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Location

Klamath County is one of the southern counties of Oregon and extends to the California line. It is larger than some of the eastern states, extending one hundred miles from North to South and in its widest part is more than seventy miles from East to West.

City of Klamath Falls

Klamath Falls is the county seat. It is beautifully located at the mouth of Link river on the shores of pretty little lake Ewauna and overlooking a large portion of Klamath Valley.

It has a population of about twenty-five hundred and is growing very rapidly, so fast that the mills cannot furnish lumber to build the houses. Its school buildings are among the best in the State, the high school building being a fine brick recently constructed at a cost of \$30,000, while the public school building is a substantial stone structure costing over \$20,000. The town is situated on the southern line of the great timber belt, is the center of a large agricultural region, has splendid water power, numerous hot springs, is ideally located for manufacturing, and is destined to become the chief commercial center of Southern Oregon.

General Resources

One of the finest bodies of pine fir and cedar timber in the Northwest lies in the northern half of Klamath county, and is awaiting the woodman's ax. The largest timber dealers and syndicates in the United States are now competing in the market for this timber.

The southern half of the county is adapted to agriculture and is under the Government Reclamation Project. It includes Klamath, Poe, Langell, Yonna and other valleys, besides thousands of acres of rich marsh and tule lands, that the project will reclaim through its drainage system.

Irrigation

The government is now spending four and one-half million dollars for the purpose of reclaiming 250,000 acres of land in this great basin. Already the first unit of the work is practically completed. Several thousands of acres will be under Government Irrigation next spring, and the remainder of the project will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Soil

The character of the soil varies from that of a light sandy loam to heavy black dirt extending down from a depth of two feet to fifteen feet beneath the surface. It is all very fertile and productive. Most of it produces well without irrigation and all of it yields abundantly with irrigation.

Cereals

Wheat, rye, barley and oats do well here without irrigation, but of course make greater harvests if watered. Wheat here has been known to produce 65 bushels and oats 100 bushels to the acre, and the quality is unsurpassed. Klamath county wheat took the prize in competition with the wheat fields of the world at the World's Fair at New Orleans.

Grasses

All kinds of grasses do well here, and are pronounced by feed experts to be as nutritious as those grown anywhere else in the world. Alfalfa takes the lead, being the principal crop of the valley, and producing from four to eight tons per acre annually. There are already about twenty thousand acres of alfalfa in the Klamath valley and easily pays ten per cent on \$100 per acre. Cattlemen rush in every fall and buy every pound of hay right in the stack for from \$5 to \$8 per ton.

Vegetables

Probably no country in the world excels Klamath county in the quality of its vegetables. Potatoes yield prolifically without irrigation and some of them grow to the size of seven and eight pounds, with a goodly number to the hill. Cabbage, celery, onions, and table beets excel in size and quality.

Also the soil of the valley is especially adapted to the culture of the sugar beet as it is found to contain a large per cent of sugar with a high degree of purity.

Fruits

All the hardier fruits do well here and are especially fine flavored. No better apples, prunes, pears or cherries

can be found anywhere than are grown in this valley, and the peaches and more delicate fruits are delicious, but are not always a sure crop. Berries such as raspberries, strawberries, gooseberries, currants etc. grow very thrifty and yield plentifully, while the marsh and tule lands are especially adapted to the culture of the cranberry.

Stock

Klamath County has always been noted for raising good horses and fine beef cattle. There are thousands of acres of open Government range where they graze for seven and nine months of the year, and always in prime condition. Together with hogs they are easily made ready for market and command a good price from one end of the year to the other.

Poultry and Bees

The country is adapted to the poultry business. The fowls are always healthy, and eggs and chickens always bring a high price.

There are a number of apiaries in the valley and no better honey can be found than is made here, pure, clear with delicious flavor, it is the delight of the epicurean.

Hunting

The country surrounding Klamath Falls has long been known as the sportsman's paradise. The big mule deer and the saucy blacktail are found in large numbers in the mountains, while the black and cinnamon bears are always in evidence. The fishing in the numerous lakes and rivers is the finest in the world, and the wild fowl including geese, ducks, quail, and sage hens are found in countless numbers.

Climate and Health

The climate is mild for so high an altitude, the thermometer seldom registering as low as zero. The summers and falls are delightful and the nice weather frequently continues until Christmas. The springs are the only bad feature of the climate. They are late and blustery, but severe weather of any kind is practically unknown.

The general health of the people is good, and an epidemic of disease of any character is practically unknown.

Prices of Land

Eighteen months ago there was plenty of land to be had at prices ranging from eight to fifteen dollars an acre. To-day the same land is selling at from \$20 to \$40 per acre. It is still the cheapest land in Oregon. It will nearly all be under irrigation, some of it within a few months, all of it within a few years. When under irrigation, forty acres will make a man a good living, eighty acres will make him money and one hundred and sixty acres will make him rich. No country in the world offers such inducements.

Cost of Water

It is estimated by the Government Engineers that the cost of water to the owner of the land who wants to irrigate will be about \$18.00 per acre, and the land owner has ten years in which to pay this sum at the rate of \$1.80 per acre annually without interest, and at the end of the ten years he gets a permanent paid up water right. This is one of the cheapest irrigation systems in the world.

Transportation

In the past, the Klamath Basin has had no transportation facilities, and consequently no outside market. Today the Southern Pacific R. R. is building into Klamath Falls as fast as men can lay the rails and drive the spikes. In a few months we will hear the whistle of the locomotive, then for the first time will the products of Klamath county have a chance to compete in the markets of the world.

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Beauty of Clouds.

It is not of first sight easy to say why people so rarely give more than a passing glance to the realm of air above them. Is it because we cannot have a finger in this department of the wonders of nature, cannot net and label anything in those blue fields, pin it down on cork or fatten it in Canada balsam; cannot here annihilate distance with our ingenious instruments, that we neglect the phenomena of the sky? There above us, always ours for a lift of the eyes, is beauty in endless change for the contented mind and for the restless one the challenge of the ceaseless thaumaturgy which seems little nearer being found out than when the world began, and yet in comparison with such lines of research as are offered by cuckoo's eggs or the "protective devices" of caterpillars the region of the clouds may be said to be unexplored. — Saturday Review.

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Evangeline Lodge No. 88 Degree of Honor Lodge meets in the A. O. U. W. hall every second and fourth Thursdays in the month. Nancy N. White, C. of H. Jesse Marple, Recorder.

W. O. W. Ewauna Camp, No. 799, W. O. W. meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at Sanderson's hall. All neighbors cordially invited. C. K. Brandenburg, Clerk.

A. F. & A. M.—Klamath Lodge No. 77. Meets Saturday evening on or before the full moon of each month in the Masonic Hall. Alex Martin Jr. W. M. W. E. Bowdoin, Secretary.

O. E. S.—Aloha Chapter No. 61, meets in the Masonic hall every second and fourth Tuesday evenings in each month. Laura A. Willis, W. M. Jennie E. Reames, Secretary.

I. O. O. F.—Klamath Lodge No. 137 meets every Saturday evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. Jasper Bennett, N. G. Geo. L. Humphrey, Secretary.

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K. of P.—Klamath Lodge No. 99 meets in the A. O. U. W. hall every Monday evening. Bert Bamber, C. C. John Hamilton, K. of R. and S.

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