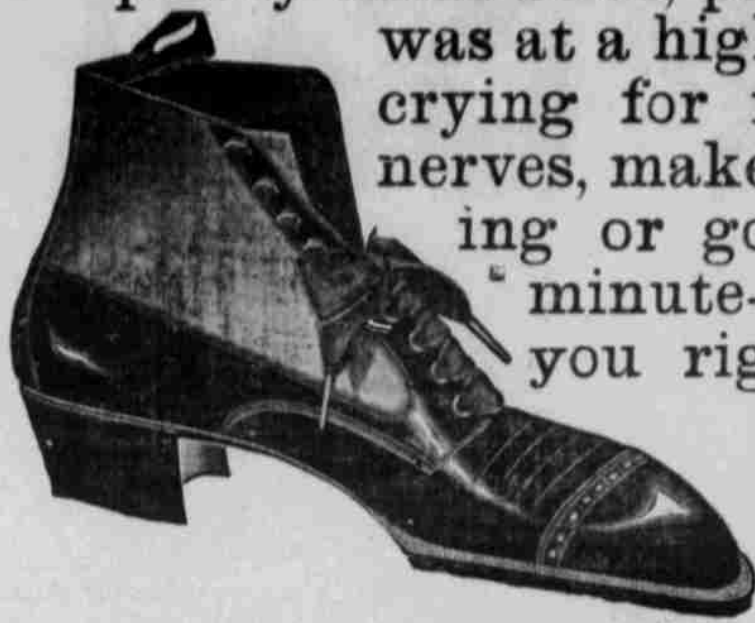


The Brain

The Nerves

The Foot

YOU have noticed how utterly miserable you have felt after wearing a poorly made Shoe, perhaps for only an hour. The entire nervous system was at a high tension, sending a continuous message to the brain, crying for relief. This is a serious matter. It disquiets the nerves, makes the body ache all over. You cannot do good thinking or good work. If your feet are telegraphing now---this minute---that they want relief, come to us and let us start you right. Wear **W. L. DOUGLAS GOODYEAR WELT SHOES**. Lack of character is what condemns medium-priced Men's Shoes. It's the mechanical means employed in fashioning them that is at fault in most cases. Our **W. L. Douglas Goodyear Welt \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoes** are made by good workmen and are absolutely correct. They'll save you money and give you satisfaction in durability, style and foot comfort.



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We stand back of every sale we make with a guarantee of satisfaction.

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We pay your round trip fare between Independence and Salem with a purchase of \$10 or more.

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Improvement in the quality in many of the large lots, and such exceptional success as we find in the sample lot you have just sent us, and in similar lots which we have received from other growers who have asked us for an expert opinion.

"The value of this mohair is 45 cents per pound. We would instantly close a trade for 100,000 pounds of the same quality at the same price. Massachusetts Mohair Plush Co., Edward P. Bliss, President."

This letter tells its own story. It is a matter of pride and encouragement to Oregon mohair growers to know that Angoras of old-time Oregon breeding can produce mohair which ranks with the best Turkish. Mr. Stump wishes it to be understood that he does not believe that the rejection of the kids from which these fleeces were taken was due to any prejudice or intentional unfairness on the part of the inspector. He did believe, however, that they were pretty fine-haired kids, and his opinion was verified by the result.

Hop Center of the World

Independence is the recognized hop center of the world, a distinction of pardonable pride to the city.

The first hop roots imported to Oregon was in 1866, the year following the close of the war, and they were set out in Polk county. Mr. Wisner, of Buena Vista, was the pioneer hop man of Oregon. He planted five acres and plowed them up. The oldest bearing yard is that of George Wells near Buena Vista. This yard was planted by Mr. Wells in 1872 and is bearing yet. Hop men have learned that the bottom land of the Willamette in the vicinity of Independence is especially adapted to hops and from a small beginning the industry has grown to immense proportions. It's a sight to look over the Krebs yard with rows of hops over a mile long. It takes an immense amount of labor to say nothing of the cost, to run such a yard. With two to the hill 544,000 roots were required to set it out. To care for the vines 10,000 trellis poles were used and 288,000 pounds of wire or seven car loads. The buildings necessary to cure and care for the crop form a town of considerable

size, and a community of nearly 5,000 people at picking time. To transport them to Independence 34 passenger and 10 baggage cars are used. This is one of the big Independence yards. The picking season brings 8000 to 10,000 people to the town and it is well worth one's time to come to see how the hop crop in a hop center is grown and saved.

Classification of Lands

Lying as Polk county does, bordering on the Coast Range mountains on the west, and the Willamette river on the east, it is not one continuous plain, but has several distinct classes of land. The price of land varies according to location, productivity and accessibility to market. Of the twenty townships in Polk county, eight are heavily timbered and mountainous. The timber runs from 4,000,000 to 10,000,000 feet of merchantable timber to the quarter section.

The timber land lies in the western part of the county. That which has been logged off and cleared, which is very little, is chiefly valuable for range land. It is not recommended as agricultural land but is inexpensive and makes good goat pasture.

The agricultural lands of Polk county may be divided into four classes.

First, those bordering on the Willamette river, Luckiamute and Rickreall streams. Bottom lands along these streams have soil rich and deep, a portion of it being subject to overflow. In these bottom lands are located the big hop yards. This land has proven particularly adapted to hops. It will also grow grain and grasses and a variety of vegetation. The price of this land has a wide range. Some unimproved, uncleared land may be picked up at \$50 an acre, while improved yielding hop land will bring as high as \$300 an acre.

Second, is the prairie land. This is a level stretch, rising above the overflow mark and is a great dairy section of land. This land may be had at \$50 to \$100 an acre, according to improvements and quality of soil. It is very productive and yields good returns on the investment when properly cared for.

Third, is the rolling land. At that point where Polk breaks into gentle undulations to the west are to be seen some farms as attractive as any portion of the earth's surface affords. The Oregon State Agricultural College sends out annually a class to learn object lessons for model farms

of the state. The state class every year visits that section of the state lying just west of Independence and in the immediate vicinity of Monmouth, in Polk county. The farms of J. B. Stump and Wm. Riddell are on the state College's list. This land is easily plowed and produces excellent fruits. At the present time it may be said to be the basis for the stock industry, for besides grazing pastures here is raised the necessary feed to keep during the short period in winter when feed is necessary. Much fine hay is also grown on the bottom lands.

Fourth, the hill land, which is crowded with small oak timber. This class of land is used principally for range purposes, with here and there a clearing for gardening or grain. This land makes excellent stock range and can be purchased at reasonably low prices. A good many of the hill tracts are thought to be well adapted to the culture of walnuts, and if it is found to be true, and there is every reason to believe that such is the case, this class of land will come to be regarded with more than passing favor in comparison with other more desirable tracts.

Question of Schools

No county in Oregon presents greater educational opportunities and facilities than does Polk, with its state normal school, its college, its several high schools and its splendid public school system.

Independence is especially favored, since it possesses a well graded public and high school and is only two miles from the best state normal school in the state.

No teachers are employed but those with the best training and experience. The buildings are all arranged and constructed according to the most modern methods and plans as to heating and sanitation.

Some of the rural schools have been suspended and the children transported to the city that they might enjoy the benefits and privileges offered by the best graded schools.

All persons express surprise on investigation at the educational advantages offered to residents of this part of the state.

The schools are fully abreast with the times in method and instruction and are leading many eastern institutions of like nature.

Thus, with its normal school at Monmouth, its college at Dallas, its high schools evenly distributed and its excellent system of public schools, Polk county is easily in the front rank in matters of education.