

## Prices Slaughtered.

We have a few sample wheels left and will close out the entire stock at the following prices:

One \$60.00 Racycle, "Pace Maker".....\$46.75	One \$25.00 Latona, Racycle make.....\$21.25
One 35.00 Crescent Bicycle.....27.50	One 30.00 Snell Bicycle, ladies model 24.75
One 35.00 Snell Bicycle.....27.75	One 37.50 Snell Bicycle.....30.00
One 40.00 Snell Bicycle, with coaster 32.75	One 50.00 Cleveland cushion frame.. 38.25

Our stock is reduced to the above samples only, and when these are gone no more can be had at these prices. These are all high-grade bicycles.

We have a few bargains left in second-hand Wheels.

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## POLK COUNTY.

An article on Polk County resources, to be published in installments.

### THE DAIRY INDUSTRY.

The state of Oregon is centrally located in the dairying region of the Pacific coast, and no part of the American continent is better adapted for the raising of stock. The climate, and the crops raised in Polk county are as good as there are in the West and this, together with the fact that the fertility of the soil is kept in excellent condition indefinitely by the raising of these lines of grasses necessary to raise stock, proves it is one of the coming industries of Polk county. The ready market for the butter in Alaska and the Orient, as well as the continued local demand, makes the dairy industry very profitable. Oregon has no blizzards nor cyclones, but little freezing weather and less snow, so it is not necessary to feed extensively. Another advantage with the dairy industry is that it brings in a fair income at short and frequent intervals. It gives the farmer something at which to employ himself the year round. During the last few years the price of butter and cheese has been high enough to make the exporting business in this line very profitable, and the average price per year has been 25 cents per pound. Our butter grades much higher than the eastern butter by test, and we have no opposition with the eastern market, and our market price is the eastern price plus their transportation rates for butter from their state to this, and we sell in the foreign markets at a corresponding high rate in comparison with their rate. 59 cows in this county yielded \$425.50 in one month, or over \$7.20 per head per month, or over \$86 per head per year. The expense of keeping a cow, counting 10 per cent for acreage rent and the necessary feed for one year, is not over \$25 per year, thus the profit accruing is about \$61 in this line of industry to the

head. And yet there is a further profit from the milk skimmed and returned to the farmer, which makes excellent food for the hogs when mixed with the other products that may be raised.

Independence has an up-to-date creamery that has a capacity of 700 pounds of butter daily. It is one of the best establishments of the kind in the state today. K. C. Eldridge is its manager.

### HORTICULTURE.

The Horticulture industry of Polk County is one that is in its infancy. It is yet to grow. It has been demonstrated that no county in Oregon can raise more to the acre, or a better grade of fruit, than can Polk County. Years ago, and when this state was first settled it was noted for its excellent apples, but these orchards were not kept up and the later methods of spraying and pruning not known, so they became poor in quality, but at the present time Polk county is redeeming itself and we have some of the finest small orchards found in the west. The climatic conditions are such in this state, the temperature being free from the extremes of heat and cold, yet being sufficiently variable as to afford nature the elements which produce both size and flavor, as to make the culture of fruit a profitable industry. On account of these conditions and the fact that we have practically no killing frosts, the annual crop of fruit can be depended on with an almost absolute certainty. The apple is the leading fruit cultivated, but large crops of cherries, prunes, pears, plums and berries can be raised, and there are some small orchards of each. Good varieties of winter apples are always in demand. The markets for the same, owing to our superior shipping facilities, and nearness to the sea board, is not excelled and the fruit can always be sold at a good price. 45 boxes of apples have been produced to the tree from Baldwin apples. From 3 1-2 acres there has been

produced 2500 boxes of apples. An even temperature, and soils rich in mineral plant food, are elements which, when combined, form the most valuable conditions that constitute a great fruit growing section. Polk county possesses all of these conditions. The selecting of a proper location for an orchard is a very essential point for success in fruit culture. It should be located on ground where the hardpan is not too near the surface, on clay soil there should be at least three or four feet before hardpan is reached. Polk county's soil is rich, deep, and thus able to support the best of orchards.

A person coming into Polk county will not realize that it is a natural fruit country, until he has been taken to the leading growers of fruits, and shown by them, their orchards and their facts and figures regarding the fruit here. Many of our orchards have been painfully neglected, but men with industry and thrift would soon eradicate that, and those are the men we want.

