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### THE COOS BAY GRAVENSTEIN.

The address of Hon. J. W. Snover before the Chamber of Commerce of Marshfield Friday evening was one of the notable events for which that body, since its rejuvenation, has become famous. The subject, too, was one which will appeal to every person on the coast who may read the address published in this issue of The Times and ordered by the Chamber to be printed and published in pamphlet form. The thanks of all who are interested in Coos Bay are due to Mr. Snover for his timely and masterly presentation of this subject.

There is no better way to advertise Coos Bay and render it famous than by encouraging the cultivation of the Gravenstein as a specialty. It is a fact that comparatively little of the area of the American or any other continent is adapted to the culture of good apples and the section which can be claimed as specially suited to any one kind, is exceptionally fortunate. Mr. Snover has shown that the market for Gravensteins is unsatiable and the half a million boxes would never be sufficient. The strenuous call for Gravensteins is heard in the Orient, Southern Cali-

fornia, South America, the Hawaiian Islands, the East and in Europe, but its peculiar value is made all the more apparent by the example of Alaska. Other apples are produced in Coos Bay very successfully, but none can measure up to the value and standard of the unapproachable Coos Bay Gravenstein.

The discussion of this subject of fruit raising at this time is very important. Without reflecting on the extraordinary richness and productivity of the hillsides and valleys of Coos Bay, both in vegetable and dairying lines, it is safe to say that their fruit bearing qualities will be more attractive to desirable immigrants from the East than any other. The East is alive with interest in Western fruit lands and the fruit feature is one which appeals more to the people in a democratic way than any other. The average man thinks coal, timber and fisheries belong to large combinations of capital. Not so the twenty or forty-acre farm which is devoted to fruit culture. That is within the reach of the individual and independence and happiness are associated with it. The cut-over lands, and those which are now covered with timber in this section are destined to attain great value for fruit farms. The hills are fertile from summit to base and the formation rarely comes to the surface. Scarcely any of the land, now heavily timbered, is incapable of such use. The absence of pests of all kinds is a point of immeasurable superiority and to cap the climax artificial and expensive irrigation is entirely unnecessary.

Let us all unite then in making the Gravenstein one of our strongest notes in our "Call of Coos Bay."

### WHY NOT COOS BAY?

It is announced that the naval department will carefully investigate the Pacific coast with a view of immediately selecting a location for a new navy yard and military stronghold on the western ocean. A commission consisting of heads of certain divisions, men of high position and skill, has been detailed for the purpose of making such selection, and

will appear in San Francisco shortly and proceed to its work. Their action, however, can not be final, but when they have reached a conclusion, they will report back their plans to congress and ask for the necessary appropriation which will be made as a matter of course.

It is reported that San Diego is among the ports which will receive the attention of the investigating commission. No objection can be perhaps made to San Diego as a future location of such yard or fortifications. It has the harbor, the deep water, the capacity and the anchorage. But its coal, steel, timber, food stuffs, and, in short, everything which a navy yard might need or a fort require, will have to be shipped to it over long distances. The country is unproductive and dry, unless expensive systems of irrigation should be installed.

The attention of the commission may well be directed to Coos Bay. Something has been said already in these columns about the peculiar qualification of Coos Bay for the purposes which the naval commission mentioned, has in mind. But the subject is one of such importance at this time that the opportunities to present the situation should not be allowed to pass unnoticed. It is hardly conceivable that a more ideal location for a navy yard, if the subject is to be treated from a business standpoint, could be found in the world. In the first place the bar at the harbor's mouth is almost no obstacle at all and a small expenditure comparatively, will scour the bar out completely and deepen the entrance to forty feet. In the next place ample anchorage in the inner bay can be obtained by deepening the tidal area, and as there is no obstacle to dredging, this can be done cheaply. Indeed, an outlay of less than one million would make Coos Bay a perfect harbor of refuge. That, compared with the Japanese outlay of \$23,000,000 to improve the harbor at Tokio, is a bagatelle. Right here it may well be pointed out that no more ideal place for a navy yard could be suggested than South Inlet, which has the advantage of protection from the sea and yet proximity to it, and is closely connected with the deepest water in the bay. The other advantages may be epitomized. Coos Bay has the following unlimited resources: Timber stands of giant and abundant growth and of

unlimited variety. This will supply the most suitable beams, timbers and lumber which may be needed without shipment. It would be just outside the navy yard gate. The largest saw mills on the coast are beginning operations here.

Lignite coal of a superior quality exists on the very shores of the bay and ships load at the mine's mouth. The coasting steamers have used this coal for steam purposes since its discovery forty years and more ago and are still using it. The experiments which have recently been made successfully show that by briquetting and adding the element of carbon, this coal will reach the standard required for naval purposes. It is the only coal on the coast south of Puget Sound, and experts say the Puget Sound measures are about exhausted. The commission ought to understand that this coal is an invitation to a hostile power to establish a naval station here. Coal which has been used by coasting ships to make steam, can be used by naval ships, if better coal is not available.

Cattle, milch cows, food stuffs, are close to this bay and the entire region is capable of growing anything which will be needed. Besides this, the Drain railroad will be finished in season to meet all the needs of the naval department, when they are ready. In that event the whole of the Willamette Valley will be at the mercy of a hostile force which might establish a temporary base at Coos Bay, by means of the Drain road supply itself with all a large fleet would require for a long voyage, besides getting all the coal needed for such a voyage on the shores of the bay.

### THE BLACK SAND AROUND PORT ORFORD

Mr. W. H. Merrick of Portland, representing a syndicate, has been investigating the black sand propositions in this country. He left Port Orford for Portland Saturday, but will return in two or three weeks to thoroughly prospect some of the properties that are offered. The beach lying north of Rogue river, for 12 miles is beyond question the richest platinum to be found on this coast in an almost continuous body. Other beaches have rich spots, but here it is continuous for a greater reach than elsewhere.—Port Orford Tribune.

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