

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The More Inquisitive will Find Something Here that will Interest Them.

A few of the many questions asked of dealers in real estate by persons seeking homes and a sample of the answers given:

What kind of a climate have you in Tillamook?

Ans. One of the best that can be found anywhere.

What is the average temperature, winter and summer?

Ans. I do not know; but can assure you that it is not very cold in winter, nor extremely warm in summer. We very seldom have snow in winter and when we do it soon melts and in summer it is really delightful.

Is it a healthy country?

Ans. Tillamook is known, where ever it is known at all, as much on account of its healthy climate as any other one thing. It is used as a health and pleasure resort by thousands of people every year.

Does it rain very much there?

Ans. It rains a great deal during the winter season, which lasts about six months, but we prefer the rain to snow or blizzards.

What are the principal crops raised?

Ans. Grass, hay, oats, and vegetables.

What are your leading products?

Ans. Hay, butter, cheese, lumber, fish and honey.

Mention some of the natural advantages of your country.

Ans. Four good harbors, numerous streams stocked with fish, excellent soil, an almost inexhaustible supply of timber, and good coal beds awaiting development.

What chances are there for a poor man to make a living there?

Ans. Any man who is not a shirk can start without a dollar and by an honest effort soon own a good home. Numbers of our best citizens came to Tillamook almost penniless and are now in good comfortable circumstances; but the man who has a little capital and sound judgment can get as good returns by investing it in Tillamook county as can be had in any place on the Pacific Coast.

Has the land in Tillamook county produced good cheese under the systems now in use?

Ans. Yes, excellent.

What is a good average price for full cream cheese?

Ans. About 15c. per lb.

What facilities have you for shipment of farm produce to Portland, San Francisco and other markets?

Ans. By boat. Boat make from one to two trips a week between Astoria and Tillamook, and about once in eight to ten days from Tillamook to San Francisco.

What are freight rates on poultry, butter, cheese, etc., to Portland?

Ans. \$4 per ton.

Have you any railroad and how far is the nearest depot from Tillamook?

Ans. No; About 45 miles.

Can all kinds of groceries, etc., be bought in the neighborhood?

Ans. Yes; and as cheap as in Portland, San Francisco, or in the east.

Have you any resident physicians?

Ans. Yes, several.

Is Tillamook county free from malaria?

Ans. Entirely so.

Is it possible to buy from ten to twenty cows, "good milkers" on the coast?

Ans. Most certainly; as many as you wish.

Can I hire a farm with the option of buying at end of year, reasonable?

Ans. There are not many farms for rent.

What is the price of improved and unimproved land?

Ans. Improved land runs all the way from \$15 to \$100 per acre; unimproved from \$1 to \$50.

What is the price of butter, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, eggs, hog, lumber, poultry.

Ans. Butter from 25c. to 65c. per roll according to supply. Horses from \$50 to \$125, sheep about \$3, cattle at present are high and bring about 5c. on foot, hogs the same, eggs vary from 10c. per doz. to 35c., hay from \$6 to \$12 per ton, lumber from \$7 to \$16 per 1000 ft., chickens from \$2 to \$4 per doz., turkeys \$12 to \$15 per doz.

What wages does unskilled labor receive?

Ans. On farms from \$10 to \$25 per month; in logging camps, from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per day; in mills about the same.

Are there any good government lands vacant that could be taken as homesteads?

Ans. Not very much.

How would the climate suit persons afflicted with rheumatism or consumption?

Ans. Some claim they are helped by coming here, but the dampness of the climate and the heaviness of the atmosphere would lead one naturally to conclude that it would not be beneficial for rheumatic people. There is no consumption here unless imported.

Is there much fish or game there?

Ans. Tillamook county is noted for the abundant of both.

What would be the chance for a jewelryman in your town?

Ans. Not very good. We have two already.

Give price of cheap claims to be had upon which a man with a family could earn a living.

Ans. From \$750 to \$2000.

What churches and fraternal orders have you in Tillamook?