We suggest that in order to make a success of this industry to select only one or two varieties of any fruit and strive for excellence. Improve the grade and plant but one or two varieties, do not mix your fruits, and spray, and prune them properly. Your product, we believe, becomes more marketable, as it becomes better known and to make it thus known you must secure a name for it and to do that you must make a variety a specialty, not all varieties. Thus when you ship you send to the market one kind of fruit, and one variety of that kind, and thus that variety becomes known. We recommend in apples the Spitzenburg, Baldwin, Pippin, King and Jonathon, the government recommend in addition to these, the Yellow Newtown, and some other high grade apples. We copy here a part of a report of the Board of Horticulture in Oregon, as follows:—Early last month a party came to Oregon and to my orchard. He wanted 10 car loads of Yellow Newtown pippins for shipment to France. Every one must be perfect and carefully wrapped and for such fruit he was willing to pay \$2.00 per box, F. O. B. Now this proves the assertion that it is quality, not varieties, that you want. Raise for foreign markets. Specialize. Plant all in one kind of fruit and you have a market as

soon as your fruit is matured, for you can have enough of one kind to make a shipment, and when these are seen, they become known and are wanted.

Pears grow to excellent size and produce excellent crops. Passing through orchards, you find that careful pruning must be carried on to keep the fruit from becoming too extensive for the tree to support. It often happens in poorly kept orchards, that many of the trees are so heavily laden as to break the largest limbs, and I have seen the tree split down the center from two large branches becoming so full as not to be able to support the weight.

Cherries do well and we mention more especially the Royal Ann. This cherry is known over the whole state, and we would advise parties going into this line of industry to again confine their efforts to one line of cherry only. The Royal Ann, Waterhouse, Black Republican are well known and the government recommends besides these the Bing, Lambert, Luelling and Hoskins, which have their origin in Oregon. These grade higher in color, size and quality. Cherries yield more than 150 bushels to the acre.

Prunes and plums produce excellent crops. The Italian prune is extensively raised and will yield about 200 bushels to the acre. There are a number of exclusive prune orchards in the county. These are mostly found in the land that is hilly or rolling and can be bought cheaper than bottom land. Polk county's prunes find a ready market, and are excellent in flavor and large in size.

Peaches. In order to raise a good crop of peaches you must select your locality. We do not recommend the extensive planting of peaches in Polk county, and we believe we are justified in stating this, for the fruit is often bitten by the frost while in bloom. Those planting peach orchards select favored locations. The price is always good and there are parties in Polk county making a success of this industry, but we can not recommend it generally.

Strawberries. This is a crop that will mature as nice in size, flavor and color in Polk county as in any section of the West. We believe our berry, if possible, better flavored and richer in hue than the Hood River berry. This crop never fails. The cost of planting and raising is not high and the market is ample. Our soil we can not too highly recommend for the strawberry industry. The Clark's Seedling, Wilson, Ideal, Bedder Wood and Magoon have been tried and prove excellent. We recommend the planting of an early berry, also a late berry. But we do not recommend many varieties. Strawberries produce from 4500 to 5000 pounds to the acre.

The Raspberry, Blackberry, Gooseberry and Currant produce large crops and grow in abundance. We have no extensive or exclusive farms of any of these, but it would prove very profitable.

The grape has not been tried for marketing purposes and yet while we believe it is a good industry and would yield good returns in Polk county, we are unable to demonstrate it to a certainty, for we have no vineyards yet matured. We give you below the names, addresses, and kind of fruit grow-

ing on the farms of some of our best farmers: Wallace Bros., Eola, Bartlett pears; D. L. Hedges, Independence, peaches; John R. Cooper, Independence, peaches; Mr. Tuttle, Independence, apples; Peter Kurre, Independence, apples; G. D. Bannister, Independence, apples; Geo. McLaughlin, Buena Vista, apples; A. Nelson, Independence, apples; D. Hodge, Independence, prunes; and G. D. Bannister, Independence, strawberries.

Land suitable for the fruit industry, and which will yield continuous crops, can be secured at from \$20 to \$45 per acre, and in a fair state of cultivation.

A nursery would prove a good investment in Polk county for there are but few nurseries in the state, and fruit trees imported from foreign states, raised in a different climate, and subject to different conditions, will not do as well here as fruit raised in our own soil. Further, many diseased trees have been imported into this state from foreign nurseries and the class of trees does not equal our own. Soil suitable for the nursery business can be had at from \$30 to \$50 per acre.

### Cholera Infantum.

This has long been regarded as one of the most dangerous and fatal diseases to which infants are subject. It can be cured, however, when properly treated. All that is necessary is to give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil, as directed with each bottle, and a cure is certain. For sale by Kirkland Drug Co.



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