad acres of brush and bottom lands long since denuded to be the most productive farming and gardening soil in the West, while much of the foothill land is sufficiently open to furnish excellent pasture. The soil being principally of volcanic origin and sandstone is of great fertility.

The foothill country is particularly adapted to stock raising. The bottom lands furnish splendid mountain grazing while the hill lands are green in early spring and late fall. Too much can not be said of this particular section in the matter of stock raising. Never in the history of this country has the demand been so great for marketable cattle, sheep, goats and hogs, and the very highest prices are obtainable.

CLIMATE.

When the selection of a home is considered the first and most essential think to be looked forward to is climate conditions, and it can be truthfully said Cottage Grove and South Lane county has few equals and is surpassed by no section of the State of Oregon for moder climate. The average summer temperature is about 70 degrees and for the winter season about 45 Fahrenheit. For many years past the average rainfall

has been about 38 inches, over two-thirds of the precipitation falling during the winter months and enough during the spring and early summer to keep vegetation in excellent shape. Tame and wild flowers bloom nearly every month of the year. The altitude of Cottage Grove is about 700 feet. Located at the head of the Willamette valley, surrounded on the sides by the Cascade, Calapooya and Coast Ranges, we are protected from cold winter and hot summer winds, and being but 80 miles from the Pacific ocean this section derives much benefit from the pure and warm chinook winds which come with the Japan current that washes the western shores of Lamb county.

Stock raising is a most important factor of the industries of this county. Stock is well on the range the year round and requires little if any feeding as also horses, sheep and goats. The fact that the winters are mild and that the native grasses keep green nearly all the year makes this section a splendid field for the raising of all kinds of stock.

This section of South Lane county at the head of the Willamette valley is especially adapted to fruit culture. The varieties that thrive best here are prunes, cherries, apples, peaches, quinces, and peaches, while berries of every variety reach perfection in growth and flavor. Our foothills and high bottom lands seem to be the best for the products.

MINES.

Of the many great industries of this section mining is one of the most important. There are two great mining districts in Lane county—the Nehalem and Blue river. These mining camps are in the Cascade and Calapooya Ranges and separated by a distance of but 20 miles. In both, the experimental stages have passed and the future is assured. Our purpose is now to build with Bohemia. It is located 35 miles southeast of Cottage Grove in the Cascade and Calapooya Ranges, partly in Lane and Douglas counties, as the county line crosses the higher peaks of the district. There are now 20 large corporations operating in this district. Every company in the district will make extensive improvements necessitating heavy outlays of money and the employment of hundreds of men, and this is only the beginning, for the district is ever widening as this great mineral zone is explored and new strikes are constantly being made. A number of mills have been installed in Bohemia the past year to work the vast tonnage of ore already extracted and the immense bodies now being blocked out and uncovered and others will be added this season. So far as superficially prospected the great Bohemia District now covers an area of ten equal square miles, the whole section being gridironed with a network of mineral bearing ledges, the principal metals being gold, silver, copper and lead, with nearly all of nature's mineral products to be found in this district. The Oregon and Southern-California railroad has been completed closer than half way to the mine and will no doubt reach them by the close of this year.

MINING AND PUBLISHING.
This section of Oregon has long been noted for its game and fish. Deer are found in abundance in the nearby mountains, and every brooklet in this section is noted for the speckled beauties, the wielders of the rod often taking from forty to one hundred in a day's outing.

OREGON MINERAL SPRINGS.

These springs, 12 miles from Cottage Grove, are becoming noted for their curative qualities and as a place of pleasant resort.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that the undersigned, by order of the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lane been duly appointed administrator of the estate of George Frederick Gale, deceased, and that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same duly verified with the properveror to the undersigned, at his residence in said County, which is at Cottage Grove within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated, February 5th 1902.

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BEEF AND HIGH-PRICED LAND.

An important industry which has not been fully discussed in this paper, that is high-grade beef cattle. The keepers of the best here are Angus, for meat, and other cattle the calves when raised under feed by running on grass and feed, the other cattle, when raised on grain, are fed on grain, and the feed is fed with protein. Taking in the year, the cow and her calf consume the protein to generate energy and meat does not increase weight and at the end of the year the mother and a young animal weighs 1000 pounds. To be encouraged, that is nothing new in the history of the cattle raising, in the west, the sort of cattle that are raised in the west for the utilization of the land, which is the best in the world, which makes the best in the world. The original idea of the cattle in the west is to feed on protein, \$100, and a ton of corn, it takes \$100, \$100, when the average cost of the calf \$10 per hundredweight, it is revenue \$1000, showing a loss of \$1000 when sold, but it is possible to feed and feed like another year it can turn into off a finished 1000 pound animal at \$50 per hundredweight, or \$500, and possibly make a better showing. A cow looks well when she will walk on a very small amount of protein to use her fat on milk, and then, that is the way, good sonship.

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