

COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

LOCATION:

In the Northwestern part of Oregon, on the Columbia River, with about 70 miles of river front.

AREA:

About 700 square miles. 422,592 acres.

TILLABLE LAND:

15,726 acres. This is land that is actually in cultivation and cleared, exclusive of town lots.

NON-TILLABLE LAND:

406,766 acres, which includes all timber where there is more than 100,000 feet on a quarter section, also all logged off land which is not suitable for and in no condition for cultivation.

TIMBER:

About seven and one half to eight billion feet.

ASSESSED VALUE OF TIMBER: \$11,467,180.

ASSESSED VALUE OF TILLABLE LAND: \$911,355.

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTY:

\$18,000,000.

MILES OF COUNTY ROADS:

500 miles, some of which is in first class condition, some in fair condition and some in very poor condition.

MILES OF RAILROADS:

About 125 miles which includes the main line of the S. P. & S. and the various logging roads.

POPULATION:

Census of 1910 gives 10,580 but a careful estimate this year gives it at least 15,000.

CLIMATE:

Temperate. During the summer the thermometer rarely reaches 100 in the shade and in the coldest weather of winter zero weather is almost unknown. During the winter months there is considerable rain, but not too much. Just enough to insure crops. Crop failures are unknown.

PRODUCTS:

Fruits of all kinds, especially apples, pears, plums and berries; Grain and grasses; garden truck of all kinds and dairying.

SHIPPING:

Ships from all parts of the world carry Columbia County products down the Columbia River and to the markets of the world. A through line of Railroads traverse the county from the North to the South. River boats carry local products to local markets at low rates.

LAND:

Thousands of acres of first class land can be purchased at reasonable prices upon which are stumps left from the timber operations. This land is especially suited for farming, fruit raising and dairying.



ST. HELENS

A city on the Columbia River, 28 miles from Portland, with a population of 2500 people. The County Seat of Columbia County. A Four year Standard High School, Methodist, Congregational, Episcopal and Catholic Churches. All the leading fraternal orders. Gravity water system owned by the city sufficient to supply a city of 10,000 people. Electric lights, graded and macadamized streets, sewers. Principal industries are lumbering, shipbuilding, creosoting, stone quarrying, fishing and shipping. Two large saw mills with a capacity of 250,000 feet per day; more than 5 million feet of lumber shipped each month; several large ocean going vessels built each year; timber treated with creosote and shipped all along the coast. Two big stone quarries and rock crushing plants in continuous operation. An average of 300 tons of Columbia River Salmon caught and marketed. A farming county back of it that cannot be excelled in the world. Several new business blocks now under construction. Five miles of sewer being built. A PAY ROLL OF NEARLY \$100,000 PER MONTH. Many beautiful and attractive homes.

INDUSTRIES:

Lumbering and timber is the principal industry; there being about twenty-five saw mills. Salmon fishing in the Columbia River is also an important industry. Farming and fruit raising; Stone quarrying; Ship building and all kinds of lumber manufacturing plants.

OPPORTUNITIES:

There are fine opportunities for the small farmer, dairy man, fruit grower and truck gardener. Also a number of choice deep water sites for manufacturing plants.

THE DELTA GARDENS:

12,000 acres of low lands along the Columbia River which have recently been dyked and are now in high state of cultivation especially adapted to growing of vegetables and small fruits.

SCHOOLS:

Four standard High Schools; Grade schools in each locality.

CHURCHES:

Nearly all denominations represented.

THE COUNTY OFFICERS:

Circuit Judges, J. U. Campbell and J. A. Eakin
District Attorney, W. B. Dillard
County Judge, A. L. Clark
County Clerk, H. E. LaBare
Sheriff, C. H. John
Assessor, C. W. Blakesley
School Superintendent, J. W. Allen
Treasurer, R. S. Hattan
Coroner, F. H. Sherwood
Surveyor, L. J. VanOraven
Commissioners, A. E. Harvey, B. J. Keelan.

