

## GREAT CENTRAL OREGON

### Resources Practically Inexhaustible Says The Portland Journal

## WHERE AN INFLOW WILL COME

### How if Any People Have an Adequate Conception of Results That Will Follow The Extensive Railroad Building--Thousands of People Flock to Region.

Much has been said about the settlement, development, cultivation, production, and traffic of the vast eastern Oregon region and to be penetrated by the Hill and Harriman railroads, and a great deal more can yet be said. The subject is, indeed, like the undeveloped and ultimate resources of that region, practically inexhaustible. Few if any people of Portland or of that county self, have an adequate conception of the results that will flow from this extensive railroad building. People by tens of thousands, even, within a decade, by hundreds of thousands, will flock to that region, for all sorts of purposes, but most of them will be producers. What a writer in Everybody's magazine describes as happening in the southwest will occur in this portion of the northwest. We condense a portion of his description:

"The second great continental migration has begun--to the open places of the west and southwest. The spirit of the pioneer is once more stirring. The old trails to the west are crowding. At now the trail is a line of steel; the prairie schooner is a tourist car. The new landluster exacts no toll of hunger or thirst. Every year herds swells; the migration grows mightier. Two thousand families a week passed through Kansas City alone last year. The plains are peopling. From the Rio Grand to the alkali deserts a great field of fiction is changing into a vast field of Bermuda onions, and corn and cane and cotton and fruit and forage and garden truck. The killer has gone, and the tiller has come. The cattle baron is retreating before the lettuce king. The 80 acre vegetable patch is checkerboarding the million acre range. From east and middle west, from city and atrophied farm, the best and the sturdiest type of the continent is coming to break ground and found towns.

This can be said during the next few years of that great stretch of country comprising Crook, Lake, Klamath, Harney and Malheur counties, until now unpenetrated by a railroad. And other countries now farther developed--Baker, Grant, Union, Wallowa, Jackson, Josephine, Coos and Douglas, and isolated, Curry will witness rapid development. It is not a region, however, for idlers or mere dreamers. It does not spontaneously flow with milk and honey. Its successful development and profitable results, require strong, sturdy, faithful workers of all kinds, and they will come. It is a good country, as good as the southwest and better, for such people. The air and water are pure, the climate healthful. There are extended prairies, and forests, and streams, and abundance of nature's gifts to support a large and for a long period an ever increasing population.

Why should not this southeastern Oregon region, soon be supplied with railroad systems, develop almost as Oklahoma has? Oklahoma has only about 100,000 square miles of territory, not more than the portion of Oregon mentioned. In the late eighties Oklahoma was almost uninhabited by white people; its population was 60,000. Now its population is about 1,200,000, at least twice that of all Oregon. As against 129 newspapers in Oklahoma 14 years ago, there are now more than 600. In the same time Oklahoma City has grown from 4000 to more than 40,000. Cattle stations have become bustling cities. Illimitable stock ranges and sagebrush plains have become farms, gardens, orchards. The transforma-

These farms should be brought under the immediate supervision of the Government Experiment Station of the state, so that the work can be co-ordinated and economically administered. Such farms should be established upon a permanent basis and when once established, should only be discontinued by an act of the Legislature.

It is true a movement of this character will require some money, but nothing in comparison with the increased value of the farm and the development of an active sentiment in behalf of rural pursuits.

The financial hope of the state is in agriculture. Thus, if Oregon is to become great, it must first instill into the hearts of our people a love for the farm. We must reach out for our boys and anchor them to the farm by showing them its possibilities. The modern country home is the citadel of purity and the representative of strength. When learning is made the handmaid of toil on the farm, the future of our state and Nation is assured.

### DEMONSTRATION FARMS FAVORED.

Dr. James Withycombe of the state agricultural college has offered some good suggestions in a recent communication to the Oregonian along the line of demonstration farms in each county. While it might not be best to establish these farms in connection with high schools, it is something to consider. He says:

Perhaps the greatest sociological and industrial problem confronting this Nation today is that of strengthening our rural population. The present universal tendency to urban life, is threatening the very stability of our country. This is a question not only vital to our own state, but to the Nation at large. In times of general prosperity, such as we are now enjoying, this paucity of rural population is of little moment, but when times begin to tighten, then the pinch of hunger and distress will be felt in our over-congested cities. This possible condition should be averted.

