HARNEY VALLEY Its Present, and Its Future Prospects as Presented to Home-Seekers by "The West Shore."

only a few hundred yards apart and connected by a narrow channel, their united area being about 150 pour the waters of Silvies and Blitzen rivers, but they have no visible outlet. Their waters are nearly fresh, indicating that they are drained by subterranean channels. drained by subterranean channels. town. This fact seems to have a most benmoisture in the ground even in the

celebrated wheat belt at the north- at Portland and the other at Ya- Left Stiffe: Horizontal western base of the Blue mountains, quina Bay. in Walla Walla and Umatilla counties, and though little wheat has BILL FOR FORMATION OF HARbeen raised as yet, those who have cultivated that cereal are satisfied As introduced in the House by ley and hay, are high at present, the grain bringing from three to the grain bringing from three to Judge and Treasurer thereof. five cents per pound and hay from 812 to \$18 per ton. With the adof the State of Oregon: will be radically changed. There will then be a market for all the grain the valley will produce, but the price will be lowered to that of the general market. In addition to the native grasses upon which stock fatten and thrive, alfalfa, red clover, timothy and red-top grow finely and make an excellent quality of hay. Garden vegetables are large and finely flavored and prolarge and finely flavored and produce in abundance. Especially the potato reaches great size and perfection. As yet experience has not fully developed the adaptability of the soil and climate to small fruits and berries, but as wild currants, strawberries, etc., are hardy and prolific, the cultivated varieties must necessarily thrive equally as well. Such is the experience of those who have initiated their cultivation. Fruit trees have been set those who have initiated their cultivation. Fruit trees have been set out for more than a year, and as the young trees passed safely thro' the severest winter, last season, ever known in that region, and are thriving at the present time, the entire practicability of fruit culture is no doubted, by any. The climate is

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The climate is pleasant and healthful. The winters are cold, and sufficient snow falls to protect crops and supply abundant moisture. The summers are cool and delightful.

Stock raising has always been the chief industry of that region, and was the only one until the past few years, when settlers began to take up homesteads and engage in small farming. As an adjunct to general farming, it will always hold small farming. As an-adjunct to general farming, it will always hold a prominent place, and it will be many years before even the range industry will have been displaced. Cattle, horses, sheep and hogs thrive on the natural grasses and food of the hills and valleys, and, save in exceptional seasons, the cattle pass through the winter in such fine condition that the spring finds there fat enough for the block, while in flavor and texture the

crease in population has been very rapid, and the new comers are of the most desirable class, being farmers with families, men who by energy and good citizenship build up the country and develop its latent powers. They are erecting comfortable houses and barns. chiefly frame structures and are Sec. 5. The county of Harney shall be attached to the Sixth Judicial District for judicial purposes, and the terms of the circuit court of said country shall commence on the third Monday after this Act becomes a law, and thereafter the regular terms of said county court of Harney shall be attached to the Sixth Judicial District for judicial purposes, and the terms of the circuit court of said country shall commence on the third Monday after this Act becomes a law, and thereafter the regular term of the country court of said country shall commence on the first Monday of April, June, August, October, December and February of each year. chiefly frame structures, and are using rails and wire for fencing.

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general stores carry in stock all the commodities found in much larger towns. Here is published The Herald, the only newspaper in that region, a live local paper, devoted to the work of making the valley of Harney county, and shall the proposition of the strength of the commodities as the official records of the strength of the strength of the county and when concluded they shall be examined and certified to by the clerk of the described and certified to the strength of the square miles. Into these lakes to the work of making the valley

It will not be long before the peeficial effect upon the soil of the riod of isolation from the world's valley, as crops seem to find ample markets will be terminated by the construction of a railroad through dryest seasons, and thrive, while the heart of the valley. The Oreother sections with a rainfall as great as that of Harney Valley require surface irrigation for the perfection of crops. One peculiarity fection of crops. One peculiarity the latest, the locomotive's whistle control of the valley. of the region bordering immediate- will be heard in Harney Valley. ly upon the lakes is the frequency When that day arrives, the valley and distinctness of the mirages will cease to be "way off" in the pictured by its atmosphere, objects mountains, but will be as near marmiles away being distinctly reflect- ket as many older and better known regions equally distant from Port-Silvies river rises in the moun- land, but which have earlier entains north of the valley, and flows joved the good fortune of being a distance of eighty miles in a reached by those great highways of southeasterly direction through the commerce. Here is to be found the valley, discharging into the lakes. best opportunity now existing in It is a rapid stream, and abounds in fish, including the gamy trout. Blitzen, or Dunder-und-Blitzen, rivBlitzen, or Dunder-und-Blitzen, river is fifty miles in length, and flows kept them from being settled upon into the lakes from the southward. long ago, and now that the embar-With their tributaries and other go of isolation is so soon to be resmaller streams, they pour a large moved, a great influx of settlers volume of water into the lakes constantly. Irrigation, so necessary fact, the tide has already set in, in a large portion of the Snake riv- and appearances indicate that when er basin, of which this valley is a the railroad reaches the valley it part, though having no surface com- will find the lands well occupid and munication by water courses, is not required here, crops reaching the highest perfection without artificial ducts will supply a large quantity of freight, and the road will be able The soil is similar to that of the to offer two seaports to shippers, one

with the result. Prices of farm Hon. G. W. Gilham, and read first products, such as wheat, oats, bar- time January 6, 1889:

large and finely flavored and pro- SEC. 2. That the said territory shall com-

while in flavor and texture the meats compare favorably with the best stall-fed beef that reaches the market.

During the past two years the in-

chiefly frame structures, and are using rails and wire for fencing with a light growth of the country. The West Shore:

Wells of living water are made in any portion of the valley by diging and domestic use. Expected in Harney Valley. At the coming meeting of the Oregon Legislature an effort will be made to have the country. These facts render Harney Valley and object of special interest to those who are seeking a location in some new portion of the northwest. The valley has a total garea of 2,400 square miles, nearly twice the size of Rhode Island, and somewhat larger than Delaware, all ocation in some new portion of the northwest. The valley has a total garea of 2,400 square miles, nearly twice the size of Rhode Island, and somewhat larger than Delaware, all ocation in some new portion of the northwest. The valley has a total garea of 2,400 square miles, nearly twice the size of Rhode Island, and somewhat larger than Delaware, all inclosed with high spurs of the Blue mountains.

The walley is a comparatively level plain, in the center of which lie two lakes, Harney and Malheur, only a few hundred yards apart and connected by a narrow, channel.

The valley is a comparatively directions from Burns, the distributing point. At this place good general stores carry in stock all the content by all dense provided, the county stall dreafied and wife for fencing all sand with refer fencing as all of the county of the county of the county is a sex c. Unit of the county stall dreafied and with a first population of the valley by dispersion of the valley by dispersion of the property of great and the water is excellent and the water is excellent and the water is excellent of firming and domestic use. Exc. B. The county of Harney, within one are constrained in the county of the appointment of the otherwise provided, the county is all stars and in a size and in the county of the county in the service of the sounty and the county of the county of the county is and the size of the county and the county is a size and the count

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