CITIES, TOWN, AND POST OFFICES:

St. Helens	Rainier	Clatskanie	Houlton
Seapooose	Warren	Deer Island	Goble
Yankton	Vernonia	Mist	Quincy
Mayger	Marshland	Columbia City	Reuben
Aplary	Hudson	Prescott	Trenholm
Ingila			

CITY OFFICERS OF ST. HELENS

MAYOR—A. W. Mueller
COUNCILMEN—N. O. Larabee, Chas. Graham, S. C. Morton, H. Morgus
CITY ATTORNEY—J. W. Day
RECORDER—E. E. Quick
MARSHALS—J. L. Chittum, L. L. Decker
TREASURER—H. P. Watkins
WATER COMMISSION—L. E. Allen, J. W. Aiken, Robert Dixon, E. A. Crouse, John Pringle
WATER SUPERINTENDENT—Chas. Lope
FIRE CHIEF—L. E. Allen

WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW.

New Payrolls, Improvements, Factories, and Enterprises That Will Give Employment to Labor—Matters Affecting Industries and Investments.

A water grade highway up Hood River is being planned.

The First National Bank of Springfield has bought a sight and will build.

The Perry Veneer plant at Bandon has begun operations and business men are trying to start up the woolen mill.

There are protests against maintaining the Bureau of Mines and Mining and the state department of Geology when Oregon stone is rejected on all public buildings.

A project is started in Ontario to reclaim 16,000 acres of land on Seacor Creek.

The new Elizabeth hospital in Baker, will be opened next month.

A Portland firm has an order for 10,000,000 feet of lumber to be shipped to England in March and April.

The French government has leased the fairgrounds in Ontario to handle large horse shipments.

One mile of new railroad construction in the state is worth more to the people than forty new laws by the legislature.

Cool Bay mills and factories are all starting up.

There is a general demand that one half the fish and game licenses go to the county when collected.

Salem Fruit Union, at Salem, expects to double its business and handle \$500,000 of products in 1915.

Ex-Governor West opposes any change in the Workingmen's Compensation law or the State Fish and Game Commission.

The new Pacific Iron Works plant in Portland, will be 400 feet long one way.

Bids have been asked on the new \$100,000 Simpson Hotel, at North Bend.

Judge J. U. Campbell warned the citizens of West Linn against building any but hard surface streets.

The City Dock Commission at Portland, asks a bond issue of \$800,000 to erect a municipal grain elevator.

The more laws and commissions the politicians create for the "benefit of the people," the larger the army of office holders, and the higher the taxes climb to support them, and the "benefited people" pay the bill and continue to wait for the "benefits."

Dayton is to have a \$30,000 mausoleum.

Salem public library received \$5058.12 for 1914, and spent \$713.20 for books.

The Arlington creamery is being put in shape for operation.

The First National Bank at Gardner will erect a building.

A \$35,000 warehouse contract was let in Portland on Sullivan's Gulch.

St. Johns improvements totaled \$140,000 for 1914.

Auto car service between Eugene and Springfield, may compel reduction in P. E. & E. train service.

Bills introduced in the legislature are about half the number of two years ago.

The Salem Woolen Mills reopened employing 125 hands.

Pendleton put down 35 blocks of Warrenite pavement in 1914.

Between semesters O. A. C. Glee Club members were given a trip by the railroad company in payment for concerts given for the company.

The Brownsville cannery put up 31 tons of beans and several tons of pumpkins. Cash sales \$26,577.

The Eugene City Council is holding Economy Conferences to reduce taxes.

Baker will not erect a light plant, but has contracted with Eastern Oregon Light & Power Company.

The output of gold, silver, copper and lead in Oregon for 1914 fell off \$20,000 in spite of spending \$50,000 on a bureau of mines.

Fifty-three per cent of Oregon farmers employ laborers, paying \$11,182,000 a year wages. A law is proposed to bring them under the state Labor Bureau.

Upon signing up 5000 acres suitable soil in the Rogue River Valley, C. W. Hibley will establish a beet sugar factory at Medford.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

See E. E. Quick in St. Helens and insure your property in the Oregon Fire Relief Association of McMinnville, Oregon. Don't put it off.

