LOOKS FAR BUT FINDS NO PLACE LIKE THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

After traveling over Western Oregon, California and Nevada by team, particularly studying all conditions that attract the homeseeker, L. A. Davis, a well-to-do farmer from Washington, Kan., has returned to Salem to make his home.

Mr. Davis was determined to find the most suitable location before settling. He took his family with him in order that their opinions and wishes could be consulted. He spent over five months "looking around," traveling in "prairie schooners" in order that he might have the best possible opportunity to learn of the country.

Because of his experience in agriculture and the thoroughness with which he made his investigation, his conclusion to locate at Salem is considered most convincing evidence of the merits of this community as a place in which to make a home. Speaking of his travels and observations, Mr. Davis says:

"I had received descriptive matter from several points scattered along the western coast country, together with a letter from A. F. Hofer, secretary of the Salem Board of Trade, inclosing, among other literature, a leaflet containing 1000 facts of production by Oregon farmers. I studied these over, and I thought their way of doing things was a good deal like the way we did them at home, and while many of the statements sounded rather overgrown, we later found them not only to be possible but true.

"We bought our tickets at Washington, Kan., to Medford, Ore., and came via Billings, Mont., Spokane and Seattle, Wash., to Portland, where we stopped over ten days.

"From Portland I took side trips to Hood River, McMinnville, Newberg and Sheridan. We then came on to Salem and were well pleased with the wide streets and homelike appearance of the city and vicinity.

"From Salem we went to Eugene and Roseburg, and thence to Medford. Here I outfitted two teams and rigs, and determined to know all I could about the country, with my family drove over the mountains and through the valleys and big redwoods to Crescent City, Cal. There the lumber business was the only vocation. We next traveled along the coast for 100 miles to Eureka. All around Eureka were timber and lumber mills, except a few thousand acres of cleared land which is owned by rich San Francisco men and rented to Portuguese dairymen.

"At Petaluma, Cal., are very extensive poultry yards, and in the desert part of the Sacramento valley are herded part of immense flocks of turkeys which feed upon the grasshoppers and other insects which devastate that section.

"Near Lodi, Cal., we camped for a rest and extended look around. While here I made a side trip to Nevada to investigate the condition of the Truckee-Carson irrigation system of the United States government, with reference to taking a homestead.

"I believe that might be a good place to make money, but it is a vast desert of semi-sand and sagebrush, and where I would have located was six miles from a town, church or school. Around Lodi were great vineyards and melon farms in the sand, cut up into small tracts at very high prices, yet they claimed large returns on the investment in vineyards. From San Francisco to Stockton, Cal., was one large hay field. Their grain crop having again dried out this year, the forage was cut for hay.

"We then came back through the Sacramento valley, over the mountains into Shasta valley, crossed the Siskiyou mountains back into Umpqua valley and finally over the Calipooia range into the Willamette valley.

"At no time had I lost an opportunity to talk to all classes of men. I studied carefully the soils, crops, markets and transportation facilities of the various places I visited. Traveling from the north, south, and back again through Oregon, I was enabled to see crops both seeded and harvested.

"One of the greatest attractions about traveling or camp life in Oregon is the absence of mosquitos and the scarcity of flies, gnats, etc.

"We were anxious to see what the Willamette valley would be like at harvest time. We expected much because we had both seen and been told much of the products of this valley. We were neither surprised nor disappointed. The products were diversified. Here were produced all the requirements of the table. The horse had hay and grain, the cow feed and pasture, the hen green grass and wheat, man had wool and flax for clothes, timber for fuel and shelter, and schools and churches well kept. It struck me that this valley needed many times its population to consume even a fraction of what it is possible for it to produce.

"Salem has the advantage of steam, electric and water transportation, which none of the towns to the south have. When back away from this competition one learns pretty thoroughly what a big advantage that really is by the difference in freight prices, both of what one has to buy and sell.