The problem, then, is not only to expand the ratio of our rural population, but to utilize more perfectly the soil as well. This can only be solved through systems of education. Despite the efforts of the various states and Nation to educate the farmer, only a small proportion is directly influenced. Some means should be provided whereby a larger proportion of our people may be brought to realize the possibilities of the farm.

People need not be especially alarmed at the present high cost of living, but should be keenly solicitous of the future prosperity and happiness of our people. The hope of the Nation rests with the farmer who owns his farm, or the man who owns his own home. Hence, every effort should be made not only to populate the country, but to train our people so as to make it possible for them to own their farms. The tenant system of farming is not to the best interests of our country.

We should aim to stem the tide from the country to the city. To do this, the country boys interest in country life must be stimulated. There have been a number of methods devised to this end, but these have all more or less fallen short of their purpose. It would seem that to reach this end, the work of education must include our public schools. This work should be made both attractive and practical. Our state, in a measure, is committed to the county high school. If, in connection with these high schools, a demonstration farm could be maintained, this would afford an excellent means of affording an interest in farm life and would also prove to be a lively factor in the promotion of better general methods of husbandry. Such a farm could be maintained cooperatively by the state and county. It would not only be a means of great educational value to the high school students, but would also be of intense practical interest to the general farmer. Such a farm would demonstrate to the farmer, the possibilities of crop production in that locality, would become the center of agricultural education and investigation for the county, and if properly conducted, would be an important source of information to the boy and a valuable agency in disseminating a knowledge of correct principles of agriculture among farmers.

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## GAINS A CONGRESSMAN

### Oregon's Census Returns Show Good Increase in Her Population

## TOTAL NUMBER IS 675,879 PEOPLE

### State Has Made Great Advances According to Census --Immigration Follows Railroads Until Rush to Central Oregon Begins--Increase is 262,343.

The census enumeration of the State of Oregon, so far as it can be confirmed by officers of the Census Bureau, will show a population of 675,879. The net gain to the state will be 262,343.

While official figures are not obtainable, a comparison of the totals for each county, as gathered during the progress of the work, with the total school population, the votes cast for Judges of the Supreme Court since the census of 1900 and the vote on Congressmen, warrants the belief that The Oregonian's figures are approximately correct.

An interesting feature of the result pertains to the total number of Congressmen which will be awarded to the state, and the possibility that Multnomah County will be declared a separate Congressional district.

Representation in the present Congress is on a basis of one member for each 194,000. Congress is likely to be increased by the addition of 20 members on a total population of 90,000,000 in the United States. On that ratio representatives would be on a basis of one for each 215,000 people. Oregon would then gain at least one member.

In both Congressional districts the work of the field enumerator is still in progress and will probably not be concluded prior to June 1. At that time all of the remaining records will be boxed and shipped to Washington for tabulation. Estimates furnished from director Durand, of the Census Bureau indicate that official figures as to the result of the count will not be available before October.

Immigration to Oregon appears to have held close to the lines of railways and water routes, as it did prior to 1890. During the 10 years preceding that date, 95,832 people came to make their homes in Oregon, and of the total population 183,642 lived in the 114 incorporated towns. Census supervisors have found their large work in the cities and towns during the present enumeration.

Widely scattered settlements in the interior counties of Central, Eastern and Southern Oregon have consumed much time in efforts to reach each homesteader, but the net results to the total population have been relatively small.

Since 1906 Oregon has steadily gained on the total of home-builders seeking locations in Malheur, Harney, Lake, Klamath, Crook, Wheeler, Grant and Wallowa counties, following the old trails and stage roads into the fertile valleys which are soon to become intense rivals of Willamette productiveness.

Without railroad transportation and unable to market the grains and hoof products of their farms, the pioneers of that section have remained without neighbors until within a short period of time.

With an east and west line of railroad under construction by the Hills, and running from Ontario to a junction with the Deschutes road at Bend, an exodus from the east to the undeveloped counties of the Interior Empire is in full tide. --Oregonian.

### BURNS VS. NARROWS.

The Burns and Narrows ball teams crossed bats on the Narrows grounds Sunday May 22 for the first time this season. The game resulted in a victory for Burns by the score of 10 to 4.

Mr. Stacer, chief locating engineer for the surveying crew, should receive especial mention for his competent and efficient services in umpiring the game.

He appreciates the game from a true sportsman's view and through his able manipulation of the indicator plotted the game through free from all wrangling and squabbling, which thing always mars a game from a spectator's standpoint of view and causes unpleasant feelings among the players.

