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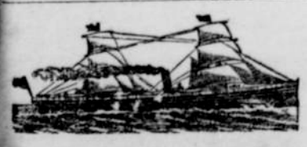

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Resources and Advantages.—A Concise Description of the Country.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY is in the north-western part of Oregon, on the coast, and is the second county south of the mouth of the Columbia river. It has nearly ninety miles of coast line, and the Coast range of mountains forms its eastern boundary. Clatsop county adjoins it on the north, Benton county on the south, and Columbia, Washington, Yamhill and Polk on the east. Tillamook is in about the same latitude as St. Paul, Minnesota or Eastport, Maine, and is about as far west as it is possible to get in the United States.

The county is 75 miles in length and about 30 miles in breadth at the widest part, and contains nearly 2000 square miles or sections of land, being larger than the state of Delaware and twice the size of Rhode Island.

Much of the land is mountainous or hilly, but a great part of it is comparatively level, or consisting of low hills, and that which is not tillable can mostly be utilized for grazing or is valuable for the timber that grows upon it. There are several valleys that are quite extensive, but most of them are narrow and are confined to the rivers which take their source in the Coast range. Bold spurs or promontories rise on the capes, and a view from the coasting steamers, gives

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the country a very rugged appearance, though a few miles into the interior, good passes for a wagon road, without much elevation, are found from one valley to another throughout the length of the county.

RIVERS.

The county is well supplied with rivers. The Nehalem, the largest, which is navigable for several miles, flows into Nehalem bay at the north. Five streams, the Miami, Kilchis, Wilson, Trask and Tillamook rivers empty into Tillamook bay. The Big Nestucca and Little Nestucca unite to form Nestucca bay in the south part of the county, and still further south, the Salmon and Siletz make their exit into the ocean. These rivers are most all navigable for small craft as far inland as tide-water extends, are fine streams and have many tributaries. They will always be of great service in getting logs out of the forests and there is much fine water-power going to waste. Fresh, cold springs of pure water abound everywhere, and keep the small rivulets supplied during the summer months.

HARBORS.

Nehalem bay can be entered by coasting schooners, and with a little improvement is destined to become an important harbor. The bar at Nestucca is unreliable, though small craft enter that bay frequently. Netarts bay is shoal and is noted chiefly for its oysters and clams, though there are fine bodies of agricultural and timber lands on Netarts bay and the harbor will be much frequented by small coasting schooners in the future.

Tillamook Bay is a fine body of water, eight miles wide and twelve miles long and is one of the best harbors on the coast north of San Fran-

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cisco. A little money expended here judiciously by the Government, would make Tillamook bay an important commercial center, as it is surrounded by a good country and is the outlet of several rivers that tap regions rich in lumber resources. The work of harbor improvements is commenced, but has not progressed very far at present. The work that has been done, so far to improve the bay has been productive of little good, but further appropriations are recommended by the River and Harbor committee of the present Congress, and no doubt will be made. A $10,000 life-saving service is to be established, though wrecks are almost unknown on Tillamook bar. An excellent and expensive light-house has been built on Cape Meares near the entrance to the bay.

CLIMATE.

One of the most attractive features of Tillamook county is the climate. The summers are simply delightful, being reasonably dry and free from cold winds and disagreeable fogs. No hot, sultry days. The winters are unusually mild and equable, snow seldom falling, and the temperature rarely registering lower than twenty-five degrees above zero. The rainfall in winter is quite copious, but is not so disagreeable as cold weather or blizzards. Those used to the rains do not seem to mind them at all and the rainy season is the healthiest part of the year. There is no healthier locality, however, than this, taking it all the year round.

TIMBER RESOURCES.

Over half the area of the county is covered with fine timber, mostly fir and spruce, which

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is very valuable and finds a ready market in California and elsewhere. A conservative estimate puts the timber at twenty billions of feet, and its value can hardly be estimated, to say nothing of the industries and prosperity that will come as it is being cut into lumber. Several mills are already in operation and one at Hobsonville on Tillamook bay cuts 60,000 feet of lumber per day. The whole out-put of this mill is manufactured into boxes by one firm in San Francisco, and two vessels are kept busily engaged carrying the lumber. There are other good mills but their product is mostly consumed by the local demand, but there is an excellent other branches of trade and industry. The farmer stock-raiser, dairy-man and fruit-grower will all have excellent markets for their products right at home, and the merchants will be prosperous.

