

Lebanon Express.

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Good Basis.

That is what we claim for the little town of Lebanon, and almost everyone here realizes the facts which we are about to approach. It has not been very many months since our little burg was only blessed with about 800 inhabitants. Now it can be announced with the truth that we have between twelve and thirteen hundred. This is quite an increase. Now the surrounding country is increasing just as fast accordingly, and within a few miles area surrounding our little town, a great many new farmers are settling down of which there has never been made mention, all of whom are making a nice living and some of whom are making a nice net profit on their investments. Now the county at large is a progressive one, and we do not claim that this is the only place of importance, but the Express means to show our own side without injuring anyone else, and will confine ourselves to the truth as near as possible. There is not a day passes but someone is investing in real estate in Lebanon. This speaks for itself, and the investment is beyond a doubt a good one, as we understand lots sell very reasonable. The town and surrounding country assures the fact of success to the investors, and the parties who are doing the buying are shrewd business men and know when they see a bargain.

Lebanon is surrounded by a good farming and stock raising country owned by competent farmers and stock raisers, a good many of which are raising fine horses and cattle which are a credit to our state, and any one wishing to invest in good farms and lands or stock will do well to see our farmers and stock raisers before going elsewhere, as the people here in our surrounding country will treat strangers with courtesy and hospitality.

People returning from Portland, after visiting the Exposition there pronounce it the greatest ever held on the coast. The exhibits are far ahead of any previous year, not only in number and arrangement, but also in variety and general appearance. The attractions, especially the music and art, are away above expectations. The Zapadores Band, from the City of Mexico, is discoursing wonderful music, and has made a decided hit. The range of music performed seems to be without limit, and the fear that the band would confine itself to Mexican and Spanish music has long since disappeared. The art gallery is a revelation; the paintings being the greatest that have ever been placed in an exposition. The mineral, horticultural, and agricultural exhibits are a genuine surprise. It was supposed that the Superintendent not being connected with mining or agricultural industries would neglect this important branch of the Exposition; but the result shows that it has received more than the usual attention, and is a gratifying success. The horticultural department is larger than it ever has been, and the quality of fruit is a source of great admiration. Other features have been added which bring the Exposition far beyond expectations. With the reduced rates on all transportation lines this year, there is no reason why people should not go and partake of the benefits the Exposition offers.

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