Ans. The organized churches here are Methodist, Presbyterian, United Brethren, The Disciples of Christ, and Seven Day Advents, while in the southern part of the county there is a Baptist society. There are also a number of Lutherans and German Reformed people here. The denominations who have church buildings erected in Tillamook City are Methodist, The Disciples and the Seven Day Advents, the United Brethren are now building a very nice church and the Presbyterians expect to build a \$3000 house this summer. The fraternal orders are Masons, Odd Fellows, Workmen, Woodmen, G.A.R. The Catholics have a large building in Tillamook City, used for a church and academy. The latter is conducted by the Sisters.

Is it hard to get water?

Ans. Tillamook has never known a drought and water is abundant the year round and of excellent quality.

Does the wind blow often?

Ans. We have good stiff breezes quite often but very seldom wind enough to do any damage.

Have you any newspapers in Tillamook?

Ans. Yes; two in Tillamook City—The Headlight and Herald, and one in the southern part of the county—The Ocean Wave. All weeklies.

Is there an opportunity to open a general merchandise store?

Ans. The general merchandise business is pretty well represented; in fact, a trifle overdone.

It is a good country for sheep raising.

Ans. Very good for small flocks; but there is not much grazing land outside of what has been cleared off by ranchers and it might not pay so well as in counties where there are more natural grazing.

What chances are there for carpenters, millwrights and blacksmiths?

Ans. Stay away.

Is there an opening for a lawyer in your city.

Ans. If the past is any criterion to go by, there is not. Attorneys have found it tarnation hard to make money at their profession, hence they have had to turn their attention to other things.

THE CAPE LOOKOUT COUNTRY.

Plenty of Fertile Lands—Abundance of Timber for Saw Mills.

The most inaccessible and often the most important localities in a new country are the best to be developed. Cape Lookout, although extending two and one-half miles into the ocean, are joined by the fertile lands of one of the most productive counties of the Northwest, has by reason of its inaccessibility, except as a refuge for storm tossed mariners, been left for future development. It is eight hundred feet high, forms a solid perpendicular basaltic rock, and has a government reservation for a lighthouse. According to Captain Cleveland Rockwell's coast survey, it is mid-way between Yaquina Lighthouse and the light on Tillamook Rock. It stands for future use and improvement.

The bay formed on the south by its projection is deep, and consequently clear of obstructions near the wall of rock, furnishing a safe and quiet shelter from north and northwest winds.

The scenery viewed from the north and northeast of the bay is splendid, as it takes in the mouth of Sand Lake, Haystack Rock, or Kiawanda, Sand Cape, Nestucca Bay and shores, Salmon Cape and Cape Foulweather.

The country surrounding it is the developed—and far larger undeveloped—portions of Sand Lake cranberry district, with its thousands of cedar timber and telegraph poles surrounded by stately fir piling.

Its already established cattle ranches, with the dairies and creameries springing up in all parts of the county adjacent to it, furnishing to the outside world the finest productions of their kind, demand a landing or shipping point of their own. A town of six acres has been laid out and recorded, and a few lots sold adjoining the bay at the base of the Cape. From the town to within one hundred feet of a place for a trapeze landing, along the shore, a good road has been built. But realizing that they were in advance of a demand for its completion, the parties await the coming demand.

One fourth mile south over open land from the town site is a large stream called Crogstad creek, furnishing an admirable mill site. Adjacent to which is a body of thousands of acres of Tillamook county timber, on land well calculated for logging and free from rocks to render it untillable or unfit for grazing land.

The roads to the bay are laid on grade of less than ten per cent, even over the Cape. A county road from the beach at the mill site connecting with the state road from Woods to Tillamook City is partly graded west of the Sand Lake district.

The climate and range are such that for twelve years there has been no time, summer or winter, in which we had any difficulty in finding good mutton and beef in our flocks and herds, and we have never fed or cared for them by sheltering either.

A good mill will secure all this country needs. It will create a demand for laborers. They will require homes and provisions while they supply the mill with logs and work them into lumber, and clear out land for dairy purposes. The lumber will require the landing (which is assured when demanded). All else will follow in due course.

E. B. CHAMBERLAIN.

Our Pictures.

The pictures for this edition were taken by Mr. O. Heins, the Tillamook artist and photographer, who went to considerable trouble to secure what pictures were desired. They are a credit to his profession and prove him to be a first class photographer. The half tone work was executed by the California Electro Engraving Company of San Francisco.