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### THE CITY OF COOS.

The world beyond the Cascades is in the habit of calling this place Coos. They say "Over in Coos," not over in Coos Bay. That consolidation of the peninsular cities is a matter of the near future is plain enough to all citizens of Coos and when the consolidation comes, the question of a fitting name is really a very important one. Shakespeare says, "A rose by any name will smell as sweet." In the same way a great man will by his supreme genius make a name which sounds ridiculous when first pronounced, very impressive at last, just as Shak-his-peare, descendant of some naked savage on the banks of the Thames, did.

The city of Coos can become a very famous one and the genius will make it so. Then it will own all things else around it. The people will say, "We are going to Coos." "Over in Coos." "The merchants of Coos." Coos will claim the bay, for it is Coos Bay. Coos will claim the river for it is Coos river. Coos will own the head which juts into the sea—for it is Coos' Head. It will be all generic, because its name is only of one syllable and four letters and it does not copy the name or style of any other city. There is, in true mention of another Coos in the Bible (See acts 21-1) but the theologians, unmindful that the true location of Paradise is here—pronounce it Co-os, making it two syllables. But our City of Coos is not a river, or a bay, or a head. It is the city of Coos with a decided emphasis on THE. All the other Coos's are merely rays, some big and some little, all shining from one center.

The word Coos was not adopted from the Bible. It has only appeared on the map in two other places—one as shown by the Biblical allusion and one on the map of New Hampshire, where there is a Coos county. Its derivation is not definitely known but the New Hampshire word is Indian and means "A place of Pines." No doubt fir and spruce were as suggestive as pines. But there is no evidence that the first settlers knew of Coos county, New Hampshire, the Indian name or biblical town Coos. There is a suggestion that the Indians of a remote date and who have long since disappeared who occupied this district were called Coos or Koo-sau, but the authority for the suggestion is not very marked. At any rate, the people of the City of Coos would be known as Coosians which would be quite euphonious.

### RIVERS AND HARBORS.

The engineer corps of the war department at present is busy itself with plans for the deepening of a portion of New York harbor to admit of the entrance of the monster quadruplex screw turbine steamship Louisiana on its initial trip across the Atlantic next month. The engineer in charge of the work has reported that it will be impossible to complete the work on the Ambrose channel, which is the original course of the Hudson river in time, but that the center of the channel will be marked with buoys and reserved for the anchorage of the big vessels, and the work will be pushed with all possible dispatch. Although the government had ample notice of the necessary improvements to the harbor, the fact that today the work only is half completed goes to show the lethargy with which this sort of betterments have been undertaken by the United States. Only last Friday one of the big Hamburg-American steamships ran aground while entering New York harbor, and it is a much smaller boat than the Louisiana. However, it is believed here that the nation now is fully awake to the importance of keeping its rivers and harbors in the best possible condition, not only for the stimulation of the ever-increasing commerce of the country but also to relieve the railroads of a freight traffic which long since has eclipsed their ability to handle it. The National Rivers and Harbors Congress has been working steadily for six years to bring home to congress and the American people the necessity for this work, and its efforts already have borne fruit. The organization realizes, however, the need for sustaining the present widespread interest in the problem of water transportation, and therefore is bending all its efforts to the recruiting of a larger membership so as to insure greater success with the incoming congress.—Exchange.

### HOW TO HASTEN HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

The only thing needful to induce the government of the United States to improve the harbor on a large scale is to show that the population is sufficient and the volume of business large enough to warrant it. The thing for the people of Coos Bay to do is to keep up their efforts in that direction, but to make their greatest exertions in the direction of getting

people to come here and to go into business. Every possible encouragement should be extended to those who come here to locate and do some business which will be a credit to this community. More particularly the attention of the outside world should be directed to the value of our agricultural lands. Then the business of the Chambers of Commerce is to attend with jealous care to every detail which enters into the building up of a center of commerce at Marshfield and North Bend. All timber, lumber, fruit, agricultural products, dairy products, coal and manufactured goods, produced in this county and tributary country should be handled first and directly by the two cities. Commission houses should be Coos Bay commission houses and the market should be made an independent one as soon as possible. Such a policy will do more to build up and make business here than anything else and this will increase the showing which will compel the government to sit up and take notice of the needs of Coos Bay's harbor.

### THE BOSTON IDEALS.

The Times has very vivid recollection of a recent session of the Oregon legislature when a certain bill calculated to bring the Southern Oregon company to let go some of its extensive holdings was put to sleep. It remembers the refrain of a sweet lullaby sung by one of the Boston Ideal company which has held the boards in the Coos Bay country for some years, and has held the inhabitants spell-bound as long. It runs:  
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