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One Blood, One People, United by Blue and Gray.

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A PEN PICTURE OF THIS VALLEY

Laidlaw and Entire Region Drained by Deschutes, Prettiest of Rivers, Rich in Resources.

BOTH tongue and pen are some times inadequate to express the beauties of the Universe and nothing but the brush of a skilful artist can even faintly portray Nature's gems of scenic beauty.

This fact is made manifest in a most forceful manner as one emerges from the juniper timber on the heights overlooking Laidlaw from the east when the glorious twilight, for which this famous is casting its light and shadows o'er hill and dale. The sky is clear and azure blue and the twinkling stars, just peeping forth, commingle their reflections with the lights of the village in the silver sheen of river which winds its way rushing through the valley.

The giant mountains peaks, seven in number, snow capped and white as ghosts, lift their hoary heads above the dark green line of pine and juniper which extends from their base to the narrow valley in which the little village lies nestled. The lofty snow covered range appears to extend in the form of an almost perfect crescent about the valley and the strip of green appears but a narrow ribbon, so clear is the atmosphere.

As one sits in rapture and gazes upon the scene which lies below and beyond in one's mind's eye the cycles of time pass rapidly, and lo! one beholds the narrow valley covered by a busy city, people rushing hurriedly to and fro along the crowded streets, massive stone structures cover solid blocks of ground and the pulse of enterprise is throbbing and beating, sending the blood of trade and commerce to all the world; our sugar, fruits and vegetables as well as grains, lumber and manufactures are in demand; the beautiful river is harnessed and giving its power to turn the countless wheels of mill and factory, propelling electric trains, giving light and heat and performing the many services which generated power may do.

Glancing toward the northwest in the direction of Mount Jefferson one can see rushing toward him a long train of heavily laden passenger coaches, filled with eager passengers upon both pleasure and business bent. All about one sees great tracts of land reclaimed from the desert

wilds and now groaning under the weight of fruit, vegetables, hay and grain, while in pastures green one beholds the sleek jersey cow, the noble horse, the sheep and swine.

Large and commodious dwellings are upon every farm, with the churches and the school houses dotted here and there in close proximity. The laborers are bringing the product of field and dairy to the busy city. On the heights at either side and overlooking the valley are beautiful homes with well kept lawns and gardens, giving the grandest and most sublime view of river and mountain to be found. Upon the banks of stream and lake are to be seen the tourist whipping the water with rod and fly, while in the baskets lie hundreds of the beautiful speckled trout.

In the heart of the city, built upon the islands which dot the sparkling stream, a most beautiful park is found and hundreds of visitors are enjoying the cool shade of the spreading trees while the children romp upon the grassy banks amid the fragrant, bright hued flowers, while the graceful swan swims slowly to shore for the dainty morsel which he has been taught to expect.

Thus as one sits in the twilight and gazes upon the village and mountains beyond he dreams into the future and beholds the possibilities of the Deschutes river and valley and the town of Laidlaw.

For State Senator.

To the people of the 17th Senatorial district of Oregon:

Respect for your intelligence and desire to serve your best interests, impels me to declare my platform. I believe the Statement No 1 plan is the only practical way to accomplish the election of U. S. senators by the people, and is therefore the gateway to all other national reforms.

The people of Oregon are entirely competent to elect their representative in the U. S. Senate. Oregon livestock breeders, Oregon fruit growers are world famous. Oregon's resources are unsurpassed. Let us make Oregon the greatest state for good roads, good schools, pure foods, honest weights and measures, honest political methods by intelligent, systematic co-operation. Let us advance every interest. Push for Oregon. Pull for Oregon.

G. Springer,

Democratic candidate for State Senator.

KEEPING STEP WITH GRANDPA

By EARL MARBLE
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I T was a splendid morning,
With sunshine warm and bright,
With lazy cloudlets sailing
In their aerial flight.
How clearly I remember
That blessed morn in May,
When I kept step with grandpa
On dear Memorial day!

H E told me many stories
About the olden days,
Of deeds of daring valor
Amid the battle's blaze,
As toward the village churchyard
We wound our solemn way,
When I kept step with grandpa
On dear Memorial day.



I CARRIED blooming branches
From mother's lilac tree,
And every one had flowers
As far as eye could see,
And hands made lovely music
As we pursued our way,
When I kept step with grandpa
On dear Memorial day.

I THOUGHT of that this morning
When down the village street
The yearly sad procession
Went on with reverent feet;
I thought, as they without him
Pursued their solemn way,

Of keeping step with grandpa
On dear Memorial day.



VOTE FOR THESE NOMINEES!

