

Nehalem.

This region is adjacent to the Nehalem river and bay, in the north part of Tillamook county. It is about 40 miles south of Astoria and 20 miles north of Tillamook City. The Nehalem river is almost 100 miles, being an excellent logging stream all its length, and navigable for several miles on its lower course. Often parties come down almost its full length in small boats. The trip is not considered dangerous, but full of thrilling excitement. The north fork is almost as large as the main stream, and there are many large sized creeks flowing into the Nehalem. There is a narrow bottom of very rich agricultural land all along these streams, but the most important feature is the dense and extensive forests along its tributaries and on the adjacent hills. Here is found the largest body of fir, spruce and cedar in any part of the North West, and here grows the best quality of timber. The red wood forests of California are not more stately and magnificent, and the trees are not far from the same size. All of this timber can be easily logged, made into lumber and put on tide water. Nehalem harbor is a good one, and with the proposed government improvements, for which some appropriations have been made, the lumber can all be put to market, and will be as soon as the Nicaragua canal is begun.

Our four townships of timber, fir, spruce, cedar, larch and hemlock, contain at a fair estimate, 3,000,000,000 feet of lumber, or enough to keep 10 mills cutting 100,000 feet each per day, running 200 days in the year, for the next 15 years. Supposing they could all be started at once there would be required to run the mills at least 1,000 able bodied men. Half as many more would find employment in raising vegetables, hay, and with the usual number of women and children, a population of about 5,000 could be supported.

There are two sawmills on Nehalem now, one having a capacity of 40,000 feet per day, but at present the chief industries are farming, dairying and fishing. There is one large salmon cannery on the bay. Growing villages have been started on the river and bay.

Folley is a tributary section to the Nehalem county, as Folley creek empties into the Nehalem river, and the valley has all the advantages and excellencies of Nehalem proper, except it is smaller in area.

There is a group of beautiful fresh water lakes the largest of being a mile long and a half a mile wide, near the south beach between Garibaldi and Nehalem bay. These lakes are sparkling and are fed by mountain springs. The scenery surrounding is enchanting and these lakes are destined to become popular resorts in the summer time, as Nehalem beach near at hand, is one of the finest beaches on the coast and constitutes a fine drive for nine miles, in fact all the way from Tillamook bay to Nehalem bay. Shell-fish and crabs are plentiful here, and there is good fishing and hunting around these lakes.

Parties going either to the north or south beach, are convenient to the bay and to necessary supplies. A wagon road extends along the south beach, and there is a daily stage. Parties can drive from Tillamook City, via Garibaldi to Nehalem, or take a boat from Tillamook to Garibaldi; and then go by stage. There is also a road down the beach from Seaside and Astoria following the beach generally but crossing over Arch cape. This is a fine route to take in the summer.

Nehalem has a newspaper, the Times, which gives information regarding the country.

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