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Harney Valley, in Grant county, Oregon, embraces an area of 2,400 square miles, or 1,536,000 square acres of land, bounded on every side by mountain ranges and lofty elevations, and is almost an entirely level plain, plentifully watered by the

SILVIES AND BLITZEN RIVERS and their tributaries. The former has its source in the spars of the Blue mountains, south of the John Day river, flows a general southerly course, passing down the center of Harney valley and empties into lakes Harney and Malheur. It is a rapidly flowing stream, about 80 miles long, and contains every kind of fish, including the salmon trout and other varieties of game fish. The Dunder and Blitzen river, or "Blitzen," as it is shortened by common usage, is about 50 miles in length, flows in a northerly direction and also empties into the lakes. These rivers and their numerous tributaries have their water sheds within the county, and the lakes having no outlet, serve to furnish subterranean irrigation to the whole valley.

LAKES HARNEY AND MALHEUR cover an area of more than 150 square miles, and are connected by a channel about 20 yards wide and 200 yards long. They receive the waters of both Silvies and Blitzen rivers but have no outlet and never overflow. Being situated on a level plain, and having low shores, these lakes have not such picturesque scenery as Crater Lake, to recommend them to tourists, but their value to farmers is inestimable.

Right here, however, permit us to mention a natural attraction possessed by lands adjacent to these lakes, that will draw hundreds of excursionists from the East in the near future. Standing in the doorways of farm houses about sunrise, distant objects, towns, farms, mountain peaks, cattle and horses grazing on the ranges are pictured on the atmosphere and rise up from the ground like magic; and these white representations are so truly drawn, it is asserted that a member of a family living several miles away from home, can distinguish the persons of the family as they walk about the yard: brother from father, or mother from sister.

THE SOIL AND CLIMATE of Harney valley is an exact counterpart of that of Umatilla county, Oregon, the best wheat-growing county in the state. Very little has been done toward wheat raising here as yet, but all have been successful who have tried it. Wheat finds a ready home market at 5 cents a pound—\$3.00 per bushel. Oats and barley grow equally well, and bring 3 to 4 cents per pound. Pasture is excellent; natural grass abundant and is cut for hay, that sells at \$12 to \$18 per ton in winter. All cereal crops thrive without irrigation.

In winter the weather is cold but pleasant, the usual effect of altitude being tempered by the gentle chinook. [See description of the chinook in an article next week from the West Shore.] The snowfall is sufficient to preserve wheat and supply moisture that is not furnished by rains. In summer there is a pleasant breeze constantly blowing, which tends to keep agreeable weather, no matter how warm it gets, and nights cool enough to make covering desirable—in fact, one can sleep under cover comfortably the year round.

TIMBER.—SAW-MILLS.
There is no timber in the valley, except along the water courses, there being a light growth of birch and unusually large, heavy growth of willow. But the adjacent mountains are heavily timbered with fir, pine, juniper, mountain mahogany, etc. Numerous saw-mills are located among the pines, and the lumber, which is of the best quality, sells much cheaper than in the East. The

GARDEN VEGETABLES produced in the Harney country are large, finely flavored, abundant and easily raised. We will on ap-

plication give the addresses of several of our gardeners, who will answer in detail all inquiries on that subject; the Irish potato is grown here, with little cultivation, and is superior to that grown in Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, or Kansas, we personally know, as regards size, "mealiness" and flavor.

SMALL FRUITS, such as strawberries, currants, black berries, gooseberries, grapes, etc., will, from what evidence we have been able to gather the past year, be a success, as the native plants are hardy and good bearers.