W. L. WARREN, Agt.

HAVE YOU GOOD FARM LAND TO RENT.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 25, 1915.—(Special)—The farm land bureau of the Oregon State Immigration Commission is receiving a good many inquiries in regard to the possibility of renting good farm land, and nearly all these inquiries come from practical, experienced farmers who are not at this time financially able to purchase land. The Bureau is now planning to add this rental feature to its other work and would like, as soon as possible, to make up a generous list of such offerings. No fees or commissions of any kind will be charged, and in all cases the reliability and fitness of the applicant will be carefully investigated.

Farmers and land owners throughout the state who have land for which they have no present use, and who would like to derive an income from such acreage, are invited to write to J. W. Brewer, manager of the farm land bureau, at Portland, for blanks on which to list such holdings.

If present plans do not miscarry, Oregon will in a short time be listed among the important sugar-producing states of the Union. While Eastern Oregon has been more or less active in the raising of sugar beets for a number of years, it has extended to the Willamette Valley and the counties in the south end of the state. Approximately 5000 acres have been signed up within the past few days in the vicinity of Medford and Grants Pass, an acreage sufficient to warrant the erection of a beet sugar factory. A corporation backed by Oregon, California and Utah capital has been formed to carry through the project.

The commercial club of Gold Hill has also launched a campaign for the purpose of raising necessary \$650,000 with which to finance a sugar beet mill in that locality. It is more than likely that all the interests in Southern Oregon will combine and locate the factory at some central point to which the beets can be shipped with the least delay and expense.

Cool and Curry counties have raised a fund of \$5,000 to meet the expenses of a comprehensive display at the Panama-Pacific Exposition this year and within a few days he material will be shipped to San Francisco and installed in the Oregon building.

Of interest to all wool growers in this and adjoining states is a movement recently inaugurated to establish a big wool warehouse in Portland, to handle the clip from all flocks in this territory, thus eliminating the speculator and broker who have heretofore cut deeply into the annual receipts of the sheep men. Under the new plan all wool will be graded here and the producer will be advised exactly what his wool is worth. It is estimated that this plan will net the woolmen from 3 to 5 cents per pound over former prices.

YANKTON.

Mr. Bloomenber, who bought the farm of Wm. Karth, returned home after spending a few months visiting his sister in California.

A library has been opened in the Grange Hall, in charge of the Library Association at Salem, Oregon. Those wanting books can have them by applying on Saturday evenings before eight o'clock.

Services in the church on Sunday, February 1. Preaching by Rev. Jackson.

The Red Men will give a grand ball on the 30th of January, 1915. The lodge adds greatly to the social life of the neighborhood. Come out and enjoy the dance.

Miss Mary Wilverding returned on last Sunday to her home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Eggman are thinking of moving from Yankton.

Rowland and Delmar Maston, and Mr. Miller have moved near the Yankton Railroad crossing.

Mr. Spence and family have returned home. Mr. Spence was called suddenly home to attend the funeral of his brother.

Mr. Frank Brown is on the sick list.

Mr. Charles Briggs had a relapse and is not so well.

The people of Yankton received their tax notice for 1915.

Why should a man pay a higher tax than his neighbor, when the neighbors property is more valuable than his? Yet these poor victims suffer every year. Why not pick out some few victims and perhaps they will find a remedy for this great injustice. The land is valued too high. Forty-nine dollars an acre for stump land is an outrage when property for the past three years has not been salable.

WHEN BUYING HARDWARE

Consider the house that stands behind the goods it sells.

There is so much deceptive hardware on the market that no reliable dealer will ever GUARANTEE any article until he KNOWS it has QUALITY.

WE GUARANTEE OURS and that is the best advertisement that we could ever write.

MUCKLE HARDWARE CO.



1915 FORD

Where are you going my happy man?
"I'm going to buy a car," said Ham.
So the son of Ham and Ham himself,
And Ham's son Ham, and Ham's young elf,
Ham's cousin Kate and Uncle McCord—
In fact the whole Ham family bought a "Ford."

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