

LAND OF PROMISE HERE FULFILLED

Dr. A. LeRoy, superintendent of the Bureau of Information of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, is the author of the following article which appeared in the August issue of Orchard and Farm:

Responding to a migratory instinct, and seeking more favorable conditions for working out destiny, humanity throughout the ages has followed the journeying sun. "Westward the course of empire takes its way," describes the infinite movement of the race.

Rugged New England put meta and moral fibre into men. When the flowing stream of our progressive people reached the Mississippi valley vision broadened. Resolute men responded to voices that vibrated through their souls and started up the slopes of the Roof of the Continent. It will become more and more apparent that from the crest they looked out over the land that fulfills more hopes than any other region of our globe. The panorama of our advancing American civilization is marvelous and thrilling. Like the Chariots of Morning, it rested upon our Atlantic sea-board; climbed the Alleghenies; filled the forests with cabin homes; forded or bridged great rivers; swept over the plains; tarried on the heights to thrust fingers into rock bound treasure vaults, and gently descended the western slopes. Here civilization will tarry like the afternoon sun of a delightful summer day. From this coast it will span the great sea and irradiate the long-slumbering Orient.

A generous nation will pause frequently to place forget-me-nots upon the memory of the "Pathfinder," John C. Fremont, and the noble band of men and women who opened the way for the multitudes. In fancy we say, "I hear the tread of the Pioneers." In fact the tread was often muffled by dusty roads, unbridged rivers, and perils innumerable that lurked along the way.

Laid Substantial Foundations.
Those that laid the foundations for a new empire by the western sea builded better than they knew. The most vigorous imagination never pictured present realities. They sought seclusion, quiet homes in a mild climate where destiny might be easily wrought out. They uncovered to the world actual conditions more entrancing than the Utopias of vivid imaginations. There is a warrant for designating the Oregon country, "The Land of Promise Fulfilled" in our material resources and conditions.

After a generation of lumbering activity, our forests are practically intact. A single tree soiled sufficient lumber for constructing four eight-room houses. Cut into inch square strips and the pieces placed end to end, the tree afforded sufficient material for constructing a line that would extend from Philadelphia to Providence, Rhode Island. It is estimated that the wooded area of Oregon, Washington and Idaho includes 135,000 square miles. The quality of these forests is more surprising than their extent.

Every fourth bushel of wheat that leaves the United States passes over the Portland wharves. This is largely the contribution of the Inland Empire, the vast agricultural region east of the Cascade range. Of the lands suitable for agriculture, one seventh only has been utilized. It is too early in the season to accurately estimate the 1905 harvest, but in the land where failure is unknown the marvelous record will not be tarnished.

Products Find Ready Markets.
The contribution of horticulture taxes credulity. The superior quality of Hood River and Rogue river apples has created a foreign demand and large quantities of Oregon apples are shipped to England, Germany, Japan, China and the Islands of the sea. A stretch of country extending a thousand miles eastward affords a profitable market for great quantities of small fruits. The profitable horticultural possibilities are unlimited.

The mountains that intercept the winter storms store moisture sufficient for developing power to turn every shaft and spindle in the United States and a surplus for converting the drier parts of the Oregon country into new Egypt of productiveness. Supplied with water, arid land responds more abundantly than any irrigated region.

The diversity and abundance of products is so surprising that were an impassible wall constructed around the entire region no important article of human welfare or comfort would be lacking in this favored land.

Good Climate an Important Factor.
Upon the matter of climate there has been much misunderstanding and some misrepresentation. In this most important condition of advantage and comfort our region offers all that the most exacting desire. Free from extremes of cold or heat, the Inland Empire is an ideal climate. There is exhilaration and tonic for all. The rainfall of the region varies in the Cascade range is but slightly in excess of the precipitation in eastern states. Winters are very mild with but little frost or snow. Field work is uninterrupted. Summers are cool and delightful. Electrical storms or sudden changes are unknown.

The testimony of nearly two million people now here warrants the designation of the country as "The Land of Promise Fulfilled." No region of the world presents such universal contentment among its people as is witnessed here. Contentment finds its climax on the western slopes and in rich valleys beyond the Cascade range. Here Ponce de Leon would have discovered the most restful fountain of perpetual youth and abiding satisfaction that the globe discloses. Words are inadequate to picture the enchanting scenery of this favored land. Snowcapped mountains, lifting like white spiral stairways to the stars; beautiful valleys and winding rivers; a wealth of colors and contours! A masterpiece from the hands of the Divine Artist! Standing upon an eminence near the city of Portland, a distinguished traveler surveyed the vast, wonderful panorama. Entranced with the vision one sentence only broke the silence: "In variety and wealth of grandeur this is unsurpassed upon the globe!"

Organize for Development.
Moved by fraternal impulses, about 100 public-spirited, representative citizens of Portland, in 1902, organized the Oregon Information Bureau, and placed more than \$15,000 in the treasury as funds were required. This was a free contribution to the welfare of the common-wealth and the protection of the life of people coming to enjoy the advantages and opportunities of the country. To protect the inexperienced from crafty speculators, and give valuable counsel to home-siders, competent representatives were sustained. Through the activity of these

specially qualified men a vast amount of data and information has been given to a large number of persons. The valuable assistance is invariably extended to the public without charge. Believing still better service and larger usefulness would result, the organization has been merged into the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the strong business organization of our leading city. The increased facilities are at the disposal of all. The same course will be pursued and expert opinion is available for the asking. This federation of organizations is the only achievement of the executive ability and genius of Mr. Wm. D. Wheelwright, president of the Chamber of Commerce, a practical man and public-spirited citizen.

Competent Representative Committee.
A carefully selected committee of which A. H. Devers is chairman, and J. B. Cobb, Julius Meier, J. F. Batcher and W. H. Beharrell are members, constitutes Mr. Wheelwright's counselors. Mr. W. H. Beharrell, former chairman of the information Bureau, continues his able assistance. The efficient field activities will be continued. Dr. A. L. Roy of the former organization becoming the superintendent. The character and standing of the organization and its representatives is a guarantee that every man will receive "a square deal."

We flash this hearty, hopeful message over the mountains: Come to "The Land of Promise Fulfilled," where every reasonable expectation becomes a reality. This is our greeting to the ambitious or the discouraged; to men whose capital is cash or pluck; to all who desire comfort, contentment, and a good part in the new forward movement of the other twentieth century!

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Edwin A. Henderson made sale last week of lot 10, block E, Coe's third addition to Mr. Snow, the blacksmith; consideration, \$300; also lot 17 block 2, Hull's addition to James Ewers; consideration \$300. Mr. and Mrs. Ewers are now visiting relatives in Colorado Springs, and telegraphed Mr. Henderson to make purchase of the property.

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Of Mt. Hood, Oregon, on E. E. No. 388, for the S. 1/4, N. E. 1/4, S. E. 1/4, N. W. 1/4, of Section 9, T. 33 S., R. 12 E., W. M.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James N. Koeltz, George Perkins, William S. Gribble, James H. Ross, all of Mt. Hood, Oregon.
22927 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Paul K. Paulsen, has been duly appointed by the Honorable County Court of Wasco County, Oregon, as administrator of the estate of James E. Foss, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me, properly verified, or at the office of my attorneys, Menefee & Wilson, at The Dalles, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.
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