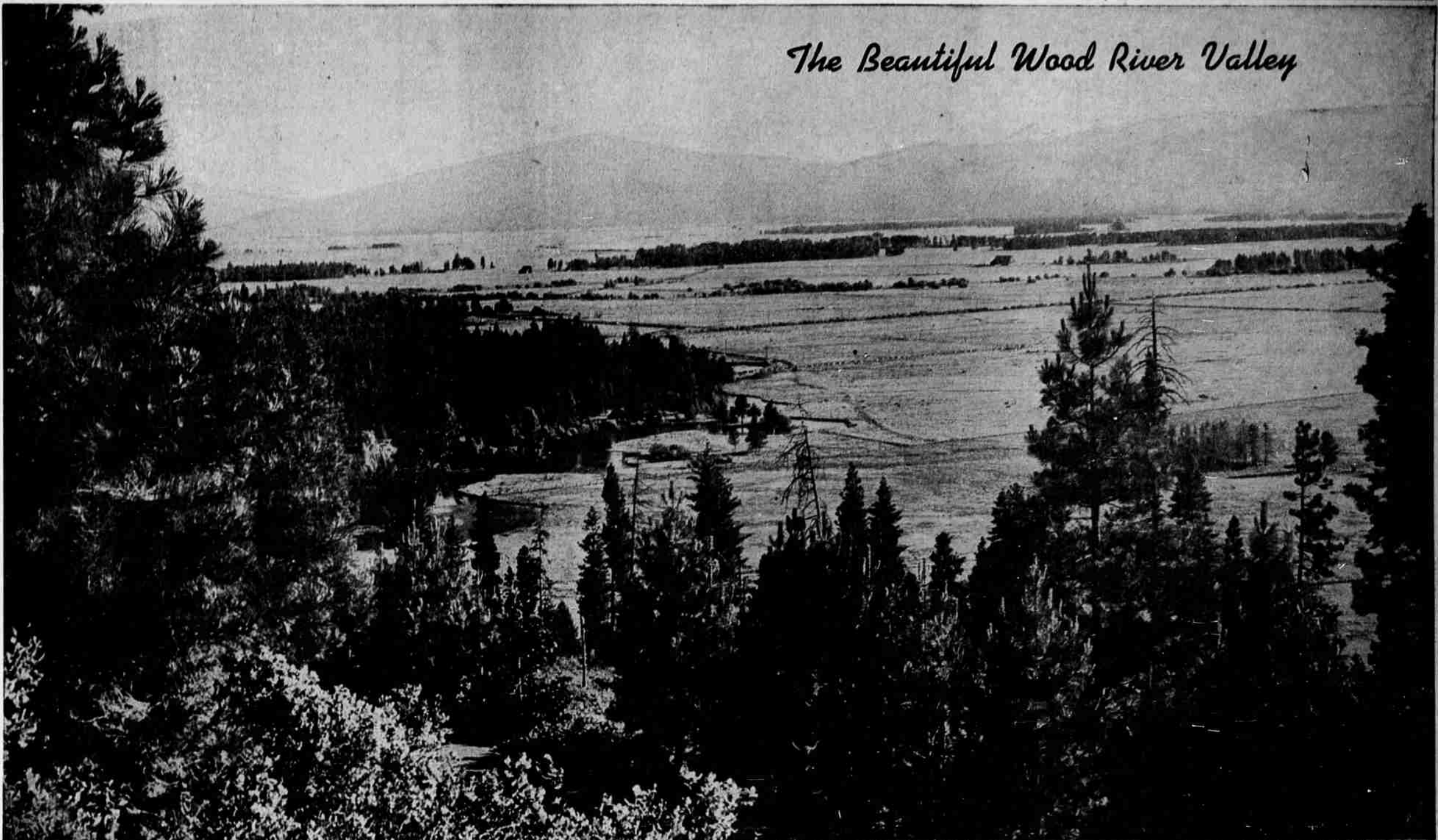


The Beautiful Wood River Valley



WOOD RIVER VALLEY—nestled between lake and hills—the finest summer grazing land in the West! Cattlemen of the Klamath country stand their ground on that statement. The valley to the north of Klamath Falls comprises some 80,000 acres of grazing, farm and marsh land, starting above Agency lake and rolling in lush green and blue of water and grass to the Cascade foothills and to the mountains south of Crater lake. It makes the splendid sweep of country pictured above from Sun mountain grade of highway 97.

Wood river derives its pastoral name from the early days of nearby Fort Klamath when contractors cut wood for the fort in a lodgepole pine grove on the banks of the stream. The Klamath Indians call it Eukalkaine Koke. The river is part of the west boundary of the Klamath Indian reservation and flows into Agency lake.

During summer grazing season—April to as late as November and December—some 15,000 to 16,000 fat calves, yearlings and two-year-olds, feed on the natural and domestic grasses. This valley is noted for its

natural clover but the ranchers know the value of domestic grasses and have sown alsike and white Dutch which make for rich pastures of both the natural and domestic cover. Blue grass and timothy put extra weight on the sleek stock that feeds here and steers will gain approximately 300 pounds on their sturdy frames during the summer grazing period.

Winter months, four to five months out of every year, a thick blanket of snow covers the area. During that time the stock is trucked south—to Cottonwood, Red Bluff, Redding and the Woodland, Calif.

Winter pastures, Wood River valley has hundreds of springs rising in its hill and the mouth of Wood river itself may be seen in the left center as the first lovely curve of water appears below the pine studded hills. Naturalists give credit to the

pressure of majestic Crater lake as the cause of the multitude of springs which feed the valley and keep it green.

Thousands of head of Wood river stock are shipped directly to market. Others go on to feeding lots.

Hundreds of yearlings and long yearlings—the beasts that are almost two-year-olds—are brought to Wood River valley from all points in Oregon and Northern California and run during summer months.

Motorists who use highway 97 and

anticipate this gorgeous view for miles before they swing into the sight of the valley, the mountains tipped by Mt. Pitt and the lake beyond, regret that soon the picture will be lost as the Oregon State

highway abandons Sun mountain and swings through a level, wooded stretch which, sadly enough, has nothing to offer in comparison to this sight of Wood River valley. (Picture by Wes Guderian).

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