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HIGH PRICES.

The disposition on the outside of the Coos Bay country is to deny what are called the high prices which are supposed to be asked for real estate in this section. The average man from the East is or affects to be startled at the figures demanded for own lots and farm lands. He is astonished when he learns that both own lots and farm lands continue to be actively exchanged in the open market notwithstanding the supposed high prices. If he comes from Iowa, or Minnesota or Wisconsin he points out that he can buy the best agricultural lands in those states at from \$35.00 to \$100 per acre. If he comes from Des Moines, Minneapolis or Milwaukee he assures us he can buy lots in those cities cheaper than a can in Marshfield and North Bend. There is no question as to farm lands that he is right. He can buy them cheaper in the states named, but when he comes to investigate closely he finds that there are some points of difference between Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin land and that of this region. The cereals are good crop and the summers of those states are very good. If cyclones, hail, hot winds, drouths or pests do not destroy. But in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin the farmer works all summer in preparation for a long, hard winter, during which little have to be fed in the barn and cared for with great labor. But the dairy farmer has a better chance than his co-laborer in that land in Holland where such lands as the Coos Bay country claims are worth at least \$1000 per acre. And the Coos Bay dairy farmer can let his cows feed out in the open in green pastures all the summer and all the winter. Besides this, he gets a higher price for his dairy products. There in Iowa, Minnesota or Wisconsin will one acre of land keep three cows? Yet there are large areas of Coos Bay's tributary country which will do that.

Again, Coos Bay and Coquille Highlands are ideal fruit lands. The ravenstein apple can be and is raised on such lands in greater excellence than anywhere else in the world. It is not possible to supply the demand and never will be. These lands will afford profits to the horticulturalist of from \$700 to \$1000 per acre. There are no pests of any kind. There are no storms which kill. There are no storms which kill; fruits and berries are plentiful beyond the imagination to conceive.

The Eastern man also expects that own lots will be cheaper in Coos Bay than in towns of the same size in the East. There are many such towns which have reached their full growth and have no hope of expanding. The reason that caused the investor to avoid those towns does not apply here. The truth is that prices are low considering the present conditions, the immediate certainties and the future prospects. One hundred and fifty dollars a front foot for best business property in a place of 3500 people is not large. Three hundred dollars a front foot where there is an absolute certainty of 6,000 people is small. Where the prospects are such as a great harbor, great timber and coal resources, and great agricultural possibilities, present; and where there is an exceptional climate, the prices asked in Marshfield and North Bend are very reasonable. It is absurd to say that outside lot in Portland is as good as an inside lot here. In a large city like Portland anywhere within even blocks of the center, lots are worth anywhere from \$4,000 a front foot to \$500 a front foot. The bubble is that the supposition that Coos Bay is frontier, is a mistake. There is no frontier, and this place is to be judged by the standard of her places with the extraordinary values added. By that standard lots of real estate here are in truth, and when the great mills, factories and work shops, NOW BEING BUILT are in operation, which they will be in less than six months, their prices will be justified and the market will be more active than ever.

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When an attack is made on a certain interest or industry the inside thinking of which we are not acquainted with, it is very poor policy either to espouse one side or the other and we have no intention of doing so in the case of wireless telegraphy. The article in Success which denounces wireless in rather general terms has also inspired attacks elsewhere. Whether it is justified is something the Times has no intention of discussing, but all the attacks are lacking in specific charges and in such general terms that we would be better satisfied if we could not see them. We know some things definitely about wireless telegraphy. We know that it is a scientific success and that it has been successful to a marked extent in communication between ships at sea and between ships and coast stations. How far it has been profitable in a purely commercial way we are not able to say. That it has a great future is as plain as that the telegraph, the telephone and other modern inventions developed greatness from conditions as open to derision as wireless.

When a project involving some invention of world importance begins its career it is nearly always met with contempt and its struggles against prejudice and suspicion are sometimes pitiful. Such was the case with the Bell telephone whose stock was, in the beginning, ridiculously low, being at one time readily acquired at 25 cents on the dollar. At present every share of stock in Bell Telephone which was purchased at that time represents \$6,000. It is not worth while to discuss the matter. Whoever puts money into an enterprise of that description casts bread on the waters and it may come back so watered as to be a very big loaf. And it may not come back at all. Wireless telegraphy will some day be a great and paying institution. The government of the United States and all its departments recognize its exceeding value. That it is now controlled by United Wireless seems to be a fact, but whether United Wireless stock becomes as valuable as Bell Telephone did will depend on the way it is managed. The same is true of any business. Most of them in the initial stage will not bear jumping on to. One thing we can be quite certain of. If the United States government could and would take charge of all these wire or wireless telegraphs, whether Western Union or United Wireless and operate them as a part of its postal system or under some new department, it would save us the trouble of investing our money in the hope of striking luck in that line of gambling. We could then pay toll and let the government invest the toll in developing the system.

Past Candidate Parker's Wall Street Democratic National Committee of which Tom Taggart is chairman has decided to prod Mr. Bryan into a plain, old time political declaration of whether he will be a candidate for president next year or not. What they want is to have the old political horse-race style of competition between self-styled, barrel-chested candidates for the nomination. There are some competitors being groomed—notably are Folk of Missouri, Johnson of Minnesota. But these are not the men Taggart and his kind want. What they want is to pull in a Wall street man while the people are excited over the "horse race."

Who says Harriman has forgotten Oregon? The great man is now at Klamath Falls. He is buying rights of way for new railroads in every direction and is preparing to build them too. Mr. Nier, one of his rights of way agents, is now at Ten Mile lakes purchasing the rights of way between Coos Bay and the Umpqua. It is also reported that the right of way between Natron and Klamath is being bought up. No, Harriman has not forgotten Oregon, but he is liable to do so any minute if the people let him.

The news items tell the same old story about crowds coming daily into the city and being unable to get rooms at hotels and in some instances falling even to be fed. The story is told again of yesterday's happenings. Still the cry goes up for a hotel—and still there is no hotel of suitable accommodations. Why in the name of humanity and the good name of Coos Bay can't the great city (2B) get a hotel and keep its future citizens comfortable?

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