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### PORTLAND COMMENT.

PORTLAND Oregonian editorial: "To make any comment whatever upon the conditions, circumstances and events which apparently block the way for a railroad to Coos Bay would be to invite an attack of vituperation from the press of that section of the state. So what's the use? Let us turn to a more pleasing picture of rapid railroad building to Tillamook Bay, and when difficulties shall have been removed at the port farther south, we can look that way again and enjoy the view of industrial and commercial development. Just now all roads lead to Tillamook."

Although the old reliable newspaper of Portland has come to be generally acknowledged as an unbiased exponent of public questions, like the rest of us it sometimes errs. A portion of the above comment on Coos Bay is an error to which we would call attention for the following reasons:

First—If the Oregonian were to make correct comment on the "conditions, circumstances, and events which apparently block the way for a railroad to Coos Bay," the press of this section so far from indulging in vituperation would take a stand with the Portland newspaper.

Second—The Oregonian could not comment on the "conditions, circumstances, and events which apparently block the way for a railroad" because it is not acquainted with them. From our perusal of the editorial columns of that newspaper we gather that the majority of the subjects which it writes on are numbered in detail before any comment is made. Should it wish to make an investigation of the "conditions, circumstances and events" to which it refers and then make comment upon the facts as gathered we would be pleased. We believe however that the Oregonian laboring as is obvious under a misrepresentation will readily see the absurdity of intruding upon a question regarding which it appears to have no other information than a distortion of facts.

The Oregonian says regarding Tillamook Bay that "all roads lead that way just now." The Times would respectfully allude to the editorial, what apparently the Oregonian forgot to mention, viz: that at the present writing "all the roads to Tillamook" so far run through Portland. The following excerpt, from the Oregonian of Sunday's issue, is taken from an article in connection with illustrations on Tillamook Bay:

"Because it has been isolated by lack of railroad communication, only a small proportion of the people of Oregon have any idea of the scenery of the Tillamook Coast. On the completion of the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company's line, however, this country will be the most convenient to Portland of any ocean resort. It will then probably become very popular and will soon number thousands in its regular summer colony."

Coos Bay does not claim the distinction of being a summer resort adjunct to the Rose City of Oregon. We have a good harbor here. We are going to have a better one. We use the adjective without qualifications. It will rank as a sister to Puget Sound, and Golden Gate. It may not be so large as the latter nor so deep as the former. But it will accommodate any ship that travels over the Pacific or Atlantic.

Because we intend to become a deep-sea port—some may term us a rival to Portland—we do not seek the ill-favor of the press of that city. Neither do we curry its favor. We ask a square deal—no more, no less.

### FAITH IN COOS BAY.

IT is good to have visitors to Coos Bay declare their faith in its future. It lays greater stress on our oft declared belief in this wonderful section of the Pacific coast. It is

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If one has a lingering, wistful yearning to know what the general public thinks of him he is recommended to eavesdrop, or hang around a crowd in which he is not

known, which, however, is about the same thing. Seymour Bell enjoyed such an experience recently, and though he learned a town character's opinion of himself, he is undecided as to whether the joke is on him or on Mayor Straw. It happened thuswise:

Mr. Bell was sitting in his office on Front street when in came a disappointed franchise grabber. His conversation he addressed to Mr. Blanchard, who strolls around and relieves patrons of the electric light system of any surplus capital they have at the beginning of the month. The tirade was of considerable volume, but Mr. Bell stood it manfully. Finally the visitor reached a grand finale in the statement that the franchise he wanted was obtained by Mr. Bell after paying for a fifty cent dinner for the mayor at the New England Kitchen. Having explained the situation so fully and to himself satisfactorily, he walked away and left Mr. Bell to state the matter to the mayor and argue out who's who.

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