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THOSE COLONIST RATES.

OREGON people may disagree about many things, but all agree that increased population is absolutely necessary to make the state prosperous. Oregon welcomes the tourist and the latch spring is out at all seasons of the year for visitors, but above all he welcomes the home maker, and it is the one-way colonist rate that brings the home-maker.

These rates begin September 1st and continue until October 31st, and there is now left only one month in which the various communities of this state are to do their advertising.

These rates are \$25 from all Missouri River points, and from St. Paul west, to almost any point in Oregon, with a reduction on each ticket of \$2.50 for points east of Umatilla. The rate from St. Louis is \$30, Chicago \$33, New York City \$50, and a proportionate rate from any point in the entire east, and if the millions of people throughout the crowded sections of the older states could only be told the rates by a letter direct from some personal friend, relative or acquaintance in Oregon, the population of the state could be doubled in a short time.

Now we can't depend upon the railroads doing this advertising because the same rate that is good to Oregon is also good to Canada and California, Texas and Georgia, in fact all of the railroads agree to put on a colonist rate for these two months, and those coming to Oregon get about the longest ride available in the United States for the money.

Tickets are sold at the same price from a point in Illinois or any other state to Ashland as to Portland, but they must be bought to their destination from the ticket agent back east, and the only reason a large number bought their tickets heretofore to Portland was because the smaller communities in the state have failed to do proper and effective advertising. The marvelous prosperity of Corvallis and vicinity, brought about through intelligent and effective advertising and without the expenditure of and great amount of money, is an example that every community in the state of Oregon should follow.

Personal letters from the men, women and children to old friends in the East, is the best possible advertising, but unless the commercial organizations take it upon themselves to see that people actually write the letters, no letters will be written. In one school district in Tillamook county the population was doubled in six months through the work of the school children, assisted by their parents, and this can be repeated in every portion of the state. Is there any objection to having the ministers of the state explain to their congregations what the colonist rate means to the community, and how it can be effectively used? Is there any better work for the woman's clubs, can the state superintendent, county superintendents, and the teachers of the city and state do a better work than in seeing that the facts of these rates are put before the different communities, so that they may become a part of every letter that goes out of the state.

In every community of this state there should be issued small circulars, giving the facts of these colonist rates to that exact station and a few statistics relative to the country, and these circulars should be so light that they would not add to the cost of postage, and they should be put in every letter that goes out of the state.

There is not a newspaper in the state that would not be glad to carry in black type a brief statement about the colonist rates if they felt that the community was interested in having them do so.

The one-way rates bring to the state people who come to stay, but

they must buy their tickets when they leave home for the point they want to reach, and each and every city and town in the state must keep this one fact before their people all the time. During last March and April hundreds of people came to Portland who wanted to go to points on the coast and down through the different valleys and as far away as Klamath Falls, who had bought their tickets to Portland when they left home, thinking that the extra cost of getting from that city to their point of destination would be trifling, and the result was that they either located somewhere else or returned disgruntled and dissatisfied.

We make no headway by blaming the railroads, blaming Portland, or blaming anybody. The rate is available to several hundred points in Oregon; the tickets cost the same whether they are bought to The Dalles or Eugene, Astoria or Medford, Salem or Hood River, and it is the point that does the best advertising and gets the greatest interest excited in their particular place that secures the people, and there is no work anywhere comparable to detect personal letters, and to get that does not cost money, but it costs work, and a good, effective committee in each and every community of this state, with the assistance of the newspapers, the preachers, the commercial bodies, the real estate men, and the patriotic citizen who wants to see Oregon grow, can get the results.

The Pacific Northwest is in the minds of the people of the country as never before. The competition between Hill and Harriman for the control of this portion of the United States from a transportation standpoint, has been printed in the newspapers throughout the United States and served to awaken an interest in this section.

That we have here untold wealth in timber resources is almost universally known. There is a vague appreciation of the opportunities in irrigation, stock raising, fruit growing, mining, and in the development of the water powers, and thousands are on the point of changing their place of residence. Much good advertising has been done and at no time in the history of the state were so many commercial bodies carrying on an active campaign as at present, but to reach success the community must be active and alert, and constant diligence is absolutely necessary if we are to divert a great travel in this direction. The climatic situation is always a source of interest but above and beyond everything else the low priced colonist ticket attracts the people, and there is nothing so fetching as a personal appeal, through a letter from someone with whom they are acquainted. Letters written at once give their recipients time to think, and these letters should go out by tens of thousands every week from this time forward, and this is an opportunity which can be improved with profit and without any great cost.

THE PORT OF COOS BAY.

THE question arose at the last meeting of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce as to the organization of a Port Commission for Coos Bay. To say that this is as important a question as can be considered by the people of this locality is to declare a truth which is too plain to need utterance. The time for activity in this respect is here already. It is a notable fact, thanks to our superannuated and moss-grown state constitution, that only one port exists in all the great domain of Oregon. If Oregon had followed the lead of the progressive states prohibiting special legislation, and placing a general law on the statute books under which port could organize there would be no difficulty and no delay as to Coos Bay. Now, however, it is necessary to ask the legislature to specially incorporate the Port of Coos Bay just as if this state were a hundred years behind the times. Be that as it may, we must face the fact, and the Chamber of Commerce does well to commence immediately to shape matters toward the organization of a Commission for this Port.