FRUIT TREES and ornamental shrubs are being planted freely by farmers this spring; the settings of last fall survived the severest winter that Harney valley, in fact East Oregon ever witnessed. As an

AGRICULTURAL region it will be readily seen that the valley offers inducements rarely excelled. And as a **STOCK-RAISING** country, it cannot be surpassed, since its water, grass and salubrious climate takes horses, cattle, sheep and hogs throughout the year (from January 1 to December 31) without grain or any other than wild grass feeding, and where the winter is milder than common, stock looks better in early spring than in Eastern localities where they are grain-fed during the winter; and the texture and flavor of the meats compare favorably with the best in the market. The

INCREASE IN POPULATION during the past three years has been rapid, and is of that most desirable class in an agricultural region, viz: the small farmer, whose industry produces the best of grain, stock and living. The houses and barns are generally frame; corrals and other enclosures, rail, and fencing wire; abundant water supplies from wells of fine living water which is reached at a uniform depth of 6 to 15 feet.

MAIL AND RAILROAD FACILITIES Harney valley has a tri-weekly mail service from the four points of the compass, there being a general distributing office at Burns. Shipping at present is done at Baker City, Huntington and Ontario. All the family supplies, necessaries and luxuries common in eastern towns are abundantly furnished by the general merchandise stores at reasonable rates.

BURNS AND HARNEY are the two principal towns of Harney valley, where, as will be seen by our advertising columns, about all lines of business are equal to the present demand—teachers, lawyers, merchants, doctors, printers, carpenters, druggists, surveyors, blacksmiths, butchers, saddlers, jewelers, etc. Each of these two towns is the center of the section of the valley contiguous, and each has its local value, that will serve in the future to render a healthy degree of competition between them.

The expectation of the ambitious advocates of the natural advantages offered the people by Harney valley will be realized in less than twelve months, by the establishment of a

NEW LAND OFFICE in Harney valley, where there are lands of the public domain as fine as those already taken up by the first-comers, sufficient to furnish thousands of families with homes. Also a county seat for

HARNEY COUNTY which will bring the administration of affairs pertaining to this great valley within easy access of every citizen of this section. And the

OREGON PACIFIC RAILROAD now in course of construction will pass directly through Harney valley, and after that what more is desirable?

Under these conditions it is not necessary to say that the first to procure homes will be the first to reap the harvest of the forerunner, for the fact is self-evident. The invitation to come among us and settle is particularly extended to the industrious of all classes of farmers and stockraisers.

The Harney Land District.
The new land district called Harney district embraces an area of nearly 10,000,000 acres, or one-sixth of the entire state, and is 144 miles east and west, and 102 miles north and south. It contains the well-known Harney valley.

The following is the boundary: Commencing at Snake river in the state of Oregon, on the township line between townships 12 and 13 south of the second standard of parallel; thence west to the north-

west corner of township 13 south, of range 24 east of the Willamette meridian; thence south of the south-west corner of range 29 south, of range 23 east of the Willamette meridian; thence due east to the boundary line of the state of Oregon; thence north of said boundary line to the place of beginning.

The location of the office is to be fixed and the officers appointed by the President.—East Oregonian.

OREGON NEWS.

Roseburg is to have a woolen mill.

Albany claims to have had the first ripe strawberries of the season, May 5th.

The Portland World will soon commence the publication of a daily.—Scout.

Col. Elliott and W. R. Richmond are inspecting the swamp lands of Lake county.

Anthony Noltner has been appointed postoffice inspector for Oregon to succeed Geo. Mason, deceased.

Near Jersey City 11th inst. one train ran into rear of another, and made a complete wreck; two passengers killed, 70 injured, most of them fatally.

The Winslow hotel of Portland, and Curry's saloon adjoining were destroyed by fire May 11th; loss \$5,000, partially insured.

The run of salmon is quite plentiful, and the cannery and Tenino Packing Co. are shipping large quantities each day.—Times Mountaineer.

The suit of Contractor Hunt against the Oregon Pacific has been transferred to the U. S. courts, as Hunt is now a resident of another state.

It is said the snow is rapidly melting in the Cascades, and it is thought travel across the mountains will begin in a few weeks.—Ochoco Review.

Two more democratic dailies in Oregon: Review of Roseburg, and Herald of Albany. Let the good work go forward. The Portland World next.