No scores were made until the last half of the fifth inning when Sullivan for the Narrows slipped the first tally across the plate. The enthusiasm reached its highest in the last half of the sixth inning when two more runs were pulled over. From that time the enthusiasm began to die out as Burns scored one in the sixth, three in the seventh, five in the eighth and one in the ninth.

In the seventh DeNeffe went to left field and the mound was covered by Wm. Gould.

Within seven innings DeNeffe struck out 10 men, walked one and allowed five hits; Gould in two innings struck out two men, walked none and allowed two hits. Chas. Reed struck out seven men in nine innings, walked none and allowed 15 hits.

The batting honors for the Narrows should be cast at the feet of W. Sullivan, while the laurels for Burns should be equally distributed between C. Young and L. Johnson.

The Narrows men extended their usual hospitality and a good game was enjoyed.

Such games will advance the baseball spirit more than 100 games where every one goes away dissatisfied.

Batteries--Burns: DeNeffe, Gould, Biggs. Narrows: Reed, Sullivan.

### INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

(Portland Correspondence.)

Never did Oregon look so clean spick and span as at the present time. Eastern and Central Oregon have had rains at just exactly the right time. Western and Southern Oregon are intensely prosperous, and the carpenter, cabinet maker, painter designer landscape artist and busy housewife have had more than they could do in every section, for the disposition to clean up and paint up and put the best foot foremost was never more contagious than at the present time.

The Good Roads campaign now being conducted by Judge Lionel R. Webster throughout Oregon is not only attracting an unusual amount of newspaper comment, but the Judge is convincing his audiences that only in Multnomah county can taxation be depended upon for good roads through Portland's heavy tax contribution, and that long time bonds issued are about the only way to get good roads during the life time of the present generation throughout the state at large. A constitutional amendment will be required to bring this about.

The trip through Oregon of President Louis W. Hill of the Great Northern Railway has probably occasioned a greater amount of newspaper comment in the papers of the state than has been accorded the visit of any other man during the last ten years. Mr. Hill's entrance into Central Oregon from Shaniko was somewhat arduous, as he started immediately after the hardest rain for twelve months which has resulted in making some of the roads almost impassable, but he was determined to see all there was to see, and his personal discomfort was never mentioned. In every place he had something definite and decisive to say. His visit has served as a tremendous encouragement to those interested in the development of Oregon.

The Dalles as a pattern-setter for good fellowship sent over one hundred of its leading citizens, accompanied by a brass band, to a meeting at Mosier.

Prairie City, which will be the new terminus of the Sumpter Valley Railroad within a few weeks, has inaugurated publicity movement, and at a rousing meeting every man present joined the Commercial Club.

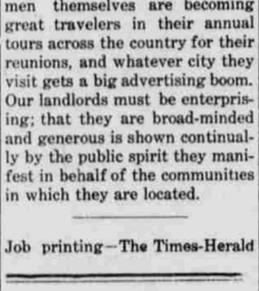
"Sunset Magazine" for June devoted its first cover page and many inside pages to the vast development that is going on in Oregon. "Telling Oregon Truths" by A. C. Jackson was especially complimentary to the work of the Oregon Development League.

### HOTELS AS BOOSTERS OF TOWNS

Give the town a good hotel and it will give the town a good name. As a booster of a place a first-class hotel is a success. It goes without saying that a hotel of the first rank must have a capable landlord, fine cuisine and excellent service. Not only for the needs of the public attended to, but its comfort is looked after. It makes friends of its patrons and they become friends of the town, says the Christian Science Journal. The commercial traveler delights to reach that point on his route where there is an up-to-date hostelry; he continually sings praises of the place. The general traveler is equally appreciative, and both add to the frame and also to the prosperity of the town. A wide-awake landlord can do more for the advance of a town than half a dozen of its merchants and manufacturers.

What is true of a small place is equally true in a larger degree of the city. Take the landlords of the leading hotels the country over and note how they have brought their cities into prominence. Where there are the best hotels, there you will see association flocking for their convention and annual gathering. Their members bring money and business. It is claimed that there is no publicity more general, more widespread more effective than that which is the result of hotel corridor conversations. Hotel men themselves are becoming great travelers in their annual tours across the country for their reunions, and whatever city they visit gets a big advertising boom. Our landlords must be enterprising; that they are broad-minded and generous is shown continually by the public spirit they manifest in behalf of the communities in which they are located.

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