

COOS BAY COUNTRY

M. A. Sweetman Speaks Enthusiastically of Future.

A DEEP-WATER HARBOR

One of the Future Great Railroad Terminals and Shipping Ports of Pacific Coast—Country Tributary Thereto.

The following article on Coos Bay was written for The Oregonian by M. A. Sweetman, a leading real estate dealer of Marshfield, Coos Bay. It is replete with information of a great harbor and a wonderfully rich section of country along Oregon's coast line:

The people of Marshfield are as full of enthusiasm over the future prospects of the Coos Bay country as the Pacific Ocean is full of water. Within the next few years we shall see a great commercial seaport located on Coos Bay, which will be the terminal of several transcontinental railroads and the gateway to the Oriental countries. Coos Bay is by far the best harbor on the Pacific Coast between the Columbia River and San Francisco, and it is the natural outlet for the greatest undeveloped lumber, coal and agricultural region of the Pacific States.

The destiny of Coos Bay is fixed by the inexorable law of geography by being located about 200 miles from the Columbia River and about 400 miles from San Francisco, and is at the point on the coast line where the great, thereby being one day's sailing nearer to the Orient than any of the commercial points along the Pacific Coast. The harbor of Coos Bay at this moment is capable of receiving the largest ships since the year 1900, and at an enormous cost to the Government. The Government now spends annually millions upon millions of dollars in maintaining the many harbors along the Atlantic Ocean where great railroad and commercial centers are located. And without a question each of these great cities owes its existence to the fact that it is located in a harbor where train and cargo meet.

Coos Bay will not require any great expenditure of money to make it fully equal to the demands made upon New York harbor. Already there is a depth of 26 feet of water on the bar at the mouth of Coos Bay at mean low tide, and there is absolutely no reason why a 40-foot depth cannot be obtained at a reasonable cost to the Government. The inside harbor can be maintained at a uniform depth and with a channel several thousand feet in width.

It is evident that Coos Bay has several extraordinary advantages in its unusual form and location, and some of the advantages are especially important by reason: First—Of its remoteness from other harbors. Second—Of its proximity to great resources of coal, timber and wheat countries, also cattle and mineral districts. Third—Of its central location, whereby it is a great strategic point for competing railroads, which is evident by the active interest now being taken by several of the great railroads. It is only a question of time when the Hill line, Gould line, the Burlington and the Rock Island systems will have their terminals at Coos Bay. The Southern Pacific system will have a line from Drain to Coos Bay as fast as labor and material can be secured, and under all probability Coos Bay will have a line within a year which will be the result of business activity upon Coos Bay that will be a surprise to the natives.

The making of a great city depends largely upon its geographical location, and most important, is its geographical location relative to its being favored with a good harbor which affords deep-water transportation and protection for ships; its proximity to the principal commercial centers, also being naturally located so as to encourage the building of a great commercial center. Second—Its proximity to a large area of undeveloped land, which affords the production of timber, coal, agricultural products; also a mining and stock-raising country.

The opportunity for water transportation at Coos Bay is without a question the best between the Columbia River and San Francisco, which fact alone is enough to warrant the building of a large city at Coos Bay. The Coos Bay country in itself has about 640 square miles of very rich timber and coal land, saying nothing about the vast area of country that would be tributary to Coos Bay if we had a railroad connection. When we get a railroad, a large portion of the Willamette Valley, all of Southern Oregon and Idaho will be tributary to this place. Why? Because it will be the most direct shipping point along the Pacific Coast for all this vast area of country to San Francisco and the Oriental countries which are the principal markets for the products of the Pacific States.

That Coos Bay has an abundance of resources is evidenced in the fact that the State of Oregon has one-sixth of the standing merchantable timber of the United States and Coos Bay country alone has about 27,000,000,000 feet of timber near the harbor, besides about 100,000,000,000 feet that is tributary to Coos Bay. This necessarily means a great source of revenue to all lines of industry in Coos Bay. According to the United States Geological Survey Coos Bay has 400 square miles of coal land that is underlaid with eight veins of coal that varies in thickness from one foot to fourteen feet. This coal is a hard, and an excellent quality is obtained for domestic and steam purposes. There are two mines in operation now, the Libbey Coal Mining Company and the Beaver Hill mines, which are supplying the San Francisco markets. It is estimated that there are 800,000,000 tons of coal in Coos County—enough coal to last the entire United States many years.

