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## THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY,

Where the Farmer Goes to Sleep and Keeps on Making Money.

### Lane County.

Far away to the south and west there lies,  
 Away in the sunset land,  
 Where the weird Sierra lifts to the skies  
 The wealth of her jeweled hand—  
 There lies deep hid in the mountain range,  
 As old as the world is old,  
 A fabulous valley, dim and strange,  
 That is known as the Vale of Gold.  
 There's a golden grot, and golden ledge,  
 And blooms of gold, and golden bees,  
 Gold in the grass and sighing sedge,  
 And gold in the orchard trees.  
 There are flowers as bright as the orbs  
 of night,  
 And birds of radiant wing,  
 And streams that quiver and dance forever  
 In time to the tunes they sing.

The poet who penned these lines did so under the momentary illusion that he was giving form and habitation to dreams of the mystical land of the erstwhile Montezumas. But he has long since ended his Rip Van Winkle sleep, and upon awakening and looking about him the man of rhythm and imagery was much surprised to find that he had written a poetical description of Lane county, Oregon.

Lane county extends from the summit of the Cascades to the Pacific Ocean. In size it is about five times as large as Rhode Island or Connecticut. It fronts on the Pacific a distance of thirty miles, with a splendid harbor at the city of Florence. It occupies every altitude from the ocean beach to the glacier-crowned summit of the "Three Sisters" at the southeastern corner of the county. The Coast Range cuts it in two from north to south.

Lane county is half prairie land, with very rich soil, producing abundant crops of grain, hay, fruit and vegetables, and half hill and upland. The table-lands bordering the valleys are partly covered with timber or brush, most of it being open enough for fine pasturage. These lands are fertile and yield abundant crops when cultivated. Every crop that grows in the Willamette Valley grows in Lane county. All the farms are supplied from natural sources with the best of water. The immense timber wealth, aggregating nearly 29,000,000,000 feet, is just beginning to receive attention. No county in the United States has as large an amount of timber as Lane. The famous Bohemia mining district, destined to become the Cripple Creek of Oregon, lies partly in Lane county.

The population of Lane county is about 22,000, all white. The county is rapidly adding to its population desirable immigrants from the Eastern States. Eugene, 14 miles south of Junction City, with a population of 5,000, is the county seat.

The county's indebtedness, amounting to \$85,000, is comparatively small, and the tax levy but 21 mills.

The following is a summary of the productions of Lane county for 1900:

Acres in county.....	2,764,780
Acres under cultivation.....	120,000
Bushels of wheat.....	750,000
Bushels of oats.....	625,000
Barley and rye.....	28,000
Bushels of corn.....	25,000
Tons of hay.....	85,000
Bushels of potatoes.....	225,000
Butter and cheese, pounds.....	550,000
Pounds of hops.....	1,000,000
Bushels of apples.....	300,000
Bushels of pears.....	20,000
Bushels of prunes.....	75,000
Lumber, feet.....	90,000,000
Wool, pounds.....	150,000
Ounces of gold dust.....	6,000

### DAIRYING.

As a dairying section Lane county possesses many advantages. Grasses of all kinds, both native and cultivated, grow in luxuriance. Cattle have to depend but little upon hay, since the warm rains, from early in the fall to late in the spring, keep the grass growing. Even in the dry summer season grass remains fresh and green in the meadows along river and creek bottoms and in the mountain valleys. Timothy is the leading grass, but white and red clover make remarkable growths, especially the former, which springs up spontaneously on the hills wherever the destruction of trees and underbrush gives it an opportunity. The natural grasses, the cool summer breezes blowing in from the Pacific, unfailing water supply, the luxuriance with which the clovers and roots thrive, combine to make Lane county the ideal home of the

cow. Net returns to dairymen range from \$30 to \$50 per cow per annum, depending upon the grade of the cow and the intelligence with which the dairyman manages his herd. The numerous ocean-going craft leaving the ports of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma for the Orient and all parts of the globe is a perpetual guarantee of a never-falling market for dairy and all other products.

### THE LUMBER INDUSTRY.

The estimated amount of timber in Oregon is 300,000,000,000 feet (in round numbers), board measure. Lane county leads with 28,800,000,000.

The lumbering industry has assumed greater proportions during the year than ever before. The Willamette, McKenzie, Siuslaw, Coast Fork and West Fork Rivers, Long Tom, Lake, Greenleaf, No. 10, Fish, Nelson and numerous other creeks afford the best facilities for floating logs to tide water, or to most any point on the Southern Pacific for a distance of 200 miles. Great bodies of the finest noble fir (commonly known as larch), sugar and yellow pine, cedar, oak, ash, maple, balsam, and numerous other species of soft and hard woods, lie all about us, untouched, awaiting but the investment of capital to place it on the markets of the world in the various forms known to the wants of man. Timber lands can be purchased for from \$4 to \$7 per acre, the price depending upon the amount and kind of timber and its location. The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has thousands of acres of fine timber lands for sale.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, the largest manufacturers of lumber in the county, are operating three large plants, at Coburg, Saginaw and Wendling, with an average daily capacity of 310,000 feet, the great majority of which is shipped to points outside of

