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Much has been written of this western country that requires a stretch of the imagination to comprehend, and numerous complaints are heard from the class who have

ire heard from the class who have been misled by them, so in this brief sketch the writer desires to avoid exageration as to its present and prospective advantages, asking those in the east into whose hands those in the east into whose hands this may fall—particularly those who have their eyes directed towards this coast—to peruse it carefully, feeling that it is not written to lure immigrants within its borders, but only as a truthful discription of a land which, if it does not "flow milk and honey," contains within its bosom wealth and resources equal to any other country on the Pacific to any other country on the Pacific side of the Rocky mountains.

BOUNDARIES,

Marion county is bounded on the north by the Willamette river and Butte creek which separates it from Clackamas county; on the east by Clackamas county and the Cascade mountains, which separate it from Wasco county; on the south by the Santiam river and the north fork of the north fo the Santiam, separating it from Linn county, and on the west by the Willamette river.

PHYSICAL FORMATION.

The county contains, including valley, prairie and mountain lands,

about 800,000 acres.

There are two main divisions, the mountain and the valley. The latter extends from the Williamette river to the foot of the Cascade mountains, a distance of about filteen miles. teen miles.

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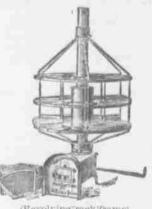
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