

STATE EULOGIZED IN BOND PAPER

Theo. B. Wilcox Furnishes Interesting Article in American Bond and Realty Journal Dealing With Oregon's Resources.

(Condensed facts from an article by Theo. B. Wilcox, in the American Bond and Realty Journal, a journal devoted to bond and mortgage investments and circulated throughout the east and middle west.)

The location of Oregon is strategic. It is now at the front door of the nation, a position which will be emphasized more and more as time goes on.

Thirty millions of dollars were spent in Oregon in 1910 by two great railroad companies for railroad construction. With possibly one exception no other state in the Union will see greater strides in this respect during 1911.

Oregon is worthy now of the most serious consideration of the home-seeker, the manufacturer or the investor.

Oregon has an area of 96,000 square miles. It is the ninth largest state in the Union and is greater than New York, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania combined. It has an average length of 290 miles and an average width of 375 miles, with approximately 350 miles of shore line on the Pacific ocean.

Oregon is fortunate in having a few valleys and a comparatively large number of smaller ones. The Willamette valley is 126 miles long and approximately 60 miles wide, and is pre-eminently adapted to dairying, intensified and diversified farming. Many experienced observers, who have had occasion to investigate this valley, pronounce it unsurpassed by any equal area in the world.

Facts justify Oregon's claim to distinction as a great fruit growing section. For two years in succession Oregon has taken the grand sweepstakes prize at the national apple show at Spokane, Wash., for the best carload exhibit of apples. While these tributes to the Oregon apple have possibly added something to its fame, the record for the prices received is the greatest testimonial any fruit could secure. One Oregon district has consecutively received the highest price paid for four tier apples

during the last 10 years. Another fruit district in Oregon has received the highest price ever paid for pears and tops the market regularly. Records of individual yields have been so large and the prices paid for the apples have been so high that in many instances the profits were so large as almost to compel disbelief. It has not been an uncommon thing during the past four years for fruit growers in Oregon to make as high as \$1000 net per acre an apples and pears.

No industry in Oregon offers greater inducements and opportunities than dairying. There are two factors which justify this statement: In the first place, the climatic conditions of western Oregon are almost ideal for the dairyman. Experts from other states who have made a protracted study of this subject are unanimous in their opinion that this section is unsurpassed as a dairy country.

In the second place the demand for dairy products in all the cities and towns of the Pacific northwest is increasing much faster than the supply. It is necessary, therefore, to ship in from the east and middle west very large quantities of butter and eggs. From 50 to 100 carloads of eggs are shipped into Portland yearly at an average of \$2500 to the car. Fifteen to 20 carloads of butter, costing about \$200,000, are annually shipped into Portland.

At strategic points all through western Oregon, creameries and condensers are found and it is an isolated farmer who is not reached by a milk route. An average cow in Oregon, with proper feed and attention, will return to the dairyman a net profit of \$50 per year. The gross returns will be from \$100 to \$110 and the feed-cost will not be over \$55. The value of the skimmed milk, calf and fertilizer equals the labor cost and interest on the investment, leaving the remainder clear profit. There are 50 cheese factories in Oregon, 70 creameries and seven condensaries. The demand for good cows exceeds the supply and those who will engage intelligently in raising dairy stock will be splendidly rewarded.

The mild winters of Oregon are conducive to successful poultry raising, and the chicken has the benefit of outdoor life practically the year around. On account of the fact, poultry raising is less expensive in Oregon than in the east, a fact which is demonstrated by the record of the Umpqua valley, where more turkeys are raised than in the whole state of Rhode Island, which is famous for its turkeys.

Many of the other conditions which

are so favorable for dairying apply with equal force to poultry raising. In the face of the increasing demand the opportunities along this attractive line are very great.

Oregon has four hundred billion feet, or one-fifth of the standing timber in the United States. A conservative estimate of the value of the lumber output is \$30,000,000 per year. Approximately 8 per cent of this is expended in Oregon for labor and supplies, and six million dollars is distributed in Portland for the same purpose. The lumber cut by the Portland mills for 1910 was nearly 700,000,000 feet, being the largest of any city in the world.

Need of additional power for lighting and other purposes is constantly arising and the fact that there is in reserve such immense power, will appeal to those who are looking for manufacturing sites where power can be had at the minimum cost.

IMPORTANT MEET OF CLUB TONIGHT

The regular meeting of the Commercial club will be held at the office of W. T. York & Co., in the Mail Tribune block, at 8 p. m., on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at which time a complete set of by-laws will be proposed and presented for adoption. There will be other business of importance and a full attendance is desired.

