

AN HUMBLE HOME ON COOS BAY IS BETTER THAN A CASTLE IN SPAIN

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COOS COUNTY HEALTH RESORT.

Coos county is one of the healthiest communities in the United States, a good place to live, and at the same time it presents opportunities to persons in all walks of life.

THE PORT OF COOS BAY

Electors voted \$300,000 to improve the inner harbor and the U. S. Government maintains the Dredge Oregon on Coos Bay deepening and widening the channel to the sea.

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COOS BAY AND COOS COUNTY THE COUNTRY OF UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY



PANORAMA VIEW OF THE CITY OF MARSHFIELD.

IMPULSED BY the westward trend of civilization, the energetic and adventurous spirit of the American has carved its way across what was a few years ago the American wilderness, and is upbuilding and peopling the extreme shore of the American continent, lying along the Pacific waters. For fifty years and more the work of subjugating the wilderness has been going on, and the magic changes wrought, together with the merit of soil and climate, have inspired pioneer and settler to sing of the wonders and riches that nature has scattered along the western shore. Thus inspired, they sought to awaken the echoes in the splendid wilderness of fir, spruce and myrtle and cedar; chanting in words which measure the future greatness of the continent, they possessed themselves of the advantages it possessed, and inevitably carry it as the westward tramping of the pressing millions has upon the shore of our Pacific ocean, to gather accumulated strength before crossing the water to the regenerative work beyond.

To paint a picture, there must be subject, foreground, background and canopy; to state a fact graphically there must be comparison; to portray a condition, there must appear cause. People are here because of irresistible forces which are constantly impelling the world of commerce and of letters westward; it is an interminable round as the countries fit by like shadows into the past; but nevertheless the movement is continuous on and on, each civilization as it passes leaving monuments of its handwork in the records of the infant days of extant history may have painted their age and achievement in colors that are glowing, in all that is enchanting beautiful and miraculous, we have a record of noble manhood, exalted ambition and heroic achievement, here on our own continent, and at our own doors; a history and a theme, that might well inspire to sublimest song the bards of old, or the poets of the present, and thus sung, eclipse the hectic glamor of the olden fables.

It is true that there is a charm as of infatuation that still lingers around the story of Ulysses and the Trojan settlement under the blue skies of Italy, and thrilling are the recollections recurring to the heroic period when Ilion resisted the shock of Agamemnon's arms, and distant Colchis became the destination of the freighted Argos. But in the eternal press westward, the fabled Argos, with their tiny burdens became caravels, the caravels, in turn, became a ship-of-the-line, carrying thousands of tons, and which could put a dozen Argos in its hold; and the ship-of-the-line has become an ocean steamer, a floating palace carrying thousands of people, or a transport carrying in a small army, and in the harbor of Coos Bay there is ample space for these ocean mammoths.

The scenes of the achievements sung by the earlier poets were circumscribed; their territory was small; their seas were lakes, and their national domains were mere ranches when compared with the extent of sea and land over which have been accomplished the achievements of modern civilization. The crossing of the Atlantic and the subjugation of the American continent has no parallel with the much sung ancients.