But this great and all important matter is not merely a Marshfield affair. It is the affair of North Bend and Empire as well. The Port of Coos Bay should and must include North Bend, Empire, Marshfield and all the lands bordering on the bay and the inlets of the bay. In fact, the Port Commission should have jurisdiction of the bay and all of its navigable tributaries, and the water fronts thereof, including the territory within five miles of the bay or navigable inlets. The Port of Portland includes Portland and all of Multnomah county which lies west of the east boundary line of Range Two east of the Willamette Meridian, and is not confined to the city of Portland. This Port of Portland is a corporation separate from the city of Portland, and as such it has power to sue and be sued. The Port of Coos Bay should be similarly invested

with power. It can acquire, hold, use, enjoy and dispose of and convey real property, and make contracts, and do, as a body corporate, all acts necessary to be done to accomplish its objects. It is authorized to improve the Willamette and Columbia rivers, between Portland harbor and the sea. It has the right to make regulations and enforce them by imposing penalties for their breach. It has power to construct and operate a dry dock and exercise the right of eminent domain and take all private property necessary for its purposes. It has power to issue bonds and borrow money. It also has power to levy taxes and to use its funds for the purpose of dredging and doing other necessary work or constructing wharves, docks and other structures.

Such must be the authority and nature of the Port of Coos Bay. It is none too early to commence the agitation, and it would be wise for the Chambers of Commerce of North Bend and Marshfield to have standing committees which shall meet from time to time in conference, and if Empire has no chamber, to add to their conference committee by calling in one or more citizens of Empire. Of course such a conference committee can not act as a corporation,

but it can do many useful and beneficial acts and watch the interests of the bay and keep the organization of the Port of Coos Bay constantly in mind. The experience of such a conference committee would be invaluable. Besides, there is much which Congress and the Federal government will be asked to do at the approaching session of Congress. The conference committee can consider such matters, report back to their respective chambers the plan they recommend and procure the co-operation of the cities of the bay for united action and financial aid.

SHORT PARAGRAPHS ON THE PROGRESS OF COOS BAY

Among the business announcements made through the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce the past week was that of Mr. Bell, giving assurance that an electric line will be running on Coos Bay by the first of January. A gas plant will be installed by the same company and ready to supply gas this fall, according to Mr. Bell's statement.

A large accommodation table was

placed in Commercial Hall for the convenience of the public. It is of the Mission style of furniture, 10x3 1/2 feet, and was made by the North Bend Sash and Door factory. On this table will be kept papers and stationery for guests.

A port commission for Coos Bay received a new impetus the past week. Both the Marshfield and North Bend Chambers of Commerce have taken the matter up. Mr. Albright, representing a committee from the North Bend Chamber, was present at Friday's meeting of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, and a committee was appointed from the latter body to act jointly with North Bend in bringing about the establishment of a commission.

The demand for houses, both business and residence property, increases at the Chamber of Commerce. Not a day but inquiries are made for houses. Any one with a house to rent, furnished or unfurnished, or any kind of a building that may be used for a business house, will confer a favor by leaving his name with the secretary.

The "Don't Knock" card in the front window of the Chamber of Commerce building was read by one hundred people the past week, it is

estimated.

Since Friday night's meeting \$2,000 worth of bonds have been subscribed toward the new hotel. Mr. Gibson promises that the dirt will be flying on the excavation for the new building within a few days.

Three new names were added to the membership of the Chamber of Commerce the past week. They were all voluntary, and are now active members. The membership roll is kept at the headquarters, and any one can come in and identify himself with the organization any time.

GOOD LUCK ATTENDS SIXES HUNTING TRIP

Hillis Short, Joe Russell, Pat Flanagan, a Portland man, and Joe Knight, of Myrtle Point, came out from the rugged Sixes country on Thursday after a two weeks' hunting trip. They had good success, and brought home two fresh buck besides 150 pounds of dried meat. They were unfortunate with their pack animals, losing one horse while in the interior.

Mrs. John Flanagan, Mrs. Lawlor and Mr. Reed returned from Coos River yesterday.

Final Reductions For July

TO CLOSE THE LAST FEW DAYS OF JULY WITH ACTIVE SELLING IN ALL DEPARTMENTS, SOME VERY INTERESTING PRICE CUTTING HAS BEEN INDULGED IN. DON'T THINK, IF JUST WHAT YOU WANT IS NOT LISTED IN THIS AD., THAT IT WILL NOT BE OF SPECIAL SAVING TO YOU TO COME OUT THIS WEEK. MANY REDUCTIONS NOT HERE SHOWN WILL BE MADE. THE ACCOMPANYING ITEMS SIMPLY SERVE AS ILLUSTRATIONS OF WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT. SO COME—YOU ARE WELCOME.

OUR REGULAR PRICES ON DOMESTICS

Much has been said of late of the rapid advance in price on all cotton goods, and prices on staples have been raised so generally by other stores that we believe our price list on a few items of general interest will be appreciated by our patrons.