Coos Bay is especially noted as a dairy and fruit country. On account of the abundance of natural grass the year around and the mildness of the climate, the farmers are able to keep large herds of milch cows which in itself is the source of much wealth to the country. There is no better fruit and berry country anywhere in the West than on Coos Bay, and every variety of the orchard is grown with profit except peaches. Wild berries grow in great abundance. In the summer season the country abounds in strawberries, dewberries, blackberries, raspberries, salalberries, huckleberries, blueberries, thimble-berries and evergreen-hortels. All kinds of agricultural products do fine. Potatoes afford one of the chief agricultural exports, and yields of from 400 to 600 bushels per acre have been reported by many farmers. Sweet corn, tomatoes, peas, celery, cabbage, beans, onions, lettuce, beets, rhubarb, cranberries, carrots, turnips, pumpkins, cauliflower and ground cherries are grown in great quantities around Coos Bay. In fact this is an ideal fruit, vegetable and berry country, where only a few acres of land is necessary to make a comfortable living.

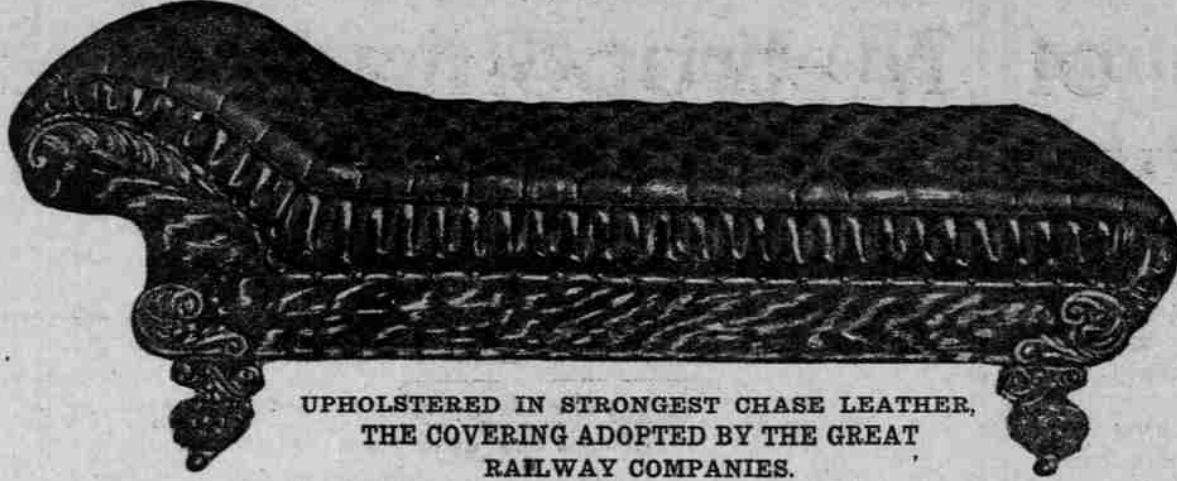
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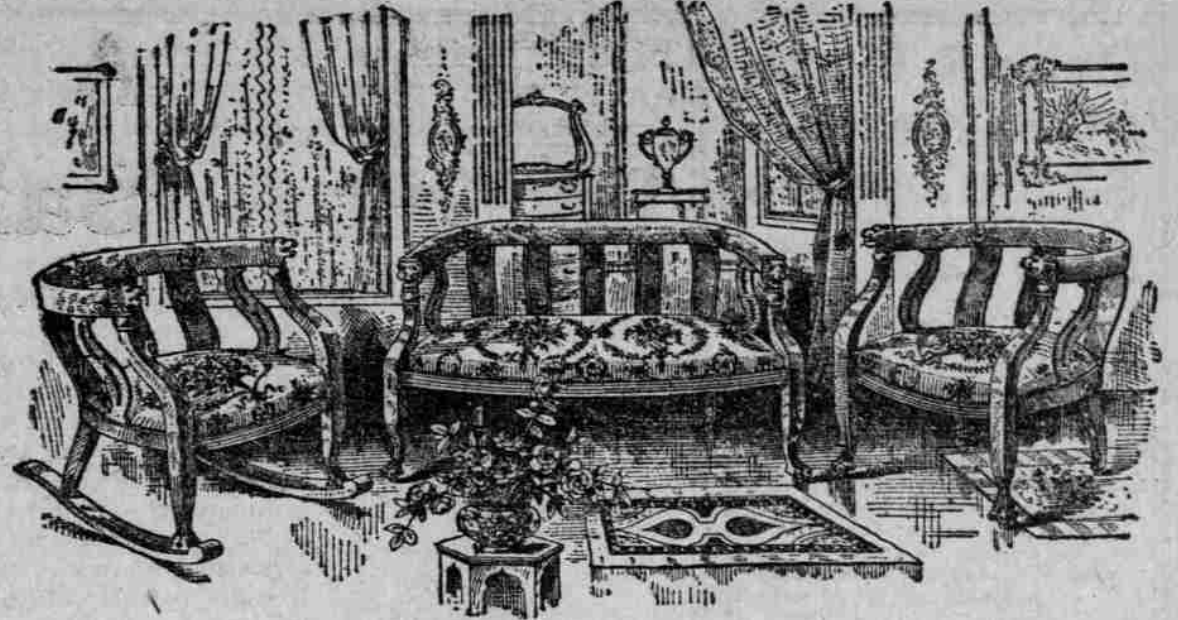
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Police detectives are investigating the mysterious robbery of a lot of valuable jewelry and \$80 in cash from the abode of Gong Gong and his wife, Wan Hee, Chinese, who live at 65 Second street. The theft is supposed to have occurred about 4 o'clock yesterday morning, but as to the exact hour nothing definite is known. In the lot of jewelry were six solid gold bracelets, valued at \$200; four gold rings, valued at \$24, and one pair of earrings, valued at \$12. The Chinese were absent from their abode during the night, and when they returned late yesterday afternoon discovered their loss. The case was immediately reported to the police, and Detective Sergeant Baty and Acting Detective Price were assigned to make an investigation.

