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## Columbia River in Scenery Unsurpassed

In the majestic Columbia river Nature has provided the Oregon country with a way of waterfalls and palisades that constitutes a fitting highway leading to a vacation land unequalled in any part of America. For within the Oregon country the tourist and outer can find any sort of diversion that appeals to him. Miles of silvery sand beaches are washed by the Pacific ocean, while within a short traveling distance the mountain heights, with their incomparable scenery, including gushing streams, deep gorges, stately forests and hidden lakes, bid welcome to the seeker after rest and recreation.

A trip up the Columbia river is one never to be forgotten, and on another page of this section are to be found some pictures of a few of Nature's beauties that here abound. Either side of the upper Columbia is skirted by railroads, the O. R. & N. running along the south bank and the S. P. & S. the north bank, while excursion steamers ply their course up and down the river. By rail or river the trip to Cascade Locks and return can be made in a day

Among the first noticeable features to mark the entrance to the famous Columbia river gorge is Rooster Rock, on the Oregon shore; a huge gray monolith of solid stone; and from here on the attention is divided between the glowing beauty of the wide blue waters, and the towering turrets, palisades, crags, rock walls and waterfalls. So curious are these rock formations, and on so vast a scale, that few people are satisfied with once making the trip; they go again and again, each time more fully realizing the weird, wonderful character of the great gorge.

Latourelle is the first town beyond Rooster Rock, and Latourelle Falls are near. The Pillars of Hercules follow.

Bridal Veil Falls have been appropriated for manufacturing purposes, though this does not entirely destroy their lace-like beauty. Train passengers must look high up the butte's side for these falls, as their very nearness makes them easily missed; from the boat they are clearly seen. A side trip from Bridal Veil to the top of Larch mountain, part way carried by a donkey engine, is a favorite climb with people who love mountain views. The climb is not difficult, and affords a