

County Surveyor's Record, Douglas County, Oregon

Subdivision of T. 23 S., R. 5 W., W. M.

CHAINS

42.00 Top of hill.

+25

79.25 To sec. cor.

-700

Land, all hilly.

Timber principally white and yellow oak, some fir and laurel.

North half, has a thick undergrowth of young oak, hazel, willow, fern, etc.

South half, open.

Soil, all 2d and 3d rate.

June 4, 1853.

General Description.

This township is of a medium quality, composed of mountains, hills and valleys. About 1/3 of its surface is prairie and 2/3 timber, with open oak timber and fir woods. The west boundary extends into rough, rugged mountains, timbered principally with fir, laurel, etc., with a dense undergrowth of vine maple, hazel, mountain willow, briars, fern, etc. The hills, ranging from 2 to 800 feet high, are principally timbered with white and yellow oak with but little underbrush except on ravines. Soil, 2d rate. The prairie on hills is of 2d rate quality, generally a red clay soil intermixed with sand--it produces good grasses--wild clover being in many places at this time from 1 to 2 feet high and very thick. It also produces good wheat. The bottom prairie is 1st rate clay loam and in some places alluvial. This is the only part of the country much cultivated at this time. The valleys are generally small and on the streams. The mountains on W boundary rise to a height of 2000 feet.