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#### A GLIMPSE OF TILLAMOOK.

By the "Homestead's" Hustler, who Describes the Rich Dairy Country and Prosperous Dairyemen.

It is hard to write of Tillamook county. It is hard to know where to start and hard to write conservatively of a country of such splendid natural advantages and wonderful possibilities. Possibly the first thing that attracts a new comer's attention is the timber. I have traveled over the range by way of Trask route and have visited the Trask valley, Wilson River, Miami, Kiches, and other districts.

Yellow fir, larch, cedar, and spruce, are the principal varieties, though cottonwood, alder, and soft maple are also found in considerable quantities. Timber claims are becoming more and more valuable as the prospect of a railroad increases. Some quarter sections will have as much as 15,000,000 feet of timber. I have seen miles of timber land where there are more trees over three feet in diameter than under. Trees may be seen that are 8, 10, 12, and even more, feet in diameter. It is estimated that in the watershed of the Nehalem, an area of about 200 miles, there is at least 20,000,000,000 feet of timber. If Tillamook had only half timber she would be a country rich in undeveloped resources. Aside from the value of the timber—say 10 or 12 million dollars—there is the amount of money brought into the county by the cutting, rafting, booming and manufacturing of the timber.

The next thing to excite one's admiration is the wonderful richness and almost inexhaustible fertility of the soil. I have stopped at scores and hundreds of farms and talked with the owners about the crops produced. I stopped at John Svenson's, a thrifty and prosperous Swede. "I raise four tons of clover on this meadow each year," he said. "I took the cattle off on May 5th. On July 5th I will cut the hay. Toward the last of August I will cut another crop and then pasture it till next May. The story is the same everywhere—from 3 to 4½ tons to the acre of clover or mixed hay. Velvet grass, orchard grass, clover, and timothy are mixed and grow luxuriantly. The tide lands grow rich and nutritious grass and are pastured by the dairy men. The richest lands are the bottom lands; the fertility of some of the broad creek bottom land is simply astonishing, while the made land or bottom land—built up by a deposit of silt of sediment—is rich and loamy and full of the elements of plant food. Next we have the prairie land, most of which is also very productive and valuable, but to a less extent than the bottom lands. The hill lands are excellent for grazing and cattle, goats, and sheep, do well upon them.

There is no county in the state—not for that matter in the United States—better adapted to the dairy business. All through the county you will find Swedes and Swiss; the latter are usually employed in cheese making or dairying. The reason for this being such a natural dairy country not only in the large output of butter and cheese but the excellent flavor of the latter is not far to seek.

I talked with J. J. Dawson who conducts the U. S. Weather Bureau observations at Kiches station near Bay City. "How much rain do we have? Oh, some years nearly 150 inches. We get about 90 inches during the winter and thirty or forty during the rest of the year. That is the secret of our wonderful grass production. It's the moisture that does it." From March 10, 1898, to Sept. 22, 1898, 31.30 inches of rainfall. From Sept. 22 to March 20, 1899, 86.45 inches of rainfall and 8½ inches of snow—about 150 inches during the year. On the 8th of February, 3¼ inches of rainfall during the 24 hours.

I stopped all night at the home of a dairyman—a Swede—by the name of Boquist; and speaking of the Swedes I can say they are a progressive, thrifty, frugal, and hard-working class. They are doing much to develop the country. Boquist showed me over his farm. "Last year I cut the oats on my bottom land. At the lower corner the horses and reaper were out of sight, the oats being much higher than the horses' backs and a six-foot man could stand erect and not show above the oats," he said. This, of course, was exceptional even in a land of high grass and grain.

I stopped and looked over the farm of M. Alpland. He has 32 cows. "They have been milked about four months and some of them longer. I get about 680 pounds of milk a day," he said.

Do co-operative companies pay? is answered in the affirmative by the creameries and cheese factories scattered throughout this country. The surrounding farmers own them, hiring a cheese maker. They pay only the actual cost of the manufacture of the butter or cheese. One of the pioneers in the cheese making industry is Peter McIntosh. I would like to tell of a score of other enterprising dairymen—Vaughn, Elliott, Hathaway, Maroff, Martin, Holden, Alderman, and many others, but space forbids. It is sufficient to say that under the best conditions and with intelligent selection of cows and proper treatment the cows average from \$35 to \$50 annual profit. Under ordinary conditions from \$20 to \$35 is realized.

