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MORE PEOPLE WANTED

The Willamette valley, so full of resources, so full of natural possibilities, so replete in its power of production, stands today as the par excellence to the agriculturist and the home-builder, of all this country. But if there were no other inducement for an eastern man to sacrifice his old home and the magnificent climate Oregon enjoys, this alone would be sufficient after the severe cold just experienced in the states across the mountains. Equals, this valley may have in a point of natural resources, but there are no superiors, and from a climatic view we will say, without fear of successful contradiction, that it has no equal in the central states.

It has been asserted and often proven, that five acres of land in this valley will support a family. Why, then, is it that this valley is not giving this support? Why is it that this population does not exist within its confines? Why are there countless acres of splendid lands waiting cultivation to make it blossom as a rose? There must be a cause back of all this.

That this is a new country is admitted. That not more than a half century of time makes its history is conceded, but the development of Oregon seems not what it ought to be considering the opportunities; and is this true? Years have passed since the transcontinental railway lines have brought people from the crowded districts of the east and middle west, direct to this land of promise, yet the population has not reached a mark at all fitting to its splendor and grandeur, and the capability of production and of maintenance which are the prime features of the Willamette Valley and should

have the earnest consideration of every commercial club and every board of trade in the state.

Our sister states to the north and south have gone ahead of the state of Oregon in many respects and by far in population. The soil is not inferior, the opportunities no greater, the resources of Oregon no more difficult to develop; then why is it that Oregon follows in the wake of Washington and California? Have these states been peopled with a race different from Oregon?

Nature, it is true, has dealt bountifully with Washington in the matter of fertile lands, timber and water ways. Nature has dealt bountifully with California in the same manner. But, stand on the high peaks of the Cascade range of mountains and look over the Willamette Valley and one must agree that Nature has favored Oregon in every detail.

When Oregon was first received into the galaxy of territories it was granted a law which gave to each man his half square mile of land and to his wife an equal portion, with a few to encourage settlement in order that Oregon might be held to the United States. Oregon, with its splendid prairies, saw the pioneer occupy them, a half section to himself and a half section to his wife, until the bodies of land were all held by these pioneers, and this law, we believe, was the fundamental reason for the slow growth of the state. Tying up her great tracts of land in the hands of a few who continue in their possession to a large extent today, making use of only a small part of the land showing no willingness to allow others to get the land for any purpose of development without exorbitant prices. High valuations of land and the holding of large parcels which might be sold off in small tracts that would be used to produce raisins and berries, are prime reasons which may well be offered for Oregon's standing on the census bulletin.

We again appeal to the commercial clubs, development leagues and all organizations in the state formed with a view of developing the resources, to begin a vigorous advertising campaign. Get these land holders enthused and awake to the necessity of the small farms and the population will increase rapidly. With the increase of population will come the development of resources and ever this generation passes away Oregon will become the richest state in the whole Union.

GOOD ROADS AND SUCCESS

Rural communities are beginning to see advantages in good roads, good schools, good public buildings and some day public recreation parks will be provided at public expense for the benefit of its citizens. And the money that is spent will come back ten fold in increased value of property where these privileges are to be had, and will pay liberally for them.

An idea of this is seen in the recent improvements made in this city. The several blocks of cement pavement applied to the citizens and more are to be done more willingly than when the proposition was first suggested. The new high school, which met with some opposition, of course, would not be removed for ten times the price of the property. The sewer system, which some people may have thought we did not really need, has proven such a great benefit that it could not be disposed of now at any price. And so on down the line of civic improvements. Today the citizens see the need of a more adequate water system and the city council recommends such. Other civic improvements are in demand and will be supplied from time to time until Independence will be one of the most populous and thrifty cities in the entire state of Oregon.

What has already been done has attracted public attention and capitalists are looking forward to this point as a place for future investments. Were it not for the fact that the business streets of Independence were made perfect by hard surface pavement, the new three story hotel and the new bank would not have been thought of. All of this has added to the valuation of property in the city and the same is increasing daily. Every dollar spent in the way of public improvements is money in the pockets of property holders.

Occasionally one will hear the remark "I wish I was out of this town," and then one feels like saying, "I, too, wish you were." For a man who stands on the streets, chewing, spitting, telling obscene stories, cursing the town, climbing the merchants are a lot of thieves and that the doctors and newspaper men and preachers would skin a fellow to a finish and a whole lot more, is a nuisance and as abominable.

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YOU WANT VALUE

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Conkey, Walker & Lehman

The Two Leading Stores of Independence.

A HERO IN A LIGHTHOUSE

For years J. S. Donahue, So. Haven, Mich., a civil-war captain, as a lighthouse keeper, averted awful wrecks, but a queer fact is, he might have been a wreck himself, if Electric Bitters had not prevented. "They cured me of kidney trouble and chills," he writes, "after I had taken other so-called cures for years, without benefit and they also improved my sight. Now, at seventy, I am feeling fine." For dyspepsia, indigestion, all stomach, liver and kidney troubles, they are without equal. Try them. Only 50 cts. at all druggists.

Wanted to trade a house and two lots in Portland for some acreage in or near Independence. Property is valued at \$2500, free of all incumbrances. See McIntosh & Browne, 15-

Independence Recommendations

Of all the towns within our state, is one on the Willamette river. Monmouth seems to be its mate—Also its knowledge giver.

It is the hop center of the world. In fruit 'tis not far behind. If all its industries should be hurried 'Twould make the gazing eye blind.

It has paved streets and walks throughout. 'Tis still improving in every way. Important is its river route. On which is traffic every day.

Its people they are generally pious. And, naturally, they are also wise. Among the wise and those who gain. Are those who read the Enterprise.

I've said enough so I guess I'll close. Leaving Independence well in the game.

But who I am that no one knows. For, as you see, I don't sign my name.

A GIRL'S WILD MIDNIGHT RIDE.

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horseback at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, coughs and colds, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. "It cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease," writes W. R. Patterson, Wellington, Tex., "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 87 pounds. Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists."

GRAND FINAL WIND-UP

Only two days more of this greatest of all Money-saving Sales ever held in this city

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are the last two days, and in order to close out as much of this stock as possible we will sell all suits and overcoats at half price.

All \$15.00 Suits and Overcoats \$ 7.50
 " 20.00 Suits and Overcoats 10.00
 " 22.50 Suits and Overcoats 11.25

All \$25.00 Suits and Overcoats \$12.50
 " 30.00 Suits and Overcoats 15.00
 Also all Hats at Half Price.

All other goods in the store, such as shoes, underwear, shirts, etc., one-third off. Don't delay! Everybody take advantage of these unusual bargains. Another opportunity may not present itself.

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 THE BIG STORE

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Independence, Ore.

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