The business men of Centerville are advertising their town by sending out thousands of circulars descriptive of the surrounding country.—East Oregonian.

In 1887 we imported 570,000,000 pounds of tin plate on which a duty of \$5,000,000 was paid. Who paid the \$5,000,000? Every canneryman and fisherman along the Columbia contributed.—World.

The third annual convention of the Sunday school workers of Oregon, will be held at Albany, May 22d, 23d and 24th. Reduced fare will be given, paying full fare going and returning on one-fifth fare.—Eugene City Guard.

It is stated that at least 60,000 people will be brought to Oregon and Washington territory from southern California by the various railroad companies this coming season. The California boom is dying, and the tide is turning in favor of the Pacific northwest.—Scout.

We fully endorse the following from the Lakeview Examiner: "The prices charged for ballot paper are next door to robbery. The next legislature should repeal the law that compels central committees and printers to buy ballot paper from the secretary of state. This officer can furnish any paper of his own selection, so long as it is of a 'peculiar tint,' and charges his own price for it, and we printers know that it is an exorbitant one. Gentlemen of the press, pass this around and see what we can accomplish."

From the Newport News we learn of a murder that was committed near Newport on Sunday, the 6th inst. A boy named Henry Miller, on account of a previous quarrel, took a heavy case-knife, ground it down to dagger point, hunted up the boy with whom he had quarreled, Elmer Wright, and after giving him a tirade of abuse, plunged the knife into his breast, killing him almost instantly. The murderer is aged 15 years, his victim older. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of willful murder. Defendant waived examination and is now in jail.

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THE READING DESK.

Vol. II of Alden's Manifold Cyclopaedia reached us by Tuesday's mail, so patrons of the reading desk will have opportunity to examine it together with Vol. I at their leisure; to our subscribers at a distance, we will say this is quite a handsome volume of 640 pages, the binding half-morocco, type large, clear print, profusely and appropriately illustrated, and is selling at only 60 cents a volume, and but 50 cents for cloth binding—postage 10 cents extra. THE HERALD always on the look-out for its subscribers' interests secured a club-rate so that we can furnish this valuable work to all subscribers who pay in advance only 35 cents for the best binding, half-morocco, 11 cents extra, for postage. This offer holds good till Nov. 6, 1888—about 30 volumes presenting a survey of the entire circle of knowledge whether of words or of things, thereby combining the characteristics of a Cyclopaedia and Dictionary, including in its vocabulary every word which has any claim to a place in the English language. THE HERALD and ALDEN'S MANIFOLD CYCLOPEDIA 1st volume for \$2.90, or \$2.50 for your home paper one year, and 35 cents (10 cents postage), for a handsome book of 630 pages, and the right to get each additional volume at 55 cents per volume (10 cents extra for postage), as issued, monthly. A rare chance to secure a good Family Newspaper and small neat Library of about 30 volumes. This offer ought to be taken up at once by parents who train their children to be self-reliant seekers after correct knowledge, by sending them to dictionary and cyclopaedia for replies to the multitudinous questions the child is daily asking its busy elders, all of which ought to be answered correctly at the time asked, as it is then the reply makes the desired impression. This offer ought to be taken up at once by the teacher who makes thorough, as well as rapid, advancement of pupils a chief object of his presence in the school room. We so highly esteem the daily presence of dictionaries and cyclopaedias as books of reference that we have in our HERALD library Webster's Dictionary, cost us \$12; Encyclopaedia Britannica, 20 vols., \$6 a volume; Chamber's Cyclopaedia, \$18; People's Cyclopaedia \$20, besides several others, and not one of them will be more highly esteemed than Alden's Manifold (a kind of dictionary and cyclopaedia combined), and its binding is fine and substantial. Cloth binding is much cheaper, but not wearing, we do not, therefore, consider it in the above. Advertise in a live newspaper or your town will remain unknown.

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