Over ten million feet of lumber was shipped from the mill at Hobsonville during the past year.

COAL.

A good quality of coal is found in large quantities on the Nehalem, and will be worked as soon as the rail-road is completed.

DAIRYING AND STOCK-RAISING.

Tillamook is pre-eminently a dairying and and stock-raising country. Several kinds of grasses grow luxuriantly for the greater part of the year, and stock requires but little feed in the winter.

Dairying is an important occupation, and owing to the uniformly cool temperature, the butter made is of superior quality. Cheese-making will no doubt prove successful. Shipping facilities is all that is needed to make dairying a success. Much butter is shipped at present, but as the boats are depended upon for transportation the butter is salted and packed instead of being shipped fresh.

FARMING AND FRUIT-RAISING.

General farming is carried on successfully and barley, hay, potatoes, and vegetables yield in a prolific manner, especially on the bottom land. Fruit, such as apples, pears, prunes and all kinds of small fruits and berries reach perfection here and yield abundantly.

BEE-KEEPING.

This industry is very profitable and Nestucca honey is gaining quite a reputation. The honey produced here excels in flavor.

FISHING.

Salmon fishing is carried on in season, and there are large canneries at Nehalem, Nestucca and two on Tillamook bay. Thousands of dollars are invested in the canneries and fishing outfits, and from $100,000 to $300,000 worth of canned and salt salmon are shipped each year. 10,000 cases of salmon were shipped from one cannery alone on Tillamook bay last season.

Trout are plentiful and easy to hook. Crabs and several varieties of clams and oysters are easily secured on the beach.

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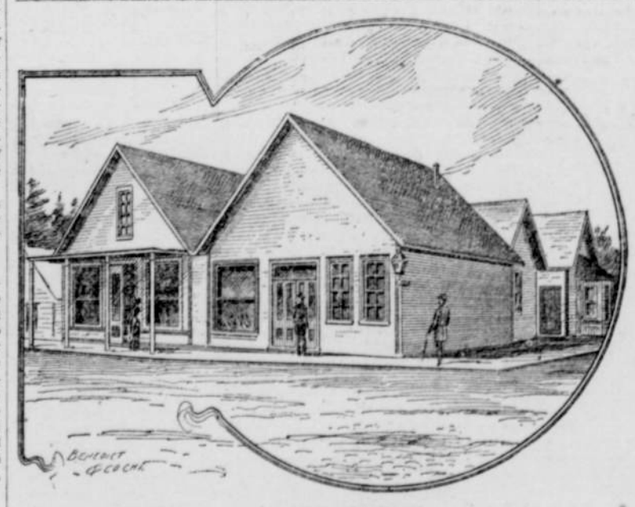
The climate makes out-door camping delightful, either in the mountains or on the beach. Fishing is excellent in all the streams, trout being plentiful, and clam digging on the beach is a favorite pastime. Game, such as deer, elk, bear, pheasants, grouse, quail, duck and geese, is plentiful.

As soon as good hotels are built on the beach Tillamook will become a popular summer resort. The beaches at Nestucca, Netarts and and Garibaldi are much frequented at present.

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION.

Trade is carried on mostly by small coasting steam schooners that enter Tillamook bay, and occasionally Nehalem and Nestucca. Also, by the lumber vessels that ply between this place and San Francisco. Much of the passenger travel is by these boats. A small amount of freight is carried over the mountain roads by wagons, and most of the passenger travel goes that way. A rail-road is being surveyed which no doubt will be speedily constructed and will connect Tillamook with Astoria and with the Willamette valley. A stage line is in operation between Tillamook and North Yamhill, and most travelers bound for Tillamook take the



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S. P. R. R. from Portland to North Yamhill, and make the balance of the journey, 45 miles, by stage. There is also a good wagon road via Nestucca and Sheridan, over which there is a great deal of travel by campers in the summer. There is a trail up the beach to Astoria, over which many cattle are driven to market. A wagon-road will soon be open to Astoria, and a good road is being built up Wilson river to Forest Grove. The county is well supplied with roads, the Maxwell road extending from north to south almost the entire length of the county. This road was built by a state appropriation, through the efforts of Representative J. W. Maxwell and cost over $10,000.

ETC., ETC.