One farmer who keeps accurate tab on his cows gave me the following figures: "I have 20 cows. The average number of pounds of milk per cow for last year was 6,568.6 pounds. Pounds of butter fat per cow was 253 and each cow produced on an average 264 pounds of butter. The average amount of money received from each cow was \$51.17. And that you must remember," he said, "was without a pound of mill feed—merely grass and hay."

I spent an hour or more on the farm of J. F. Martin, on Trask river. "I have 73 acres here," he said. "Five years ago I bought it on time. To-day it is paid for. I do not owe a cent. I have \$1500 in cash and am building a new barn 64 x 108 feet. I refused \$8,800 for my farm a few months ago. My cows have paid for my place, and building me a barn, and are going to build me a house. Come down in the pasture and I will show you two animals I just spent \$550 on. Through clover and orchard grass half way to our knees we took our way toward the river bottom. "This land is covered by the back water from the river each year; the sediment deposits to the depth of an inch or so each season. It is what we term 'made land' and is like the valley of the Nile exceedingly rich." Trees dotted the place and gave a park-like effect to the scene. In the back ground gleamed and rippled the Trask. Lying beneath the trees were his dairy herd—thirty or more cows carefully selected for their milking qualities. "In the little pasture there stands Flora's Chief. I bought him from the Hazel Fern farm, paying \$300 for him. He is 13 months old. He is from the combination stock—out of Jersey that I paid \$250 for. She is Chief Engineer by Brown Bessie's Flora. You remember Brown Bessie won the 90 and 30 day test at the World's Fair, her record being 40 pounds 1.9 ounces daily yield of milk for a period of five months, and 20 pounds 7 ounces of butter in the 7-day test. Here is another animal also pure-bred registered Jersey that I paid \$250 for. She is Veralista, is 22 months old, and has a heifer calf out of Golden Boy stock. The secret of making money in the milk business is to get good stock, treat them kindly, never abuse them nor keep a man who does milk them in the same way at the same time daily. Keep them housed during storms, don't pasture heavier than a cow to an acre, and your bank account will rapidly increase."

I could multiply instances but these will illustrate the value of this section as a dairy country. I visited a good many dairies and cheese manufactories. When the butter fat and casein have been utilized the whey is returned to the farmers who feed it to their calves or hogs. Mixed with shorts it makes a good feed. I visited at the Wilson River cheese factory. They handle about 8,000 pounds of milk daily. It like all other factories I visited, can hardly keep up with the demand for its cheese. Everything prior to the first week in May had been shipped. The flats average 33 pounds each. "April was a very light month; we only turned out 12,000 pounds of cheese. We have on hand cheese made since May 8—312 flats weighing 10,296 pounds and 118 Young Americans weighing 8 pounds each. Practically all of our products is sold in the Sound country, much of it going to Alaska," the manager said.

I visited the Red Clover creamery associations which handle 5000 pounds of milk daily, producing about 525 pounds of cheese. The milk brings the farmer about \$1.25 per hundred pounds. This represents the products of over 500 cows. James Fallon, who lives on the Alps, is the cheese maker. The milk comes in at a temperature of about 50 degrees. It is heated to 86 degrees. Rennet, about 3½ ounces for each 1,000 pounds of milk, is added. The addition of the rennet thickens the milk. It goes through various processes such as stirring, cutting, and recutting, with knives; acid forms, whey is drained off, the curd after being salted is allowed to lie till it has cooled from 98 to 76 degrees. It is then put in hoops and preserved and finally turned out as the finished product.

The trout, the honey, the beautiful scenery, I have not space to describe in this article, nor the coal at the Nehalem, cranberries at Sand Lake, and other features of interest. In my next article descriptive of the Nestucca country I will dwell more fully on some of these subjects.—Fred Lockley, Jr.

#### Real Estate Transfers.

Edith M. Alderman to Delos A. Blood, gett. Ne ¼, N ½ of Ne ¼ and Se of Ne ¼ of sec. 26, tp. 2 N, R. 8 W.  
Wisconsin Land Association to O. A. Ritan, Se ¼ of Se ¼ and Ne ¼ of Se ¼ of sec. 17, tp. 2 N, R. 9 W.  
Louis Olson and A. J. and Rosa Cohn to Horace Weston, quit claim deed, tract of five acres in C. H. Haynes D.L.C.  
John Ek to William Tohl, lots 7 and 8, block 2, Tohl's add. to Nehalem City.  
William A. Oliver to Nehalem Cheese and Butter Factory, lot 1, block 21, Tohl's add. to Nehalem City.  
H. H. Alderman to Claude Thayer, Sheriff's deed, E ½ of Ne ¼ of sec. 21 and S ½ of Ne ¼, sec. 22, tp. 2 N, R. 2 N, R. 7 W.  
Landis Rooney, et. ux. to Nelson P. Wheeler, Nw ¼ of sec. 26, tp. 3 N, R. 8 W.  
U.S. to Dena Ivory, Se ¼ of sec. 18,

tp. 1 S, R. 6 W.; same to A. B. Hammond.