GOING AS SOLDIER LASSIES

OREGON GIRLS TABOO INDIAN GARB ON TRIP TO FAIR.

Military Costume of Brown Adopted and Sword Drills Will Take Place of War Dance.

Oregon's delegation of young women to the Jamestown Exposition will not be clothed in Indian robes, neither will its members execute the war dance. Instead, they will go costumed as a military organization. This decision was reached at a meeting of the Oregon Girls' Drill Company at the Portland Hotel yesterday. It was decided to abandon the idea of dressing as Indians and substitute the more sensible and attractive suits of a military pattern. The Indian drills and other exercises typifying the early history of the state were dropped from the programme, and the visitors at the exposition will be entertained with military and sword drills. As a result of the conference, it was decided that the traveling costumes would consist of a neat suit of brown, with poufy jackets. In presenting their drills the following suit was adopted: Short skirts and leggings, made of Army cloth, together with Hawaiian sombreros, slightly perked up at one side, and tan shoes. The young women will go as the guests of the National Guard and will be entertained en route by this organization. The company will begin active drilling in July, leaving for Jamestown early in August. The trip will require six weeks. Those participating in the meeting were: Mrs. J. C. Cooper, of McMinnville; Miss Tuttlemeier, of Milwaukie; Miss Mabel Hunstock, of McMinnville; Miss Gardner, of Newberg; Miss Keyt, of Perrydale; Miss Ardel Woodworth, of Hood River; Miss Ruth Lee, Miss Katherine George, Miss Manning, Miss Zoe McClung, Miss Dell Ward, of Portland; Mrs. J. C. Adrey and Mrs. H. W. Manning, of Portland. The Admen's League and the development clubs of the state are expected officially to indorse the action of the meeting.

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DEATH DAILY FOR THREE DAYS FROM Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.

Deaths averaging one a day from cerebro-spinal meningitis are being reported to the Health Office and the dread disease has a firmer foothold in Portland than at any time since it was first discovered last month. Within the last three days three deaths have resulted and another patient at St. Vincent's Sanitarium is expected to die any hour. Several other cases have developed. During April 17 cases of meningitis have been reported and out of the 17 patients 12 died. In March there was but one case attended with fatal results. Mrs. Clara B. Burroughs, of 469 Taylor street, died Friday, and Giovanni Di Santis, an Italian laborer, died yesterday morning at his home at 653 Sixth street. Miss Rickard, a nurse, is the patient at St. Vincent's Sanitarium who will die. Several of the schools have been fumigated, as have the Public Library and the homes of all patients who contracted the disease. There has never been more than one case in a family and so far as can be learned with one exception those who contracted the disease were not first exposed to other patients. Miss Rickard, the nurse, had one case in charge, but that is the only instance known of probable direct transmission. Health Officer Wheeler says there is really no cause for alarm. He believes that cool nights have prevented stamping out the malady. The epidemic is by no means confined to Portland, but appears to be general throughout the Northwest. According to statistics, 20 deaths resulted from spinal meningitis in Tacoma last week, and the epidemic in Seattle still exists.

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