- STATE**
- U. S. Senator H. M. CAKE
 - Congressman W. C. HAWLEY and W. R. ELLIS
 - Justice of Supreme Court R. S. BOAN
 - Dairy and Food Commissioner H. W. BAILEY
 - Railroad Commissioner CLYDE B. ATCHISON
- DISTRICT**
- Prosecuting Attorney FRED W. WILCOX
 - Joint Senator, 17th District G. SPRINGER

- Representative, 17th District H. P. BELLEFLORE
- COUNTY**
- County Judge H. C. FELIX
 - Sheriff FRANK ELKINS
 - County Clerk WARREN BROWN
 - Treasurer W. F. RIND
 - Assessor Y. E. DAYTON
 - School Superintendent E. A. FORD
 - Surveyor J. R. BENHAM
 - Commissioner JAMES R. RICE
 - Coroner J. A. MCCALL
- PRESBYTER**
- Justice of the Peace WILLIAM G. BILES
 - Comptroller GEORGE CERCE

Memorial Day.

WATER, TIMBER & SUNNY FARMS

Unlimited Wealth Stored Up for Husbandman, Lumberman and Manufacturer.

The Deschutes valley is in contrast with volcanic craters are numerous, while deep gorges and high bluffs keep them company.

Transportation.

The nearest rail road point is Shaniko, 90 miles distant. Two railroads have surveys through the valley and others are heading this way.

Markets.

Our markets will be Portland, and through it the Orient, also the lumbering camps, soon to be established.

Climate.

Mild winters and cool summers, with both late and early frosts, but sufficient warm weather for the maturing of the products of the farm.

Storms.

Cyclones and hard wind storms are here unknown, except as we read of them in other places.

Soil.

The soil is a volcanic decomposition very rich in mineral matter, but growing better with cultivation and the adding of vegetable matter.

Timber.

The valley is largely covered with juniper timber, a species of cedar, which makes splendid fire wood and fence posts. On the mountain slopes and upon the upper river are 410,000 acres of yellow pine timber of excellent quality. The lumbering industry will be large.

Irrigation

In the valley are about 400,000 acres of irrigable lands and ample water for them, some storage reservoirs being required.

Water Power

The Deschutes river is considered the finest water power stream in the United States, as its flow never varies more than from twelve to eighteen inches and the fall is very great, there being numerous falls in the river of from ten to thirty feet sheer drop, besides numerous rapids.

Health

One physician is now serving a community of from twenty to thirty miles in extent. This speaks more for the general health than anything that may be said by us. As a health resort this country will be noted, especially for lung diseases, and here the invalid may combine recreation with industry and if necessary be securing a competence as well as being restored to health.

Scenery

The scenery of the Cascade mountains and of the Deschutes river and its tributaries is unsurpassed anywhere. Numerous lakes lie nestled among the mountains and foothills, many of which are of great depth, clear as crystal and teeming with fish. Extinct

Swimming and Fishing

The Deschutes river, as well as the numerous lakes and smaller streams, is plentifully supplied with fish and it is no unusual thing for one fisherman to catch from 50 to 100 fine trout in a single afternoon and it is not necessary to go much, if any, beyond the town-site to do it. In the mountains, from fifteen to fifty miles distant, are to be found deer, bear and other large game as well as ducks, grouse, squirrels, etc.

Topography.

The valley is in places rolling with high buttes scattered here and there and in many places lava rock edges and surface rock are plentiful and prominent. Much the greater portion is practically level and easily susceptible of irrigation.

Roads.

Nowhere in the world can finer roads be made than in this valley and this is being early looked after. We never have mud and the dust does not get deep and fine as it does in many other places.

Crops.

With irrigation large yields of tame hay such as timothy, clover, alfalfa are made. Blue grass does well, as do many other varieties. All of the grains do well except corn. Root crops are exceptionally prolific and of the finest quality. Potatoes are large, well flavored and good keepers. Sugar beets make a very large yield and tests made show them to have a higher percentage of sugar than those raised in the sugar producing sections. Sugar making will undoubtedly be a leading industry. Berries do well and while the orchards are too young to be in bearing the trees make a good growth and old orchards in scattered sections of the valley raise the finest of fruit. Dairying will also be a leading industry.

Water.

The water is the best to be found in any country, clear, cold and pure, just from the perpetual snows of the mountains. It is soft and free from all alkalis.

Prices of Land.

The country is new; settlement began about three or four years ago, and choice lands can now be had at from \$15 to \$50 per acre, depending upon location, improvements and number of acres irrigable. These prices include water right.

Towns.

There are eight small towns and post offices, most of which receive daily mail.

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