"We were satisfied that here at Salem, more than anywhere we had been, were to be had the requirements of home, education, prosperity and recreation in their fullness."—Oregonian.

SANTA VISITED ALL SALEM FOLKS

The results derived from the present annual visit of Old Santa in this city has been most gratifying, profitable and pleasing for every citizen in Salem. From the manner in which the Christmas goods were carried and delivered to the many homes the money market was feeling easy, an indication that prosperity is abundant around these parts. The prim young Oregon fir could be seen in every cottage, and in the churches large trees were standing decorated and illuminated in all the beauty and splendor so fascinating to the kidlets and the great majority of the older ones. Many a little tot in Salem could be seen yesterday morning scampering about the front yards and in earnest conversation with their little neighbors giving full explanations of the many beautiful gifts in their hosiery at an early hour.

This Christmas Salem people contributed liberally to help the less fortunate ones who were unable to celebrate Christmas in the manner customary. Over a hundred orders were put in to different stores for gifts to be delivered at residences whose occupants were in poor circumstances. The larger portion of the gifts to the poor consisted of articles which could be put to some material use, such as new clothes, hats, shoes, orders of chickens, and many things good to eat, that helped make Christmas pleasant for those, who otherwise might have fared poorly.

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By James Withycombe, Director of the Government Experiment Station at Corvallis, Oregon.

SOME VIEWS OF OREGON'S GREAT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Oregon is divided by the Cascade range of mountains into two grand physical divisions. West of this range the climate is mild and the soil is largely an alluvial formation. East of the range the climate is semi-arid and the soil is mainly of volcanic origin.

The Willamette valley in Western Oregon is one of the most remarkably fertile agricultural sections of the United States. This valley comprises approximately five million acres of tillable land. It is a section which enjoys a remarkably wide range of production. Every cereal, fruit and vegetable grown in a temperate climate will not only grow here, but grow profusely, and attain the highest quality. It is an ideal section for the small farmer where cultivation takes the place of irrigation. Although irrigation is profitable, nevertheless satisfactory results can be secured in its absence. The whole valley is pre-eminently a dairying and fruit growing section. Much of the land, however, for best results should be underdrained. It is a valley where crop failure is unknown, and where the farmer has the widest range possible of choice as to what clas sof farming he may follow. Not only is it a dairying and fruit growing section, it is also the home of some of the best livestock found on the continent. However, the small ten-acre farm to be successful should be devoted either to dairying, fruit growing, market gardening or poultry, or perhaps a combination of all these upon one farm.

It is understood that intensive culture must characterize the operation of the small farm. Upon a ten-acre farm one acre will be utilized for the homestead, including house and lawn, kitchen garden, barn and other buildings and yards. The remaining nine acres may be utilized as follows: Six acres for growing rough feed for four cows and one horse; one acre to choice tree fruits; one acre to small fruits, and one acre to early vegetables, such as early potatoes and sweet corn. The gross receipts from such a farm should represent about as follows: Four cows, $100 each, $400; one hundred hens, $2.50 each, $250; one acre tree fruits, $350; one acre small fruits, $400; one acre early potatoes, corn, etc., $150; total, $1550. From this could be deducted for mill feed for horse, cows and poultry, $200; for boxes, spray material, etc., for orchard and small fruits, $100; total outlay, $300. Net return from ten acres, $1250. In addition to this the kitchen garden will supply all the vegetables required for the family. It is presumed, however, that the farmer and his family will perform all the labor requisite on the farm.

This is a conservative estimate of the productivity of the Willamette valley soil. Even better results than this can often be secured. It is reported that a five-acre orchard in Marion county has yielded its owner $1500. There is no question as to the profitableness of the small farm. Of course the highest achievement is demand thought, industry and perfect utilization of every inch of ground.

Oregon with her ninety thousand square miles of territory has more than fifty thousand farms. The Willamette valley alone should have one hundred thousand farms. The valley, with reasonable methods can easily be made to yield two hundred million dollars annually from agriculture.

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