

Ridgefield is Ideally Located

RIDGEFIELD is in the Southwestern part of the state of Washington, near the Columbia River, 90 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Twenty-six miles to the South is Portland, the metropolis of Oregon, with a population of more than a quarter of a million, which furnishes a close and convenient labor market for any manufacturer.

Back of Ridgefield lie the immensely fertile agricultural lands of Clarke County. Already this immediate section has become famous for its farm products—particularly for its Certified Potatoes, its prunes, its blooded livestock. From the vicinity immediately surrounding Ridgefield more than a million dollars worth of foodstuffs were shipped in 1919.

Just a few miles west, where the Columbia River has cut its channel through the low Coast Range of mountains, are the immense logging camps. The river itself furnishes the cheapest and best method of transportation for bringing the logs to the mills. Almost every small town along the river has its sawmills, and huge ships from all parts of the world come up the Columbia as far as Portland to take their cargoes of lumber.

Eastward, up the Columbia, lie the fertile wheat-fields of the West. This basin of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho already produces 83 per cent of the total Pacific Coast wheat crop. One county alone in Eastern Oregon produces over one per cent of the entire American wheat.

Westward, again, at the mouth of the Columbia are the fishing grounds and canneries where salmon are caught, packed, and shipped to all parts of the world. These salmon annually run up the stream in great numbers, and in season any man of sporting bent can catch all he wants.