## Why You Should Settle in Lane County

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 Because you will find a country of rich soil awaiting the settler.  
 Because there are uplands, prairie lands and alluvial river bottoms.  
 Because you can be certain of profitable returns from whatever you put in the soil.  
 Because the winter does not consume what the summer produces.  
 Because there are more and better opportunities for diversified farming than elsewhere.  
 Because the seasons are regular, and no fear of crop failure.  
 Because the country is never scourged by cyclones, devastating storms or blizzards.  
 Because everything grown elsewhere can be produced here more abundantly.  
 Because there are more chances for the profitable investment of capital than elsewhere.  
 Because for healthfulness this section is unequalled on the face of the globe.  
 Because you have no long winter months to encounter, with no excessive dry heat in summer.

Because you will find as orderly communities as anywhere on this continent.  
 Because you will find the most open-hearted people in the world.  
 Because it is in the widest portion of the fertile Willamette Valley.  
 Because as a dairying section it has no equal. It is the ideal home of the cow.  
 Because for live stock, goat and sheep raising it can't be beat.  
 Because it contains a larger amount of the best merchantable timber than any county in the United States.  
 Because of the great and growing trade with China, Japan, the Philippines, Hawaii, Alaska, and every other port on the face of the globe, this section is sure of a never-failing market for its grain, its lumber, live stock and dairy products. No portion of the United States has as bright a future before it today as the Willamette Valley, in Oregon.  
 Because education is paramount. Public schools and churches are to be found in every community.

Oregon, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company having constructed 22 miles of railroad for the exclusive purpose of reaching and hauling out the output of the Wendling plant. The main offices of this company are in Eugene. There are numerous other smaller plants in the county.

### MINING.

The mineral resources of Lane county are extensive and valuable. The districts attracting the most attention are the Bohemia and Blue River. In the former 68 stamps are now installed. There are any number of rich mines in the Bohemia district, principal among which are the Helena, Annie, Musick, Stocks & Harlow, Golden Slipper and Champion, and it is destined to become a second Cripple Creek. Probably the richest body of ore in the district at the present time uncovered is in the Helena property. Where they are working now the ore is so rich the miners break it down on canvas and sack it up to carry it to the mill. It fairly sparkles with the thousands of specks of gold sticking all over it.

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### Junction City.

Junction City, Oregon, is situated in the northern part of Lane county, 110 miles south of Portland, 57 miles south of Salem, the capital of the State, and 14 miles north of Eugene, the county seat. It is on the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and has a population of about 1000 inhabitants. It is one of the most prosperous and enterprising cities in the Willamette Valley. The city is platted on either side of the Southern Pacific tracks, and is in the center of the widest portion of the Willamette Valley. All kinds of mercantile interests, professions and trades are here represented. Junction City has three churches, and a graded school building that cost over \$6000. The hotel block was built by a stock company of citizens, and cost over \$28,000. Here is also to be found one of the finest opera houses between San Francisco and Portland. We have one bank, the Farmers & Merchants', owned by home capitalists. It is a solid institution. There are three large grain elevators here, two newspapers, waterworks, a good steam fire engine. Also a full roller process flour mill, which has gained an enviable reputation for the excellence of its flour both at home and abroad. This mill pays the highest market price for its wheat, and pays cash. It is also a sound financial institution.

There is more grain and other produce, including live stock, shipped from this point than from any other place in the Willamette Valley.

Another enterprise is a fruit drying establishment, with the latest improvements for steam evaporating process, with a drying capacity of 1000 bushels of prunes per day. This plant has a warehouse and canning department, and is one of the most complete of its kind in the State. It is indispensable to the

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The Willamette Valley extends westward from Junction City about 15 miles to the foothills of the Coast Range. Southwest of Junction, near these foothills, is Elmira, on the stage line to the coast. There is quite a little business carried on at this place. Besides a post-office, there are stores, a church, school-house, sawmill, blacksmith shop, etc. It is situated on the Long Tom River, which flows north through Monroe, another flourishing little town, in Benton county, and empties into the Willamette River some six or eight miles northeast of Monroe. The Government has already appropriated money to improve this stream and make it navigable to its mouth.

### Monroe.

Monroe is 9 miles northeast of Junction City, in Benton county, and is surrounded by a good farming country. It has two large general merchandise stores, a drug store, livery stable, school, Catholic and Protestant churches. It is 17 miles south of Corvallis, the county seat of Benton county. A new railroad from Junction City through Monroe to Corvallis, to connect the main line of the Southern Pacific with the branch road from Portland to Corvallis, is a thing of the near future.

### Harrisburg.

Harrisburg is the first station north of Junction City, at a distance of 4 miles, on the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad. It is on the east side of the Willamette River, in the southern part of Linn county. It has about 700

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