WM. M. COLVIG,
President and Manager.

HURLED FROM WAGON, HEAD STRIKES STUMP

A. J. Young, who formerly lived in this city, but recently moved to Central Point, was seriously injured recently when thrown from a load of wood, his head striking a stump. Mr. Young was found later and given medical aid, but is still suffering intensely.

XMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAY RATES.

Sale dates December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31st, 1911, Jan. 1st, 1912. Return limit Jan. 2d, 1912. Rate fare and third. Rate applies between all points in Oregon and California where regular fare is less than \$15.

ELECTION CALL IS ISSUED

City Dads Name Election Officials for Election to Be Held in January—Much Minor Business Is Transacted.

The city council at a meeting held Tuesday evening authorized a call for an election January 9, 1912, and named the following election officials:

First ward; voting place, 230 East Main—L. L. Damon, judge; D. T. Lawton and E. C. Gaddis, clerks.

Second ward; voting place, Miles building—E. J. Raymond, judge; Charles Talent and Cou Cady, clerks.

Third ward; voting place, city hall—J. A. Perry, judge; Scott V. Davis and John J. Demmer, clerks.

Other Business
J. W. Stinger's liquor house was transferred to C. T. Shaw and C. L. Reed.

O. M. Selsby was granted a liquor license.
L. M. Lyons was given permission to erect a display greenhouse at Central and Sixth streets.

Frankie Edwards was granted permission to hold a boxing bout under the auspices of the Natatorium Athletic club.

A four-inch water main was ordered in on Florence avenue.

CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE.
Office of the City Treasurer, Medford, Oregon, Dec. 18th, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds on hand in the city treasury for the redemption of outstanding city warrants Nos. 86-87-88 and 89 issued against water main improvement fund No. 2. Interest on the same will cease after the above date.

L. L. JACOBS,
City Treasurer.

LOS ANGELES EXCURSION.

An excursion for Los Angeles will leave Medford December 29th, round trip fare \$35, stopovers in either direction at pleasure of passenger. Good going and returning via either route from San Francisco. Join this excursion, enjoy the great treat or being in San Francisco New Years eve, see the points of interest in and about San Francisco Golden Gate

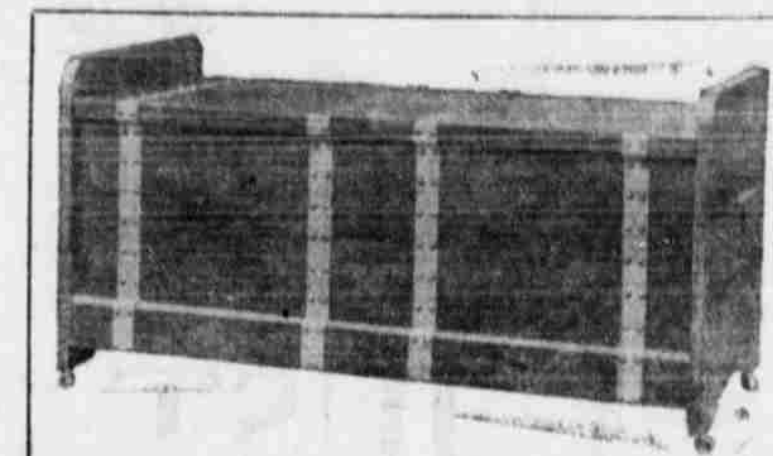
Park, Cliff House, United States Mint, Angel Island Pan-American Exposition site; visit Berkeley, Alameda and Oakland, then journey southward, visiting Stanford University, Palo Alto, San Jose, Lick Observatory, Del Monte, Santa Cruz, Pano Robles, Santa Barbara and Los

Angeles. From the latter place visit Pasadena, Redlands, Venice and San Diego, see the beautiful orange groves, the ostrich farms, the floral festivals. Ocean bathing in mid-winter. Visit Catalina Island, see the strange and beautiful submarine gardens from the glass bottom boats,

the flying fish, the leaping tunas, enjoy the fishing. Returning northward visit the oil fields around Bakersfield, see the immense stock ranches, the fruit belt of the San Joaquin valley. Full particulars by writing, calling at or phoning the S. P. passenger office, Medford, Ore.

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Regular 350, Piano Sale price	238
Regular 375, Piano Sale price	267
Regular 400, Piano Sale price	288