

## Washington County

Washington County, one of the richest and most prosperous counties in Oregon, is located a few miles southwest of Portland. Its soil is marvelous in its richness, producing any thing grown upon the coast north of San Francisco. Some of the finest stock, dairy, grass, hay and hop farms in the west are located in Washington county, while the fruit grown upon our uplands has won medals at International Expositions.

Large lumbering concerns are slowly manufacturing our immense forests into lumber. Fine ranches yearly replace the lumber camps. We have the best schools and in our midst is located Pacific University and Tualatin Academy. Two of the largest milk condensers on the coast are located in our county. We have the various conveniences shared by counties of much older states, such as telephone systems, free rural mail delivery, railroad facilities, and the best of business accommodations furnished by the flourishing cities of Forest Grove and Hillsboro. A fine water power electric plant furnishes unlimited electricity for all municipal and manufacturing purposes. Real estate is yet low compared with the wonderful fertility of the soil and the undeveloped possibilities of our county in many ways.

While we are growing rapidly yet there are an untold number of openings along agricultural, manufacturing and business lines all over our county.

## Fruit Growing at Forest Grove

Fruit growing has long been one of the principal industries of the country surrounding Forest Grove, and it is capable of almost unlimited expansion in the future. Some of the very first apple orchards in the state were planted in Washington county and did their full share in making Oregon famous as the "land of the big red apples." For many years the production of fruit was not very profitable, and many of the old orchards were neglected, and of course fell an easy prey to the plague of insect pests and fungus diseases that descended upon this country some 15 or 20 years ago. As but little was known at that time about fighting these pests, many people gave up fruit growing, and the industry was transferred to other regions where the pests had not yet reached and obtained a foothold.

But within a few years there was no new country left, the scourge had visited every nook and corner, so attention was turned to finding remedies, and it was soon learned that all these troubles would yield readily to a thorough course of pruning, cultivating, and spraying. The planting of new orchards then became general; and we are once more taking our proper place among the leading fruit growing communities. Washington county produced the Gravenstein apples that were conceded to be the most important single item in the Oregon exhibit that won the "Wilder" medal at the Buffalo exposition. In January 1904, at the annual meeting of the Northwest Fruit Growers Association, held in Portland, some Washington county apples were exhibited that were universally considered the finest among the large number shown, and further that no finer were ever produced in any land.

Grapes are a very important crop near Forest Grove, this being the most important center of this industry in the state. All of the hardy native American varieties, and many of the more tender European ones are produced and find a ready market at good prices. They are shipped to all the towns and

cities of western Oregon and Washington, and even some of the Concord to California, where this most excellent variety is not produced. What is needed now is a factory to make unfermented grape juice; this is a very profitable business of itself, and it would steady the market at all times by taking up the surplus at good prices, thus preventing that bane of the fruit business, an overstocked market and a perishable product.

Another thing needed is a local shippers' union, that growers may work in harmony and save in freight and commissions, and also save competing with each other in the open market, a proceeding that always tends to demoralize selling and to cut prices.

And then berries; no place on earth can excell this for the growing of all kinds of berries, either for quality or economy of production. But few berries have been shipped from this point as yet but the business is bound to assume great proportions in the near future, as the land near Portland which has in the past furnished the supply is now becoming too valuable, and here is the best land now available to take its place. The largest share of the supply for Portland and the other cities and towns of the North Coast country should be, and will be, produced here. One of the best openings for a manufacturing industry to be found is a cannery in this town. This will put the small fruit business on a sound basis, by making a safe and steady home market, and preventing a glut in the markets during the season of greatest production.

All the conditions are as favorable here as can be asked for, and it only remains for the fruit growers to keep on pushing the business as in the past with energy and intelligence.

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## Poor Butter.

Ten cent butter as a rule is loaded down with ignorance. Ignorance presides at every step in its history—ignorance of what the maker should have known to have made it worth as much as the best, says an exchange. The original butter fat as it came from the cow is all right, but ignorance took it in hand, and its course was downward from that time on. The people who make cheap store butter are just the ones who despise knowledge and are always talking against reading and knowing more. Their butter shows it. That is the way heaven takes to punish them for their contempt of knowledge. What an amount of punishment they can endure! These people stand on their own necks and by making poor butter surrender their own field to hog and bull butter, cottonseed oil and fraud.

## When the Feet Ache.

When the feet begin to ache, even if you have on your most comfortable shoes, try something else for the rest of the day or for a few hours at least. It is quite essential to comfort to have the shoes fit. Tight shoes are not more uncomfortable than very loose ones, nor are they harder on the feet in the end, as the loose shoes rub and produce corns, etc. A change from either for a time will rest the feet.

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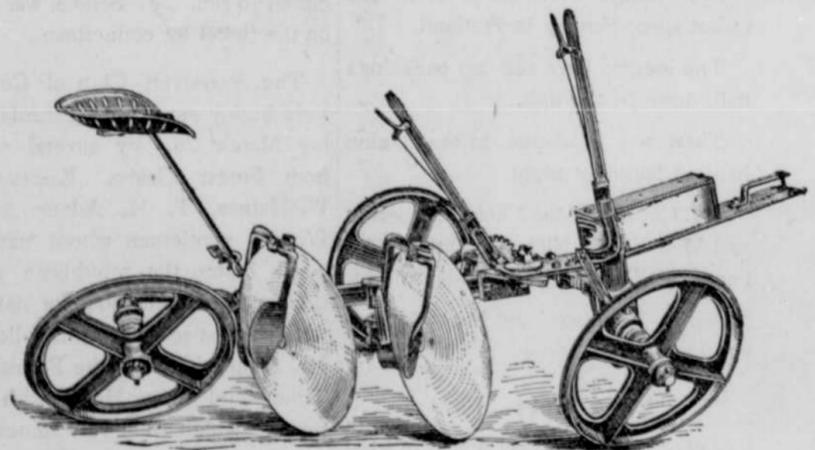
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