The county was first settled in 1851, but owing to the great difficulty in getting here, has made slow progress until lately. At present there is a great rush in this direction and will be much greater as soon as the railroad is built.

The county is alive to the interests of education and school houses are found in every settlement. Churches are being built, and there is almost an entire absence of the rough and lawless element so often found in newly settled communities. The people are hospitable, and are always ready to assist strangers in getting located and started.

The population of the county in 1880 was 979 and in 1890 was 2658, showing an increase of 206 per cent., most of which was made in the past two years. The county has great possibilities before it and is destined to make rapid advances in the near future.

Good, improved farming land can be bought yet at $15 to $20 per acre and unimproved at $5 to $10. There is still a great deal of Government land that can be taken under the home-

Thousands of acres of timber lands have been bought by lumber-men and milling operations will soon begin. The timber land sells readily at $8 to $12 per acre.

There is an inviting field here for all classes who are possessed of some means, and especially for capitalists; but the man with a family and no money has no business here, as, like every other new place where there is a rush, there are plenty of laboring men.

Timber Interests.

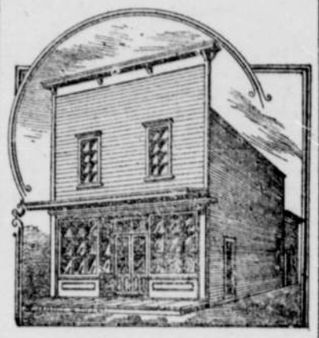
A community, like an individual, derives its prosperity from its resources. A man, seeking a new home, naturally desires to establish himself among a people who have the present means or the near possibilities of wealth. The farming and agricultural resources of our county are elsewhere referred to in this issue, yet we can not but again insist upon their great and paramount importance. Not one acre in a possible hundred is being cultivated in this county, and perhaps not one in a hundred that is being cultivated is made to yield what is possible under more thorough and scientific handling. And the wealth capable of being produced from that vast tract of the most rich agricultural land in the world, that lies between the summit of the mountains and the ocean, and the Nehalem and Nestucca, will in a few years be pouring into our laps. This will be perpetually increasing too, as the ax and the fire and the plow closely follow each other in their inroads upon the wilderness of nature. The timber industry, however while evanescent, will produce a more active and sudden prosperity.

Our timber is estimated at twenty billions of feet, an estimate probably entirely too small. This will yield to our citizens a stumpage, at 50 cents per thousand, $10,000,000. The cutting, running, rafting and booming will produce, at $3.00 per thousand, say $60,000,000, The manufacturing, at $2.00 per thousand, say $40,000,000. A great part of our mill-owners will ultimately reside with us and their profits, estimated at $1.00 per thousand, will be $20,000,000, may be reckoned as at least two thirds remaining in the county, $13,000,000. No bay in the world is better adapted to the building of ships that will be utilized in the transportation of our county products, than is Tillamook bay and it is more than probable that we can safely count upon one third, at the very least, of the profits of shipment of this vast amount of lumber being added to our wealth. This could be safely calculated, at $2.00 per tousand, $20,000,000. Thus making on aggregate income to the inhabitants of this county within a radius of less than one hundred miles, of the enormous amount of $103,000,000. Is it not a stupendous thing to calculate, and yet figures do not lie, and we have not intended to depart in any manner from a reasonable estimate: and it will not be over a year, in our opinion, before the comparatively inconsiderable stream that is now flowing in from the Truckee and other mills in our county will be swelled to an immense Pactolian bearing on its yellow bosom employment for the industrious, markets for the agriculturists, prosperity to all classes, and the inevitable accompaniments, churches, schools, academies, and all the manifold blessings which an intelligent and christian community can expect from public prosperity. The

The following is the copy of a letter sent out in answer to inquiries regarding this county. As it contains many good points we reproduce it:

Dear Sir.—In reply to your letter asking about our county and propects, Tillamook county has a population of 3000 at present. The timber lands lie along streams tributary to Tillamook Bay. Average timber lands are estimated to carry from 7 to 9 million feet per quarter section. The quality of timber is first-class. It consists of spruce, fir and hemlock, mostly fir.

