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HARNEY VALLEY

Location, Resources, Climate, Soil, and Needed Developments.

As Reported by a Late Visitor Here in the Roseburg Review.

Harney Valley is a beautiful valley in Eastern Oregon in Harney county, between 118 and 120 degrees West Longitude from Greenwich and between 43 and 44 degrees North Latitude, about 3,500 feet above the level of the sea, with an area of about 2500 square miles, containing 1,600,000 acres of land.

This valley is nestled in a broken chain of mountains on the northeast, south and west with the highest peaks of the Blue mountains on the north and the Steen mountains on the south, towering up into the realms of perpetual snow. This valley has

AN ABUNDANCE

of water supplied by the Silvies and Blitzen rivers and their tributaries, and other smaller streams, all of which have their outlets in the Malheur and Harney lakes. The Malheur and Harney lakes have no outlets. These two lakes are connected by an artificial channel and are on a level with each other, to the contrary notwithstanding. as you will observe by the maps giving the geography of this region. These two lakes cover an area of about 150 square miles and are

NEAR THE CENTER

of the valley. Their shores arlow, but they have never been known to overflow. The low shores of these lakes accounts for the shallowness of the wells in this valley, which are from eight to twenty feet deep. Irrigation is

NOT NECESSARY

to raise crops and gardens. The soil here contains all the properties necessary to make a successful grain growing country. Small fruit and shrubbery, and berries of nearly all kinds can be successfully raised here.

VACANT LAND

as level as your floor in bodies of thousands of acres. is here to be taken and is just as good as any that is occupied. Home seekers in Oregon cannot do better elsewhere.

This Eden will not long remain in an unsettled state, but in a few short years this land will be all taken, the golden opportunities now offered will be improved.

The climate is salubrious and will compare favorably with any other part of the "Inland Empire." Burns and Harney are the principal towns and in fact are the only towns in the Harney valley. These towns are about fifteen miles apart in the northern portion of the valley. Both towns have an

IMMENSE TERRITORY

adjacent, adapted to both farming and stock-raising. The town of Burns has two newspapers. The principal stock men of this valley are Mess. Peter French, J. S. Devine and the L. F. Co. These parties are all said to be millionaires and their wealth is variously estimated from one to fifty millions.

The L. F. Company have lately consolidated their stock and land interests here with Mr. Jno. Devine, and are partners as "Lux, Miller, Mason & Devine" and are known on this coast as the Pacific Live Stock Association, which is perhaps the strongest on this coast if not the strongest in the world. Their dominions extend from Grant county, Or., to the southern confines of California. They can travel hundreds of miles from here in a southerly direction and camp every night on their free-holds. Peter French Esq. is administrator to the Dr. Glenn estate of California, Mr. French's wife being heiress of that estate.

Two established surveys

FOR RAILROADS

have been made through Harney valley by the Oregon Pacific R. R. Co. and the N. P. R. R. Co.

With the advent of railroad facilities this year to Harney valley and with the advent of the electric telegraph to our midst, we will ask for no more, for these are the requisites for modern civilization and the "evolution theory" of development will naturally follow. I have received letters of inquiry regarding this region and having lately travelled over a good portion of it, I send you the above as the best means of imparting the information desired through the columns of your valuable paper. More Anon,

H. B. H.

Merchant Traveler: The successful farmer has to be sharp as a raiser.