

Diversified Products of All Kinds Pay Dividends



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Fattening Cattle for Market—Scene in Grove Near Medford where Cattle Are Driven From the Summer Ranges, Fed Alfalfa and Pastured for Shipment. To the Left Are "Some Pumpkins"—A Pumpkin Field Whose Yield Is Given by the Owner Elsewhere. Pumpkins Are Raised for Winter Feed for Livestock.

Four hundred thousand acres of tillable land are found in the valley of Rogue river and in the valleys along the tributaries to this stream. In the territory directly adjacent to Medford there are about one hundred thousand acres. Attention is called to the productive capacity, per acre, of this region, whether in fruit, grains or vegetable crops. It is much greater than in localities intensively farmed in the East, the South, the Middle West.

It is an undoubted fact that in late years attention has been given to fruit production to the exclusion of other crops. It is equally true that on Rogue river valley lands bounteous yields of cereal and hay products and all kinds of vegetables may be obtained. Wheat, oats, corn and barley yield large crops. Five to

eight tons of alfalfa in three cuttings are had. Potatoes will average more than five tons to the acre, onions will give greater return and tomatoes will run as high as fifteen to twenty tons and over. Cabbage, turnips, parsnips, beans, peas, carrots, beets, squash, melons, cucumbers, cauliflower, celery, asparagus—everything, in fact, will grow.

The Rogue river valley is not a one-crop section. It will produce anything grown in the temperate zone, and will pay better returns for less labor than any other locality of which we know.

The United States government has issued a pamphlet entitled "Soil Survey of the Medford Area," describing the soils of the Rogue river valley, which can be had on application to the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.



A Jackson County Apiary—Owned by James Stewart—Bees Play an Important Part in the Production of Fruit, Being Depended Upon to Fertilize the Bloom. There Is Good Profit in Honey.

We have a small orchard and plenty of all kinds of berries. We gathered 100 boxes of apples and 100 boxes of pears, 50 boxes of plums and plums. 100 crates of berries.

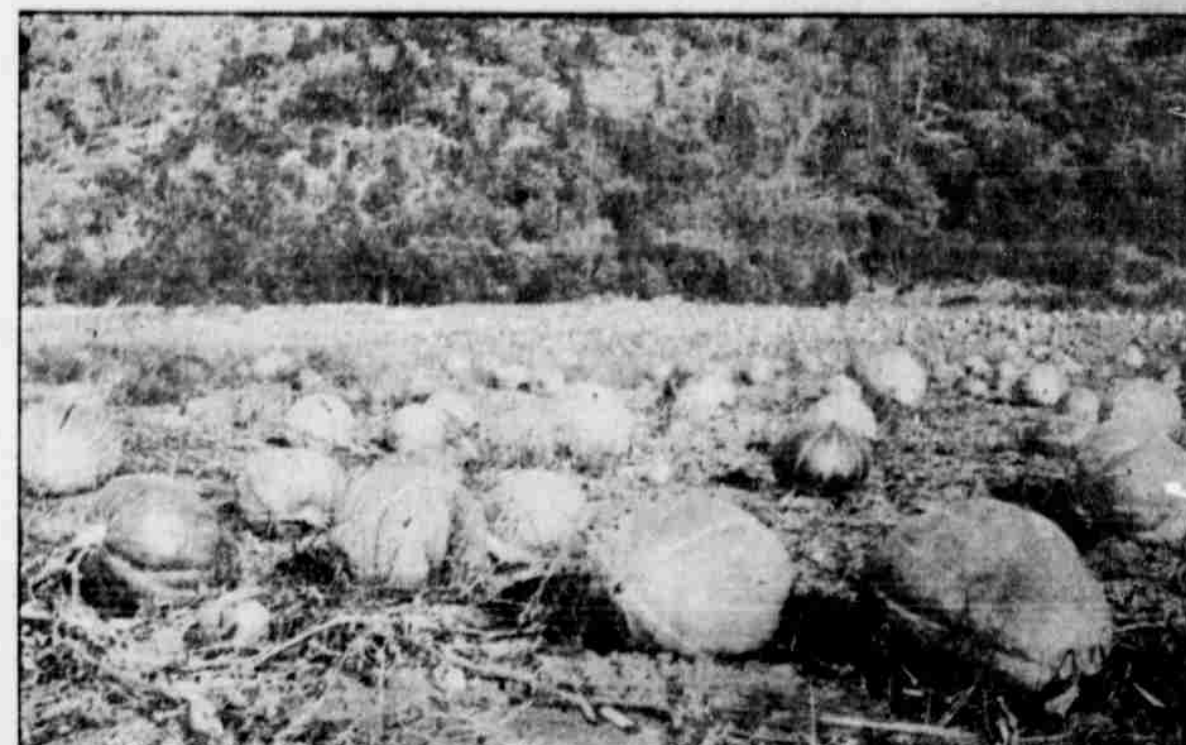
I have milked 14 cows, sold \$1000 worth of cream, raised 13 calves. Butter fat brings a good price here and has averaged about 34c per lb. the past year. I also have pastured 41 year lings of my own raising. I have raised 150 head of hogs and expect to ship 90 head soon. Hogs do well here as they live on the alfalfa and have plenty of running water, and cholera is practically unknown.

