

## Superbly Splendid.

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tion, pruning and science of pollination. Here as elsewhere horticulture calls for painstaking and intelligent work and great patience. Large profits have been made in the past, depending of course to considerable extent upon the energy, care and capital expended, as well as selection of stock and locality.

Apples, peaches, pears, prunes, grapes, watermelons and walnuts are the chief fruit products. It is surprising that wine grapes have not been grown here more extensively. The hillsides of Lane county should be covered with vineyards, and no better quality can be raised abroad.

In 1898 Oregon shipped 500 carloads of apples to Germany, England, Mexico, Asia, and the Atlantic seaboard. This output will show large increase as new acreage comes to bear and old orchards have better care. Years of experience have demonstrated that Lane county can successfully grow apples as a commercial product. The fame of the red apple of Western Oregon is well established; it perfection is due to the moisture in air and soil at time of maturing. Here in Lane county the Baldwin, Spitzenberg and King are the leading varieties, with the Ben Davis, Johnathan, Wine-sap and Gravenstein.

Oregon ranks a good second in PRUNES production, which is now practically confined to the Pacific states. Ever sensitive to environment, the successful growth of the prune will always be confined to favored localities; it cannot be reared far and wide like wheat or berries. The early settlers found that the plum was peculiarly adapted to growth in Western Oregon, particularly Lane county, and that its yearly yield of luscious fruit was nearly as sure as the coming of the seasons. Gradually the successful culture of the prune and its profitable return brought the fruit prominently before the public, and today we find an acreage of prune orchards in the Willamette Valley exceeded only by our neighbor, California. But here no irrigation is necessary, which insures a meaty, sugary fruit of large size. Varieties are here grown that are not found elsewhere, and the heated evaporation process of passing air through the fruit, gives a clean and bright product obtainable by no other means.

The price of prunes has not yet touched a figure so low that profit is wanting to the Oregon producer. So long as transportation facilities are favorable (as they exist here), that section of country which can grow a prune of required quality at the least outlay of labor and money, will be the longest in the race. The Willamette Valley has unquestionably the soil and the rain; land is not expensive; the trees grow vigorously and bear heavy crops and large, showy fruit. Cultivating and spraying call for little labor or expense; the fruit is better cured by the evaporators than in the sun and quite as cheaply, since plenty of fuel is at hand. In fine, no other locality enjoys greater advantages at the start and up to the point of bearing. The demand for Oregon prunes is steadily increasing in the markets of the world.

The shipments from Oregon in 1898, the latest statistics we have at hand, were:

Dried prunes.....	16,800,000 lbs.
Green prunes.....	3,750,000 lbs.
Total.....	20,550,000 lbs.

### STOCK RAISING.

Lane county is fast becoming one of the great cattle producing counties in the State. The mild winters, the fact that native grasses remain green during the year, and the ease with which cultivated grasses can be raised make it an excellent country for every kind of stock. The general practice of Lane county farmers is to provide fodder for only a small part of the year, during the balance of which the stock roam at large. Running water is abundant, and stock does not lack water in the driest season. The largest owners of horned stock are improving greatly by infusing fine blood into their herds. There are numerous breeders of Shorthorns, Galloways, Polled Angus, Ayrshires, Herefords, Holsteins, Devons, Alderneys and Jerseys in the Willamette Valley. The large introduction of fine blood into the cattle herds of this section has greatly increased their value and the profit of the business.

### THE ANGORA GOAT.

During the past ten years a number of our active farmers have been introducing the Angora goat into Lane county, especially in the foot-hill country. These thrifty farmers had but one object in view at the time these goats were purchased, and that was to clear up their farms at small expense. They bought the goat for his work and not for his wool. During the past five years, however, there has been a great revolution in the goat industry. Manufacturers are beginning to discover the many advantages and special qualities of mohair. Numerous desirable and elegant fabrics are now being made from this wool, and it has been found that the goods are exceedingly fine and durable. Another special feature of this goods is, that it is much more free from the attacks of moths than goods made from sheep's wool. For this reason, it is said that the major portion of the valuable up-

holstery now used in railway cars, is made of goat's wool.

The entire number of Angora goats in Lane county today will probably not exceed 6,000 head. When we come to consider the vast area of good brush country in this county, so well adapted to goat grazing, we can readily see that, instead of the small number now kept, we could keep to advantage hundreds of thousands of goats in Lane county alone and keep them well. We are speaking now more particularly as to the value of their wool and increase and of the profits that are bound to occur by continuous and thrifty care of the domestic goat. As to their adaptability to our climate there is no question, and as to the numerous advantages arising from raising goats, this has been thoroughly and satisfactorily settled long since.

We would earnestly commend this subject to the active and enterprising farmers from the Eastern States, who are now locating and who expect to locate in Lane county, recognizing that this industry may be made one of the most useful and profitable within the entire range of farm and field 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 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. The total cut of lumber and shingles for 1899 in the State of Oregon was 599,425,000 feet. Of this the mills of Portland alone cut 150,000,000 feet.

Steadily increasing demand comes from China, Japan, Siberia, Australia, Mexico, South America and Europe, as well as California and the Eastern States. Of merchantable hardwoods, myrtle, maple and ash grow to goodly size, and are used in furniture and implement manufacture, but this branch of industry has thus far been of limited extent.

### 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-failing market for dairy and all other products.

### 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, Musiek, 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.

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inhabitants, and is surrounded by as fertile farming land as there is in the Valley. This is the home of the hop, which proved so profitable to the growers the past season. Harrisburg has a flour mill, bank, several general merchandise stores, a good hotel, several churches and a first-class graded school. The Willamette River is navigable from Harrisburg to Portland.

In the south part of Linn and Benton counties and the north part of Lane county is to be found the best farming land in the Willamette Valley.

[In this write-up and description of this section of the country it has not been our intention to misrepresent or over-estimate anything, and those visiting the Valley will find this a fair but limited representation.—Editor.]

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