OVERLAND VIA ROSEBURG

That is the way we came, overland That is the way we came, overland via. Roseburg. And we were a long time coming. We hit all the high places, and some of the low ones. Anyone who comes over the Roseburg Stage Line will live to kick it. burg Stage Line will live to kick, if he survives. I know because I have swapped stories with several surviv-ers. In behalf of my fellow sufferers,

To begin at the beginning, we had hardly scated ourselves in the 'Bus at Roseburg before a little old man, let me tell my tale. at Roseburg before a little old man, a nice fatherly looking chap, such as one would pick out for a father-in-law, wearing on his cap the informalaw, wearing on his cap the informa-tion that he was the agent for the stage line appeared. Did anyone wish to go on the stage to Myrtle Point or Marshfield, he asked. We did and we said so. He said he would that hught frightened sleepers go to the hotel and sell us our tickets from the beds for blocks around, a and he did. On the way he imparted and he did. On the way he imparted and he did. On the way he imparted and he did not have to our questinformation in answer to our question and he did not have to common ways to go direct to common ways. tions. He advised us that we imperil several lives and damag-Marshneld, he asset in one day and I ing proty to the extent of several

recall distinctly that he said we thousandollars.

The er broke through the brick would arrive at our destination by ten thirty or eleven p. m. We doubted the possibility but demonstrated the feasibility with the fine guests, wagon load of policemen four horse teams with which their rushed the hotel and carried out line was equipped, teams that were line was equipped, teams that were changed every eight of ten miles. Oh we looked forward with eager anticipation towards that trip. That agent will over-reach himself some of these days. Some day he will sell a passenger a round trip ticket and passenger will return with a chorgin. I hope this will not hap-police.

that passenger will return with a shotgan. I hope this will not happen for I regard him as a genuine curiosity in his line. When we develop a real prize-winner he ought not to be effaced from this mundane sphere just to please the caprice of some hasty individual. At the same time I am willing to admit that he ought not to be turned loose upon the ought not to be turned loose upon the unsuspecting public. We found the next morning that

our old man eloquent had gathered many victims into his web. In fact when the decrepit stage, drawn by gaunt and discouraged looking horses drew up in front of the hotel there were more passengers than could possibly be seated. Some of the late comers were insistent on going to Marshfield that day. Our voluble agent offered to pay their board at the held will nort day if they would the hotel until next day if they would wait. Right there we scored on the stage line. We said, pay our board and we will stay. If I had known what I do now I would have offered

what I do now I would have offered to stay right there until I had boarded my tickerseut.

So we will over a day in Roseburg and received condolences from every one who found out that we ware given by stays to Marshfield. Go were going by stage to Marshfield. Go by private team and take two days to the trip was the advice we received. But we had our money invested in two pieces of paste-board. We wanted to get our money's worth, and we

Well we started about eight a. m the following day. We arrived at Sumner at two a, m, the morning after. But that does not tell the It took us a half hour or more to awaken two sleepy individuals who with the assistance of the passengers loaded a waiting hand-car with mail bags and baggage. The patrons of this interesting line then found seats on this toppling load and were bourne through the chill fog banks across the marshes to a damp and uncleanly launch. By this time they were too tired and chilled and bumped to regist any further indignity an uncrupulous providence and the Roseburg-Marshfield Stage Line might inflict. Consequently they were not surprised to find themselves lost and adrift on the Bay. We heard the man who was engineer and

captain and also the crew come aft, just after running upon a mud bank, and soulfully say, "Dam the fog."
That was exactly what we wanted to say but one of us was a preacher say but one of us was a preacher and the others were too tired to ejaculate. We arrived, a bedraggled and weary lot, at Marshfield at five a. m. to find that in town there was not a room in which a pilgrim could find sweet rest and oblivion from a too strenuous world. But that is an-

other story. Why pile on the agony?

Even yet I have not told it all. I have left out all the filling between departure and arrival. I have not mentioned the walking we did out of pily for the hypergraphed horse on pity for the brokenwinded horse on one of the teams. I haven't even es-timated the number of stones on the road. I did not describe how we lifted the stage out of a hole because the horses balked. Nor have I told of descending in the darkness to push telegraph wires out of the road. The interest attaching to rolling a fallen log from our narrow way at the witching hour of mid-night was another incident. I almost forgot the adventure of passing the other stage at a place where one wagon really needed all the road.

No I have not told it all. I have not described the solemn beauty of the deep still woods. I cannot tell of thousand scenic wonders of the way for how can words that are at best but clumsy symbols described it? Hree is some of the most wonderful, the most wierd and enchanting scenery that Nature in her most bountiful and capricious mood can produce. Here is a trip worth crossing the continent to make.

If there was a good road constructed and an up-to-date stage line, with a Tally-Ho coach for instance, or het-ter yet an automobile line, this would be one of the famous trips of the con-

On the whole I am not sorry that I came to Marshfield by the Roseburg Stage Line. As the black and blue spots fade away my memories grow kinder. I have now arrived at the stage where I take a real pleasure in stage where I take a real pleasure in recalling those portions of the jour-ney that I made on foot. Eventually I expect to reach a state of mind in which I will see through the rists of which I will see through the vistas of intervening years not the unpleasent incidents but as in a dream the verdure covered gorges, the foaming water, falls dropping over mossy rocks, the majestic trees stading senting it the latest countries.

tinel in the eternal solitudes.

After a weeks experience in Marshfield I am willing to say to the world come to Coos Bay. It is the place of largest opportunity, Come, and come via. Roseburg. But don't let that But don't let that

via. Roseburg.

stage agent talk to you. If you do, you are lost, unless you have an unusually strong mind. Lie to him. Anything to lose him. Then hire a private coneyance and come over the marvelds Coast Range in a leisurely, christia way. Stop and hunt and fish an kodak. There is no better place inAmerica to do any of these.

Yea, ome to Coos Bay. Come any you are seeking adventure come bithe Roseburg Stage Line. Mind wat I tell you, you will have a memorale experience.

Frank Fay Eddy.

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