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#### THE CLIMATE OF COOS.

There was a terrible cyclone in Minnesota a few days ago which destroyed much property in St. Paul and Minneapolis. There have been furious and damaging electric storms in various parts of the country in August. The heat has been oppressive in nearly all Eastern states during the summer and many people have died from its effects. Last winter was the worst the Northwest has ever known and the suffering from cold, snow, ice, lack of fuel and exposure exceeded anything the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and the Dakotas have known for forty years.

But at Coos Bay there were no cyclones. There never has been such a storm and no damage has ever been done by the wind and the rain on the peninsular where the cities stand. Electric storms are unknown. There have been faint rumblings of thunder—as the oldest inhabitant can remember—but never a thunder storm or a stroke of lightning. The temperature at Coos Bay is never too hot. No man or woman ever had sunstroke on the Bay or its adjacent lands. The glass goes above 85 degrees so seldom that few can recall when it did. There is never a killing frost or a respectable snowstorm. The glass never goes down below thirty-five above zero, except once or twice in five or ten years and nobody can remember when losses were scored or suffering resulted, on that account. Roses bloom all the winter long. When the experience of Portland and cities east in connection with heat, is considered, Coos Bay people feel grateful that fortune has cast their lot for them in the best climate in the world. Los Angeles and San Diego people expect to bake. But the people of this section do not. Minnesota, Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas people live in constant expectation of being blown into kingdom come. Coos Bay people consider that it is a joy to live in the kingdom here where such zephyrs disturb not. This is a great climate.

#### THE TELEGRAPH STRIKERS.

The telegraphers strike still continues and the situation is more interesting than distressing after all. It is true that news does not reach us as fully and as soon as formerly, but we manage to get it one way or another, sooner or later, and business still goes on although with a slower and perhaps healthier and more sensible pace. This lightning age of electricity has its drawbacks and the rest the telegraphers give us is refreshing. According to the Portland papers there are other features of the strike which are far from disheartening. So busy is the whole country today that if a man is thrown out of his job, of one kind, he has very little difficulty in finding another. The telegraph operators are everywhere known to be an intelligent lot and it is said that the strikers have not been hanging around the union headquarters waiting anxiously for news of the battle, but have nearly all of them, at least in Western cities, found other occupations. Some of them declare that the strike is a Godsend to them and that it relieves them from a very confining work which offers no opportunities for advancement. They are therefore glad to have an excuse to try their fortunes in some other line. But what will become of the Western Union if they can't get operators? It is not very seriously a concern of the people what becomes of the Western Union. Many people who do not believe in government ownership of railroads, have no objection to government ownership of telegraph lines. Possibly operators would be better satisfied to work in the postoffice department for the government.

#### STANDARD'S CONDESCENSION.

The directors of the Standard Oil Company have sent to the Times their receipt prepared for their employes and stockholders wherein they seek to justify themselves and belittle the judiciary as represented by Judge Landis. It is not surprising that this company, which does not care a mill for the opinion of the American people or for their laws or institutions, and which ten years ago was foremost in denouncing those who dared to take issue with the courts, should now change its tone and denounce the courts roundly. Whether it is Jekyll or Hyde depends on what the occasion demands. The pamphlet sent out to the newspaper press to inform them of the "facts" as to the Chicago & Alton railroad case, is merely a compilation of editorial comments made by the plutocratic Press of the country. It would be strange, indeed if the Standard Oil Company could not find friends among the newspapers—when its policy has been to own and control such newspapers everywhere. Indeed, it is very probable that Mr. Rockefeller and his associates will

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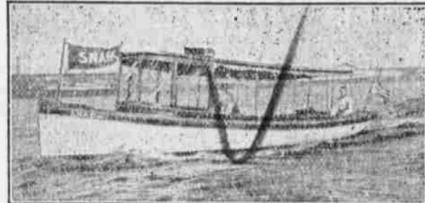
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The people who take advantage of these low rates are largely farmers in search of better land or better conditions. They are an intelligent class of farmers, too, and they are not anxious to get town lots, but farms. They know how to appreciate good soil and they are the sort of people who can be depended on to improve the country. They have money, too, and are good citizens.

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