I have sold \$250 worth of poultry and eggs, besides having all we want for the house.

My total sales of stock, grain, hay, fruit and produce for the year 1913 will run over \$4000, and I am in a much better position to increase for 1914.

We have a co-operative creamery at Applegate doing a large business. And I must say with plenty of delicious fruit and fresh vegetables the year round, good pure water, and the productiveness of the soil in the way of crops, the mild climate and fine scenery, surely this is an ideal place to own a stock and dairy ranch, also for a home.

D. A. Wood



CORNFIELD OF T. J. PARTON WHICH YIELDED 100 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE

I have about 150 acres set to young pear trees and grew about 3000 bushels of corn and other crops, such as wheat, oats, barley, vetch, peas, carrots and pumpkins between the pear rows. In 1910 I started with six sheeps and from them I grew the bunch up to 300 head and I sold 100 head this year for \$968.00 and still have about 200 head left from three months up to one year old with about 20 sows to pig March 1st.

From one-fourth acre September 15th we gathered 27 bushels of corn or at the rate of 108 bushels per acre and neither fertilized nor irrigated, and by deep winter plowing, proper seed corn and cultivation we ought to reasonably expect from 60 to 75 bushels of corn per acre on any rich bottom lands, without either fertilizer or irrigation, as we are not bothered here with hot winds to cook or kill the corn as other states in the summer.

I have farmed in the valley five years and made five good crops without either fertilizer or irrigation. Although the valley has a fine irrigation system with an abundance of water accessible to all and reasonable. The climate is one of the valley's greatest assets, neither extreme heat or cold. I have never done business with finer men than our merchants and bankers and any new comer can expect every favor that his business worth and business methods will warrant.

Ninety-five per cent of our population is American. We have the finest school buildings and if not the best—as good schools as any locality—in fact, we are moving just a little ahead and with this most progressive age. Eagle Point, Ore., Dec. 25, 1913.

T. J. Parton

Record of a Farm

Applegate, Oregon, Dec. 20, 1913.

After spending a couple of months here I bought a well improved, 200 acre, stock and dairy ranch, one and one-half miles from Applegate. I have 115 acres under irrigation. The balance of my farm is grain, pasture and timber land.

The following is a brief summary of what I have accomplished the past year:

I have cut 225 tons of hay, timothy, clover and alfalfa, and it finds a ready sale at \$15.00 per ton.

I had a small piece of two acres of alfalfa that yielded 8 tons per acre this season.

I also raised about 600 bushels of grain of excellent quality. 150 bushels of potatoes. And for an experiment, after I had harvested a crop of barley, that yielded 45 bushels per acre, I planted the same ground the 7th of July, to potatoes, and harvested a yield of 150 bushels per acre.

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