Notwithstanding the fact that wholesale cost on cotton goods, and in fact on almost every line of merchandise has advanced materially during the past year, we maintain, through our excellent buying facilities, almost without exception, our former low prices. No patron of ours needs hold her breath when asking the price of a spool of thread,—it's still the same old price, 5c. And here are more illustrations:

Best Quality Calico. Sold elsewhere at 7c and 8c. We sell it regularly at, yard	61-4
Standard Apron Gingham, the kind you are asked at other stores 10c and 12 1/2c. We sell regularly at, yard	8c
15c Dress Zephyrs. Handsome patterns. Our regular price, yard	21-2
Best Galatea Cloth. Sold elsewhere at 20c. We have been selling it right along, yard	17c
Fine Percale, retailing elsewhere at 12 1/2c and 15c. Our regular price is, yard	10c
8-4 Sheeting, full width. Our competitors ask you from 30c to 35c. We have been selling it regularly at, yard	24c
4-4 Bleached Muslin. Our regular price is, per yard	10c
Best quality "Picket" Bed Ticking. Sold at other stores throughout the country from 18c to 20c. Our regular price is, yard	121-2
Best grade of House Lining. Sold elsewhere at 6 1/2c. We sell it regularly in bales of 1600 yards at, per yard	4 7-8
Colored Outing Flannel. Sells elsewhere at 12 1/2c. Our price is always the same low price of, yard	10c
8-ounce Canvas Duck, yard	22c
"Sanitas" and "Meritas" Oil Cloth, the best grade made. Sold at other stores at 30c and 35c. We have always sold it, yard	20c
10-4 Cotton Blankets. Worth 55c. Our regular price is, pair	65c
Home-Made Comforts, size 72 x 78. Did you ever see a good home-made comfort priced so low. Each	2.00
Thread, while other stores sell it from 6c to 10c spool, The Myers Store still maintains the old price of 5c spool, or in dozen lots	55c

75c Mother's Friend Waist 63c

We think these could also rightly be called "Boys' Friend Waists," for where is the boy that dislikes them. They feel so comfortable on a boy, and makes him look so spick and span. If your boy needs one or more of these waists to top off the season, be sure to buy this week. All sizes, each, only

Johnnie 75c Jumper Suits 57c

The suits that just suit for lad or lassie to romp and jump in. No matter how often they become dirty, they can always be washed and made to look like new. This week you can buy these very extraordinary suits at a good saving. Sale price only, suit

POWERFUL SAVINGS IN MILLINERY

There will be another week of strenuous selling in the Millinery Section. The prices placed on these exquisite productions are simply ridiculous, and should ardently appeal to every woman in this vicinity thinking of buying another hat before the close of the summer season.

\$6.50 to \$10 Trimmed Hats, choice only	\$4.45
\$12.50 to \$15 Pattern Hats, choice only	\$6.75
\$18.50 to \$27.50 Pattern Hats, choice only	\$7.95

55c Infants' Embroidered Caps 29c

Our darling line of Infants' Embroidered Caps and Bonnets, regular prices ranging from 35c to 55c, for the coming week, all go at this one price. This means much to many mothers thinking of buying one or more of these pretty head pieces for baby. Inasmuch as the best always goes first, better be here as early in the week as possible. They go on sale Monday morning for the entire week. Were 35c to 55c. Choice only

Children's Straw Hat Savings

Our Straw Hats for the children must go. The line is badly broken from the immense rush of summer business, and now we want the remaining ones moved out. To do so, great reductions have been made, and it will pay you to buy now, even though you find it necessary to hold them over until another season. Note the former prices and the prices that will move them.

35c Children's Broad Rim Hats	15c
75c Children's Straw Hats, this week	48c
\$1.25 Children's Hats, only	90c
\$1.50 Children's Hats, only	\$1.15
\$2.00 Children's Hats, only	\$1.47

\$1.50 Pillow Tops 69c

Our entire line of Handsome Silk and Plush Colored Pillow Tops, formerly selling from 95c to \$1.50 each, go on sale Monday morning at this special price. This will be of much interest to many women of this vicinity. Come early to make your selections. Choice, only

\$1.25 Ladies' Newest Belts 47c

Hundreds of Handsome Belts in leather, silk and corded effects. The very newest styles, all sizes, and former prices were 85c. to \$1.25. For the coming week, all of them go at one price, and that the lowest imaginable for such exquisite styles. Choice only

FOR ONE MORE WEEK 25c CHILDREN'S HOSE 12c

Through a misunderstanding on the part of someone, all of the 25c Children's Hose, selling at this very low price last week, were not shown. Hence a number of dozens remain over, and we will continue the sale until entirely sold out at last week's price. This will undoubtedly be good news to the many economical mothers who bought of them last week, but were unable to get as many as they wanted. So come out Monday morning, and pick out the sizes you require. Worth 25c. Pair, only

THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

A.W. MYERS & CO. COOS BAY'S GREATEST STORE. NORTH BEND, OREGON

THE LEADING Trading Center