William E. Page to Melissa Page, lot No. 3 of sec. 7, tp. 2 S, R. 10 W.  
U. S. to Charles L. Smith, Sw ¼ of Ne ¼, Se ¼ of Ne ¼ and N ½ of Sw ¼ of sec. 23, tp. 2 S, R. 10 W.; same to Tillamook Logging Co.

Geo. H. Williams to Emit Hellen-buycik, lots 1 and 2, in block 12 in Cone & McCoy's add. to Bay City.

U.S. to Clara Thompson, E ½ of Sw ¼ and lots 3 and 4 of sec. 18, tp. 1 S, R. 6 W.; same from Peter and Katie Harty to A. B. Hammond.

Michael Slattery to Dave Martiney, lot 5, in block 6, Thayer's add. to Tillamook.

W. N. Vaughn et. ux. to Pacific Lodge, No. 105, I.O.O.F., 2.36 acres in W. N. Vaughn D.L.C.

School District, No. 3, to Pacific Lodge, No. 105, I.O.O.F., tract in W. N. Vaughn D.L.C.

#### WILSON RIVER.

James F. Reher, proprietor of the Glenora House, went to Forest Grove on Saturday.

Clarice Reher, who has been at Spokane, Wash., practicing as a trained nurse, returned home last week for a two months' visit, giving her parents a pleasant surprise.

Trout bite very well and sweet summer has come at last.

John McNamer and his men are putting the road in fine shape for travel.

Mrs. Fitzhugh, who is teaching a very successful school up here, is boarding at the Glenora house.

Maurice Leach, Chas Wallin and Lyman Lamb were at W. J. Smith's last evening on their way to visit their ranches, where they intend to rusticate a while and fish.

Arthur and Grace Reher returned home this week from Forest Grove, where they have been attending the Pacific University.

Hay will be a good crop at this place this year.

The mail carriers report the roads rapidly drying up.

Mr. Writz, of Tillamook, made us a pleasant call on Tuesday.

#### Quaint Features of Life.

Heroism in saving the life of a companion nearly fifty years ago reaped its reward last week when H. Dring, a carpenter of Evanston, Ill., received word from England that he had fallen heir to \$25,000. The money was bequeathed to Mr. Dring by a wealthy merchant of Hull, England, who died a week ago. Mr. Dring had received no word of the whereabouts of his former companion since he left England forty years ago. While returning from school one day the boys implored the mason to take the matter in hand and alter the epitaph so that the feelings of his prospective wife would not be hurt. This the mason promised to do and when the widower returned he visited the grave at once, finding that the mason had been true to his word, the epitaph now appearing:

"The light of my life has gone out, but I have another match."

A Philadelphia man who had lost his much-beloved wife consulted a stone mason in regard to the erection of a tombstone with a suitable epitaph. After having a number of lines suggested he finally selected the following: "The light of my life has gone out."

A short time afterward the widower fell in love with a very charming girl, to whom he had become engaged. He immediately felt concerned about the epitaph upon the tombstone of his former wife and again consulted the stone mason, to whom he explained the circumstances and stated that the epitaph would have to be changed. He intended to leave town returning on the day of the wedding, and implored the mason to take the matter in hand and alter the epitaph so that the feelings of his prospective wife would not be hurt. This the mason promised to do and when the widower returned he visited the grave at once, finding that the mason had been true to his word, the epitaph now appearing:

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The village of Fleming, N. Y., is shaken by an exciting rivalry between its grave diggers. For years David Hasbrook had been the caretaker and grave digger, but recently a new man, Willard Pinckney, was appointed to the place, to the great displeasure of Mr. Hasbrook and his friends. Since then the village has been divided into factions and fierce enmity has developed on either side.

The deposed sexton has been charged with visiting sick people, prospective patrons, and making bargains with them for their burial, but Mr. Hasbrook denies it, saying that his visits to the sick have been prompted by neighborly sympathy only.

The Hasbrook faction say that a burial permit, which they think was devised by the Pinckney people, has been circulated, permitting the burial of Hasbrook and giving as the cause of death statements which are said to be slanderous.

Hasbrook shall never dig their graves—they will lie on top of the ground first.

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