

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. 422,562 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: \$911,353.

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, 78 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, crosscutting, 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 country 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. Ekvin
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. VanOrshoven
Commissioners, A. E. Harvey, B. J. Keelan.

CITIES, TOWN, AND POST OFFICES:

St. Helens	Rainier	Clatskanie	Houlton
Scappoose	Warren	Deer Island	Goble
Yankton	Vernonia	Mist	Quincy
Mayger	Marshland	Columbia City	Reuben
Apiary	Hudson	Prescott	Trenholm
Inglis			

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

DENOUNCES RAGSDALE EDUCATIONAL BILL

Mr. Asa Holsaday, of Scappoose, in a communication to the Portland Telegram, very vigorously assails senate bill No. 87, known as the Ragsdale educational bill. This bill provides for sweeping changes in the methods of choosing county school superintendents and school teachers, besides other features which Mr. Holsaday considers unwise and unbusinesslike. Following are Mr. Holsaday's remarks:

"Scappoose, Ore., Jan. 29.—After reading your reply to 'A Teacher' in Monday's Telegram, explanatory of the Ragsdale bill, S. B. No. 87, I should like to call attention to the sorry spectacle of a State Superintendent of Schools and a member of our Normal School Board advocating a bill that has so little merit. The success of the small town and rural school depends upon local interest and pride, and this bill, instead of fostering that spirit, has a tendency to destroy it.

"For years our best educators have endeavored to free our schools from political intrigue, but our Oregon state educators are making an effort to place them under complete political domination.

"In our locality we have built up, at much sacrifice and expense, a good grade and high school. Our citizens are rightfully proud of it. We have a School Board composed of the best men in our community, who have selected for us a corps of fine teachers. If this bill becomes a law any little prospective candidate who courts the favor of our County Court can easily get 100 signatures to a paper forcing an election upon us. We are then compelled at much labor and expense to make a campaign against it. If we are compelled to adopt it, our school for the next five years will be under the domination of an autocratic County Court, with no special fitness for selecting an educational board, and no personal interest perhaps in our particular locality. We already see how our County Court selects our Road Supervisors. They consider neither signatures to petitions nor knowledge of road building, but select men to reward them for pre-election favors.

"There would be endless disputes as to boundaries of districts, and favoritism in decisions. Almost all control of the school would be taken from the parents and taxpayers of a

locality and given to a set of politicians. As I understand the law, only once in five years would we be able by ballot to render any service locally for our schools. By that time our interest in it would have declined amazingly. The problems are different from those of a city, and why lumber them with the same machinery?

"No school superintendent should receive his appointment from five men who hold office for five years each. I have talked with our teachers and many interested in educational work. They are unanimous in pronouncing this a pernicious bill. Our taxpayers over the state should lose no time in informing their legislators of their disapproval of this measure. Let us hear from others on this subject. ASA HOLSADAY."

ATTENDING FARMERS' COLLEGE COURSE

There are at least two enthusiastic farmers and dairymen in Columbia County who are availing themselves of the benefits of the farmers' short course at the State Agricultural College this winter. G. L. Tarbell, of Yankton, and his nephew, Ralph Tarbell, of Warren, spent the past week at Corvallis, attending lectures and demonstrations which have been in progress there for the past month. The far-reaching benefits of the farmers' short course at this college are manifest throughout the entire state, as hundreds of farmers have taken advantage of the instruction to be received there at nominal cost.

NEW CAR FOR RAINIER RUN COMING

Officials of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, received advices on Monday that the new gas-electric motorcar for the Portland-Rainier run has left the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., for Portland. It will arrive probably within the next three weeks. This car is a new type of motive power for railroads in this state. Gasoline engines turn a dynamo, generating electricity that spins motors that are geared to the trucks of the car. The car is of all-steel construction, with seats and interior finish of mahogany. The car develops a speed of 40 miles an hour.

Patrons of the line will welcome the installation of the new service, and will hope for further improve-

ments. With reduced cost of operations which the gasoline car system will undoubtedly bring about, perhaps there will be a decrease in rates.

OPERATIONS OF STEEL TRUST ARE RIVALED

The operations of the steel trust, so far as magnitude of earnings is concerned, is experiencing a mighty formidable competitor in a small order house in Chicago, that of Sears, Roebuck & Co., whose directors met last Saturday and declared a fifty per cent dividend on a capitalization of forty million dollars, and this, too, only on the common stock. Just what the real earnings of the institution have been will probably not be made known beyond the narrow confines of the directorate. The operations of the institution of Sears, Roebuck & Company are in no sense a trust; in fact they are diametrically opposite. It is an institution whose fundamental aim has been to break down anything bearing the earmarks of a trust, and some time during its existence has been patronized by perhaps twenty-five per cent of the population of the nation. This fifty per cent dividend is to be distributed by the first of April, and the management is contemplating increasing the common stock to the enormous sum of \$60,000,000.

KALE IS BEING FED IN LARGE QUANTITIES

The utilization of kale as a stock food is assuming considerable proportions in this county, some of the most extensive stockmen feeding it in large quantities. A. H. Tarbell, of Warren, is feeding kale to his stock this winter at the rate of a ton a day, and the results are extremely satisfactory. Mr. Tarbell estimates that his kale crop last season approximated one hundred and fifty tons. Judge Thos. A. McBride, of Deer Island, is another ardent advocate of the efficiency of kale as a stock food, and accordingly produced a large crop of it last season. In fact the judge rather threw out a challenge in a statement made a few days ago, that he considered he produced as good, if not the best, crop of kale raised in the county last season. Herein lies an opportunity for some professional farmer to best his neighbor judicial farmer in the production of kale this season. Just a degree of rivalry in this line would be watched with keen interest.

MAKING PLANS NOW FOR COUNTY FAIR

An enterprising farmer of Warren is already making plans for his exhibit at the county fair this fall, and he promises some unique features. This enthusiast is not only formulating plans for his own exhibit, but he is spreading the gospel among his friends and neighbors. The feasibility and far-reaching beneficial results accruing from this annual occurrence are penetrating the remotest sections of the county, and this year promises to excel all previous efforts in providing attractive exhibits. Let everybody get behind this project this year and make it an institution that will attract people from other counties. Our fair association is officered by gentlemen who have a comprehensive understanding of their work and the products of the county are of such a high standard of quality and excellence that the annual fair in this county can be made second only in importance to the state fair.

LARGE VALUATION OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY

The assessed valuation of all property in Multnomah county for the year 1914 is \$335,736,750. A tax of 37 mills has been levied on this valuation, which will produce \$7,363,310. Of this amount \$1,175,078 will be paid as state tax, or nearly 28 per cent of the whole amount paid to the state by the various counties. The \$45,248.45 to be paid by Columbia County as state tax seems rather insignificant in comparison. Basing the population of the city of Portland at 250,000, the amount of tax levied against the property of that city, would mean, if equally distributed, that for each man, woman and child there would be an allowance of \$28.45. Of the total amount to be collected on the Multnomah county roll this year the city of Portland will be entitled to \$2,309,335.60. The schools under the jurisdiction of the city will receive \$829,241.

STARCH FACTORY FOR OUR NEW COUNTY

The baby county of Oregon is already coming to the front. Parties from Iowa are at Madras, the county seat of Jefferson county, investigating the feasibility of installing a factory to manufacture starch from potatoes claiming the dry soils of that section produce a superior quality of potatoes for that purpose.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS

will be necessary for the farmers with the opening of spring. We carry a complete line and invite your inspection. Also full line of hardware.

MUCKLE HARDWARE CO.

ST. HELENS, ORE.



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."

INDEPENDENT AUTO GARAGE

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