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WRITES OF OKLAHOMA

**Dr. Pleasants Says it is a Good Country
—Will Return to Oregon.**

ALDEN, OKLAHOMA, Sept. 27, 1906.
EDITOR HERALD:—
After leaving Portland in coming here, I passed through no country that looked any better to me than the Rogue River Valley, in which Central Point is situated, but a great deal that was inferior to it; but it may have been better than it looked, however, for a car window is a poor place to judge a country from.

On reaching Kansas I was surprised at the great improvements of that state since I left there but a few years ago. The farms, towns and buildings of all kinds, as well as the stock of all kinds, indicate thrift, enterprise and prosperity. But the winds of Kansas, the same as here in Oklahoma, are holy terrors; yet they gave me a kind of home feeling and reminded me of days past when I lived there, especially so when I passed over the track of a cyclone that preceded me but a few weeks, tearing up houses and killing several persons. But in way of good country, rapid improvements and progress, no country has ever equaled Oklahoma. I was over a considerable part of the Indian territory—now Oklahoma—more than twenty years ago, when the whole country was overrun with wild Indians and almost equally wild cowboys; and now to see the country crossed up with railroads, and numerous cities larger than Ashland or Grants Pass and doing ten times as much business as either of those cities, seems strange, but such is true.

I am writing this in the southern part of the state, which has been settled but six years, and almost within the Wichita mountains. They are called mountains here, are bare of timber and, in way of height, hardly equal the foothills that surround Central Point, yet possess some grandeur, and they do much in the way of relieving the vast amount of surrounding level country of its terrible monotony. But a few years ago, comparatively speaking, this part of Oklahoma was in possession of the Kiawa and Comanche Indians, the most savage of all tribes, and were always at war with the whites, were very expert with the scalping knife and quite accommodating in that way. They slighted none, for they scalped men, women and children all alike when they could do so without danger to their cowardly selves. These same Indian tribes are here now and their allotments—which they are too lazy and indolent to work and improve—comprise the best lands. They are peaceable and friendly now because they have to be, lazy, indolent and filthy because it is their nature to be so. A few of them are said to be fairly prosperous, but the greater number are the same as ever—just Indians.

Corn, wheat, cotton and broom-corn are the principal crops grown here and the amount that was raised this season—which was better than common—was immense to say the least. Nearly every quarter section is in cultivation, and land is already high and will be higher still from now on.
For corn, wheat and cotton, this part of Oklahoma is a success, provided it rains. Alfalfa does fairly well, but nothing like in Oregon. Gardens here don't begin to compare with those in Oregon, and when it comes to fruit, the country is new and has not had a fair test, but in my opinion, it will never be a success. I brought with me a few apples from Mr. John Barnett's orchard, near the Bear Creek bridge, that my friends here might see what an Oregon apple looks like. A number saw them and several helped eat them and pronounced them the finest apples they ever saw. Such an orchard here would be worth a fortune, but such, in my opinion, will never be, for no one country can have two advantages.

Drouth is the worst drawback to this country and comes often, though this season there was more rain than was needed and which injured some crops. Another drawback to this country is that when it does rain, it don't rain in a good civilized and gentle way, but pours, and is often accompanied by wind and hail that do crops as much or more injury than the rain does good. Cyclones are dreaded, and every household, either in town or country, considers a cyclone dugout as indispensable to bob into in case of a cyclone, as an Oregon squirrel does a hole to run into to escape the boy's target rifle. But taking it all in all, Oklahoma is a great country, and in time will be greater

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But aside from health, give me Oregon, even if it does rain too much in winter. Give me Oregon, I am an Oregonian, and will return.

J. H. PLEASANTS.

Must Attend School

It is compulsory for children to attend school. The last legislature passed a law making it such, of which the following are the principal provisions:

Sec. 2. No child under 14 years of age shall be employed in any factory store, workshop, in or about any mine, or in the telegraph, telephone or public messenger service.

Sec. 3. No child under the age of 14 years shall be employed in any work, or labor of any form, for wages or other compensation to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public school of the town, district or city in which he or she resides are session.

Sec. 4. Attendance at school shall be compulsory upon all children between the ages of 8 and 14 years during the whole of the school term in the city, town or village in which the child resides, and upon all children between the ages of 14 and 16 who are not employed in some lawful work.

Sec. 5 provides that any employer or corporation employing children under 16 years of age must hold an age and schooling certificate and keep a complete list of all children employed.

Sec. 11 provides a minimum fine of \$10 for the first offense, and a maximum penalty of 30 days in jail on the third offense, for all violations of these provisions.

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