

Back to the Country.

That the tide is now at its flood of the rush of country people to the cities and towns is now apparent to all observers of this sociological problem. For the past 50 years the towns have outgrown the country and to such an extent has this been done that every line of endeavor has been overdone in the cities and there is no longer the advantages and opportunities that were to be had and which attracted the ambitious young men and women of the country to try their fortunes in the uncertainties of city life. It is the country that is to grow at the expense of the cities and the tide of population will turn from the towns to the country. The macadamized road, the rural mail delivery, the telephone and the extension of railroads and electric roads giving all sections of the country easy access to markets is a large factor in bringing contentment to the rural population and to make the urban residents anxious to escape the crush, the fierce competition and the anxiety of city life for the more peaceful and prosperous life on the farm.

On this subject the Oregonian of Tuesday had an able editorial that fully covers the subject and which is well worth reading by all who are interested in this all important question. The article is as follows: We hear continually of individuals in our several Northwestern States who are making money rapidly in growing fruits, hops, wool, wheat and other products; others in various branches of the livestock trade; still others in fisheries, dairy business, lumber and mines. Success in any of these or other undertakings depends chiefly on management. The markets usually are good, though for one product or another there are bad market years. Still, the man who persists, in the long run will succeed. Instances are numerous, in all these Northwestern States, where men have made and are making thousands of dollars net upon a single crop. Multitudes who were mortgaged heavily at the financial panic, and whose cases then seemed hopeless, paid out afterwards, with the wheat, hop or wool crop of a single year.

This statement is introductory to an observation on the profits and prosperity obtainable from industries throughout the country districts, in contrast with the disappointments that so often follow effort which so many make to live and do business in the cities. For those who will take hold of it, country life offers ten chances of success where city life offers one. For many years our ablest public economists have been deprecating the strong trend or tendency of population into the cities. But sentimental warnings on such a subject could have no effect. What may have effect is manifest proof of better chances of success in the country than in the city. This may offset the supposed fascinations of city life and the glittering prizes offered in the lotteries of imaginary opportunity in the city, when no argument of the common kind would be of any avail.

During recent years the development of the city and the growth of urban population have proceeded much faster than the relative growth of the country. But the law of compensation is beginning to operate on the problem, and it promises to do more in checking the rush to the cities than all the arguments of economists, sociologists and statesmen. After all that has been said about the superficial attractions of the city, the greatest attraction exerted by the city upon the rural spirit is the promise of easier and quicker material gains. But when this matter becomes open or subject to debate: nay, indeed, when conditions arise so that the facts disprove it, the actual truth is demonstrated that our young people can do better in the country than in the city; they will remain in the country; and experience is now rapidly proving that this is the case. For the larger number the country is the place to make money

and to enjoy the best of life, free from the stress of care. Quick transportation brings country and city together; so that people may live in the country and yet have freedom of communication with the life of the city—at the same time escaping the multitudinous burdens of city life.

Hence it is that whereas formerly during many years there was a steady stream of tendency towards the city, the evolutionary movement of the present time is producing a reflux wave that rolls back on the country. The city demands so much that little of the property within pays considerable profits. Rural property well managed, may actually be better; and it needs only to be demonstrated to the sensible man that the gains of the city life costs as much as they are worth, and are accompanied by privations for which there is no recompense, to make him prefer the surer, safer and more independent profits of rural life.

Constantly in the city the people demand more and more expenditure, for "public utilities," as the jargon goes. It seems there is no possibility of setting a bound or limit to these demands. Public taxation is employed to the utmost possibility, to support these demands; and since this is found to be an insufficient resource funds are sold, which stands as a mortgage on all the property of the city for all time, to supply present and anticipated wants; and besides, there is a drastic system of personal or private taxation for improvements which the demands, to be paid for by the owner of the adjoining property. Moreover, the public debts of all the important cities long have been and still are increasing rapidly; and payment of interest becomes an increasing burden.

The growth of municipal debts, with the burdens they impose, thus becomes a reason why people who desire an independent property should turn their attention to the rural districts. The Oregonian is not sorry to see that the tendency, so long in the direction of the city, is now manifestly toward the country. Again everybody can't live in the city, and the more who live in the country the better—both for city and country. To see such numbers taking the back track to the country districts is a cheering fact; for even the cities will not grow further till the country fills up, or will grow further only as an industrial and productive population shall fill the country round about and make the most of the resources it contains. Fill up the country and the city will grow fast enough.

The Rogue River Creamery, Medford, wants your cream and guarantees to meet any prices on an average paid by any cream concern buying cream. Gaddis Bros. C. E. Gaddis, business manager.

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Henry Sargeant, a young man residing near Pursel was in Jacksonville Wednesday.

One of the greatest blessings a modest man can wish for is a good, reliable set of bowels. If you are not the happy possessor of such an outfit you can greatly improve the efficiency of those you have by the judicious use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are pleasant to take and agreeable in effect. For sale by City Drug Store.

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