The town of Tillamook is the largest town in the county, and is the county seat: has a population of 500 and is rapidly increasing. The town is on the verge of a prosperous growth, and has every prospect of becoming a thriving little city. It has a good location for the trade of the farmer. It is situated on Hoquarton slough. This lough is very tortuous and at some points the water is low; but can be easily deepened. It connects with the main bay channel, and in time will be improved till there are no places in the channel from the bar of Tillamook bay to Tillamook town, that are "low" at any time of the tide. The government has already begun the work by putting in a dam at Dry Stocking bar. Tillamook has a court house, costing



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$4000; a school house, $3500; churches; a bank 3 hotels, 3 livery stables, 2 shoe-makers, 6 general stores, 1 hardware, 1 agricultural, 2 saloons, 5 blacksmiths, 1 mill, 1 drug-store, 2 milliners doctors, lawyers, etc. The town furnishes supplies to the farmers for miles around, who in turn come here to dispose of their produce. Town lots vary in price according to their location, from $25 to $500. Acreage property adjoining the town costs from $35 to $100 an acre Bay City, 10 miles below here, is the next largest town in the county. It is a very young town, but its owners propose to make a nice place of it. Garibaldi is nicely situated for a seaport town. Right at the mouth of the bay, has good anchorage, and many advantages; but the roads have been so poor that none of these places have grown as has Tillamook. The latter town being more advantageously situated for the business of the farmers.

Very few places in the county are improved as good farms should be, and these are not for sale. The soil for the most part is very rich and black.. Crops are hay, oats, barley, fruits and vegetables. Cows can be had from $35 to $25 Dairying and beef-raising constitute the chief pursuit of farmers. American horses bring from $80 to $150. Of course the milling industry

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will be the great source of wealth to us for years to come and it is destined to reach vast proportions.

But if we had no timber in our county, we would still have a source of wealth in the soil, water, and climate combined. We are on the coast, have absolutely no malaria. We have the richest soil in the word, I believe, and all well watered with soft, pure water. Clover grows everywhere, the natural grass of the country, and keeps green all the year round. The country is beautiful besides, and is set off with a beautiful bay, reached by a romantic road, which leads through immense timber and over queer dreamy streams, (which, by the way abound with fish.)

As soon as the railroad touches our valley, there will be no other county in the North-western states, that can compare with its natural attractions for the wealth, health, or pleasure seeker.

For the homeseeker this is the place to come of all others; but I could not advise those who make their livelihood by working by the day to come here.

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Many have taken timber lands in this county and afterward realized handsomely on their investment. Timbered land that is to rough for farming purposes can be bought of the government for $2.50 per acre or $400 for a quarter section, with additional fees and expenses amounting to about $500. These timber lands are selling readily now at $8 to $10 per acre to capitalists who are buying the land preparatory to starting logging and milling industries. The same kind of timber land is selling in the Puget Sound country to-day for $25 per acre.

The fishing interests of this county are often underestimated. The export of canned and salt salmon from this county amounts to as

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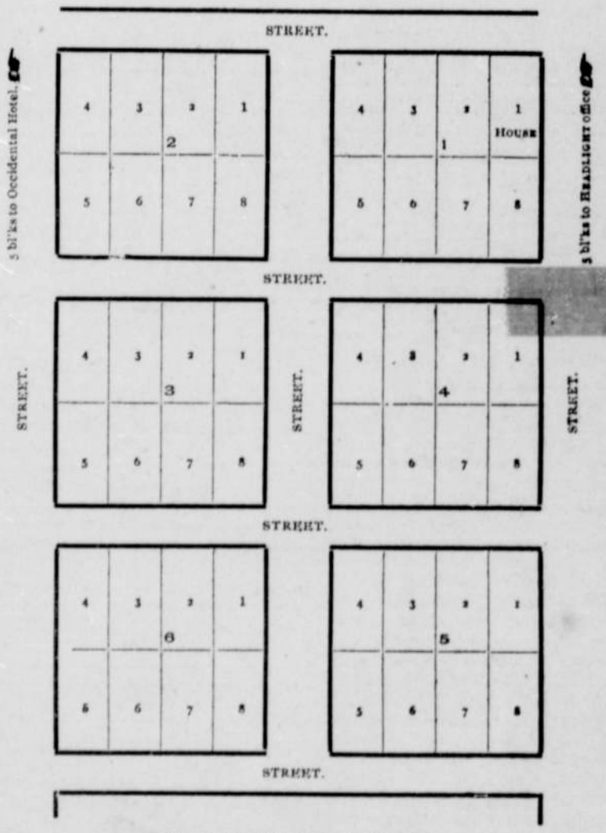

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