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Dairying, Fruit Growing--Stock Grazing--Sawmills and Live Commercial Organization.

The Capital Journal presents a page about the people and the interests and enterprises of Waldport, Lincoln county. It is a little kingdom within itself, and the writer had the privilege of telling the good people at a meeting of the citizens what was being done to wake up the whole state and carry the campaign of development to the more remote parts of the country. This little community, is located at the mouth of Alsea Bay, and that bay has the beginnings of industry and commerce that will one day make it a considerable factor in the affairs of the state of Oregon. The Alsea river is a powerful stream about four times as large as the Yaquina, and navigable for nearly forty miles. Timber can be brought down the river to this point for sawing purposes, and there is enough to run a dozen sawmills for an hundred years. Waldport has a good commercial club that is in a way a social organization, as both ladies and gentlemen constitute the membership. The officers are W. F. Keady, president; W. H. Dougherty, secretary and treasurer; Leslie H. Evans, vice-president.

Have Progressive Men.
The President of the club, Mr. Keady, is the postmaster, and a man who has done a great deal to get outside capital interested in the Alsea country. He owns a great deal of property, and sells ranches and deals in timber lands. He goes out to attend county fair meetings and was naturally the man for the head of the commercial club. His secretary, Mr. Dougherty, has the responsible position of manager and bookkeeper for the Waldport Mill Company. Leslie H. Evans is of a pioneer family that for many years conducted the stage line, and they own a great deal of property in and about Waldport. Mr. Evans conducts the telephone exchange, a cash store, and when the party had to be made up for the search of the lost boy he was one of the first to plunge into the jungle and stayed with it.

Alsea bay was created and incorporated under the General Port Commission act. Governor Benson has appointed Henry Nice, J. W. Walker, Ernest Everson, W. H. Harrison and F. M. Seltz. They are progressive men and large property owners who will look after the maritime affairs of this harbor. The Wilhelmina, Condor and Askosh make regular trips in here.

Been Here 31 Years.
Marion Rubie has been in the country most of the time since 1879. Nearly half the time he has been interested in sawmills and other industries elsewhere, and has been in California and Portland some years. He can speak from a personal knowledge when he says that lands on this coast are worth more and produce a great deal more than in the best parts of Southern California. Mr. Rubie helped build the Waldport sawmill and has operated it. He is still holding this country in the highest confidence and believes it has a great future. He is the owner of a valuable townsite adjoining the present city of Waldport, a tract of parklike appearance and perfectly sheltered and yet on the salt water.

"I am confident," said Mr. Rubie, "that in no part of California can a person invest \$100 or \$1000, or ten thousand and be so sure to double his money in a few years as in the Alsea country."
"Alsea Bay and vicinity embraces a good portion of the southern part of Lincoln County. The country here is somewhat hilly, the hills being generally low along the coast, averaging higher as you go inland. They have been covered with a magnificent growth of timber, but in some time past, evidently prior to 1849, the most of it was killed by fire, and a good many of their dead tops are still standing above a growth of young timber that has come on since. The land is nearly all fertile, and suited to growing potatoes, onions, cabbage and a number of other kinds of vegetables; also timothy, clover and a variety of other grasses, while apples, pears, plums, cherries and a variety of small fruits have almost invariably proven a success. Apples in particular, I think, will be an important industry here. By exercising a little care in selecting suitable locations and choosing proper varieties, the fruit will be as large, highly colored and finely flavored as anywhere, and

are not infected with scale, codlin or any kind of fruit parasite, and will mature at a time to market in California when her fruit is out of season. And, further, they can be put on the California market cheaper from here than anywhere in the interior, as the saw and planing mills are here to produce the box material, and they can be shipped direct by the sea, thereby securing the cheapest and best freights. The same may be said of other fruits, or anything you may want to ship. We have a Bay where vessels have been coming and going, carrying lumber and other products, for a number of years. Seeding time comes here after crops are well advanced in California, and a person may, by keeping posted on the conditions of said crop, be enabled to take advantage of any probable scarcity there. We have never had a failure, and we are far enough south to insure good crops, and far enough north to insure good keeping qualities.

"The opening for cattle and the dairying business is as good as a person could ask, as the range never dries out in the Summer, or freezes out in the winter, and stock cattle will keep fat all the year round on the range. Rainy and cloudy weather are the main objections urged against this country, there being from 50 to 80 inches precipitation in a year; 80 per cent falling in the months of November, December, January, February and March. On the other hand, we do not have extremes of heat in the Summer, the temperature seldom going above 80 degrees.

"The Angora goat was first introduced here over twenty years ago, and has proven a general success. The hills are more or less covered with brush, which is their natural food, and the quality of the mohair is such that it brings the top price in the market, but at present there is not more than two or three per cent of what the range would support.

"Sheep have also been a success ever since the settlement of the country, and have never been molested by wolves or coyotes, dogs have destroyed more than double the number of all other animals combined. Bees, hogs, poultry, etc., are important branches of industry here.

"In regard to health I would say that the air is generally off the sea and pure, while stagnant water is almost unknown; consequently we have no malaria or anything of that kind, while chronic diseases might compare with the average of other places.

"The country is traversed by numerous streams which are cold and clear as crystal, and abound in trout and salmon in their season. Salmon now form the chief industry here during their season, and generally gives employment to all that want it. Other kinds of marine fishing may get to be a business of importance here. We have some ten school districts, and a daily mail, except on Sunday, from two places, and twice a week from two others.

"In regard to taking up land or securing a home here, I would say the choicest places that are handy to get at, have about all been taken, though there are some obtainable yet by going further back. But there were a number of places taken on the approach of the "boom times" a few years ago, houses built and the places more or less improved, but before final proof was made on very many, the "boom" began to decline, and the low prices of stock, together with no market for agricultural products which followed, caused a good many to emigrate, while a good many who took up land, apparently, for speculative purposes, have also gone; the result is there is a good many places for sale, and in most of them there is good bargains. I now consider that, with the probability of a good market in the Orient and at home, with the country adapted to producing such commodities as there seems a probability of the most profit in, that a person with a moderate or small amount of capital, could find as good a place along the coast as anywhere, to invest.

river. He has packed in a quarter of a million dollars in gold pieces. His home stands in a sheltered nook of the bay, and he loves to look out and see the orchard grass wave on the hillside. He came here in 1881, and was six years on the government work. In 1884 he got interests on Alsea Bay and built a cannery in 1888. His ancestors came to the United States in the Revolutionary period. He has been a pioneer of pioneers and has paved the way for future generations. He has laid off Alsea City, several hundred acres, a large level beach sloping to the ocean. It has rich soil, is sheltered, and commands a view of the whole coast as far as Cape Perpetua. The sunshine is tempered, the air is soft, the breezes woo and invite to restful repose on the perfumed bosom of mother nature, that dear old dame mellow with age and always tender with those who trust her, and harsh with those who violate her rules and regulations. I never laid my head on her lap and felt her soothing hands and cooling breath so gently lull my feelings to repose as in the hills overlooking Alsea Bay.

The Middletons and other Portland people come here every year and are building cottages. This will be a delightful summer home of the wealthier class of people.

There are more clams, crabs, oysters, salmon and trout in this bay than the people here at present know what to do with.

Live Farms of Boosters.

Walker & Lebow have been in the general merchandise business here for the past six years. They handle produce, including hides, pelts and furs. Marion Lebow was raised near Cottage Grove and is well known in the Willamette Valley. He says of the Alsea country that it has great resources and is well worth boosting for. "The climate is of a very even temperature--no great heat or cold. The soil will produce anything that can be grown in the temperate regions of the world only a great deal more than most countries that I know anything about. Potatoes will grow almost without cultivation. As a hay country it is unequalled. Clover and timothy grow heavy crops. Fruits of all kinds grow in abundance. We buy hundreds of bushels of apples every year and have never seen a wormy apple on Alsea bay. Children do well here both as to numbers and size and the people are very healthy. Fishing is the big industry and our main reliance. The big runs are Chinook and silversides and they are canned and shipped out of here extensively. The finest trolling and trout fishing are to be had here on the Alsea river and its tributaries. The crab industry was struck a hard blow by the act of the last legislature prohibiting shipments outside of the county. During the three months now prohibited there were thousands of dollars worth sent out of here, and no harm done to the industry, as the crabs caught were all of the mature size that come up into fresh water and then die after spawning. There is no evidence that they do not propagate at all seasons of the year, but those not caught in the summer months bury themselves in the sand and remain there until dead, and fishing after the closed shipment season, there are hundreds of more or less dead crabs taken that are unfit for food, and it makes the business unprofitable.

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The cheapest farming lands in the state are to be had in this part of the state. A fine 160 acre ranch sold here recently for \$3000, and unimproved lands can be had for \$10 to \$15 per acre.

Doctor for a Small County.
Dr. C. E. Linton has been in the Alsea country for several years. He first put in a stock of merchandise and drug store on the north side of the bay, and was appointed postmaster at Lutjens, which position he still holds although he has sold the store to Mrs. Lou Bohon, who recently came from Kentucky. Dr. Linton has a general drug store at Waldport with a \$4000 stock of drugs, as good as there is in the county. He put up one of the best store buildings in the town, and the postoffice is being moved alongside. Dr. Linton came here from Astoria and is a live wire of the most snappy order. He has three gasoline launches, has got hold of a number of town lots, is accumulating pets, as well as property. Mrs. Linton already has a pet bear, several coons and mallard ducks and as everybody brings the Doctor everything it is only a question of time when he will have a menagerie. He in turn is the general father stork for the Alsea Bay country. The first doctors on the north are at Newport, 16 miles away, the first doctor east is at Philomath 60 miles, and the first south is at Coos Bay. Dr. Linton has the largest medical disease in western Oregon. He is a graduate of Rush medical college, Chicago. He does what surgery there is to be done.

"For a physician this country is distressingly healthy," said the Doctor to a Journal reporter. "We have had no eruptive diseases such as measles, scarletina, chicken-pox, or diphtheria. The country is absolutely immune to typhoid fever, so far as my practice extends and away before.

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