Some Facts About Coos Bay

- Coos Bay has a population of 12,000.
- Coos Bay has the only safe, deep-sea harbor between San Francisco and Portland.
- Coos Bay spent thousands of dollars within the past two years in dredging its harbor.
- Coos Bay has mills, shipbuilding plants and other factories in operation and opportunity for others; the problem of cheap fuel and material, and water transportation is here solved.
- Coos Bay has four hundred square miles underlaid with coal.
- Coos Bay has the largest belt of standing timber tributary to any port in the entire world, timber estimated at 1,000,000,000,000 feet.
- Coos Bay district produces strawberries, ripe, luscious and palatable, from May until December. Cranberries, blackberries and kindred fruits grow to perfection.
- Coos Bay has the largest mill on the Pacific Coast (C. A. Smith Lbr. & Mfg. Co.), and the most modern in the world.
- Coos Bay is the port for one of the largest steam schooners on the Pacific Coast; capacity, 2,225,000 feet of lumber.
- Coos Bay is the natural distributing center for a vast territory.
- Coos Bay's cities are modern and up to date in all respects, buildings, electricity, gas and water systems.
- Coos Bay has miles of the most beautiful ocean beach on the Pacific Coast.
- Coos Bay is in close touch with the coast cities, two passenger steamers between Coos Bay and San Francisco each week, one every five days between Coos Bay and Portland, besides various steam schooners every few days.
- Coos Bay's Port Commission is arranging for extensive improvements of the harbor.
- Coos Bay has adjacent the finest dairy lands in the Northwest; grass green the year round.
- Coos Bay section ranks second in the State in dairy products.
- Coos Bay shipped 1,000,000 pounds of butter last year.
- Coos Bay has seventeen creameries situated in Coos County.
- Coos Bay had an increase of nearly 200,000 tons in the shipments in and out of this port within the past year.
- Coos Bay has four incorporated cities within a radius of six miles—Marshfield, Eastside, North Bend and Empire.
- Coos Bay recently erected (at Marshfield) a \$75,000 hotel and a \$50,000 high school.
- Coos Bay mills last year loaded the Hazel Dollar, one of the largest lumber carriers in the world.
- Coos Bay schools stand at the head of the State in the manner of advancement of her school system, and outside of Portland the high schools of Coos County lead the State, as reported by State Superintendent Ackerman.
- Coos Bay is the only port on the Pacific Coast where coal can be loaded into steamships and schooners direct from the mine's mouth.
- Coos Bay has one coal mine that has been in continuous operation for 54 years.
- Coos Bay has the most equable climate on the Pacific Coast.
- Coos Bay has the lowest death rate of any section in the Northwest—for 1910 including accidental deaths, only five to the thousand.
- Coos Bay offers remarkable inducements to investors, tourists and settlers on account of cheap cost of living and healthy climate.
- Coos Bay enjoys deep-sea fishing; the lovers of this kind of sport can secure these fish by going out to sea in gasoline launches to the fishing banks a few miles off shore, where tons of halibut, ling, cod, sea bass and other deep-sea fish are caught.
- Coos Bay streams are filled with trout and three kinds of salmon—chinooks, silversides and steelheads.
- Coos Bay has a government hatchery near the head of navigation on South Coos River, and liberates 6,000,000 salmon fry annually, and canneries on Coos Bay pack and can the fish.
- Coos Bay abounds in clams and crabs, while on the headlands of our coast, rock oysters are abundantly found at low tide. Several fish markets take care of the local demand.
- Coos Bay has many attractions for the hunter; there are deer and elk in season, bear and cougars for the mountain hunter, and ducks and geese on the lakes and streams.
- Coos Bay is noted for its market gardening. The Coos County potato is famous; another leading vegetable product is celery, and there is a ready market for every bunch that is grown. Cabbage, beans, peas, onions, turnips, rutabagas, beets, carrots, rhubarb, cauliflower, and similar vegetables grow vigorously and in abundance, and without the extra work of irrigation and fertilization. Radishes, onions and cabbage can be grown the year round.
- Coos Bay has several roads under construction, besides those completed, for the autoist's pleasure; there are a great number of automobiles owned by individuals, besides those kept in the public garage, and the number is constantly increasing.
- Coos Bay was visited last year by the U. S. Battleship Boston drawing 19½ feet of water.
- Coos Bay ships lumber regularly to South America, China and Australia.

building great commercial cities till they gathered strength for passing beyond the water. The circumnavigation of the globe is nearly complete in extant history. The advance guard of the newer civilization of the occident is looking westward across the Pacific to the decaying, crumbling orient.

The advancing civilization of the new world is treading hard on the heels of the effete, dying civilization of the old. The human current in its course westward is halting on these shores, and its millions will mass and aggregate here in the preparation to push across the Pacific to absorb the new-old fields toward the setting sun. But people here are only at the threshold of this process of upbuilding on the western shore of the American continent. The possibilities here are such as require centuries to fully appropriate.

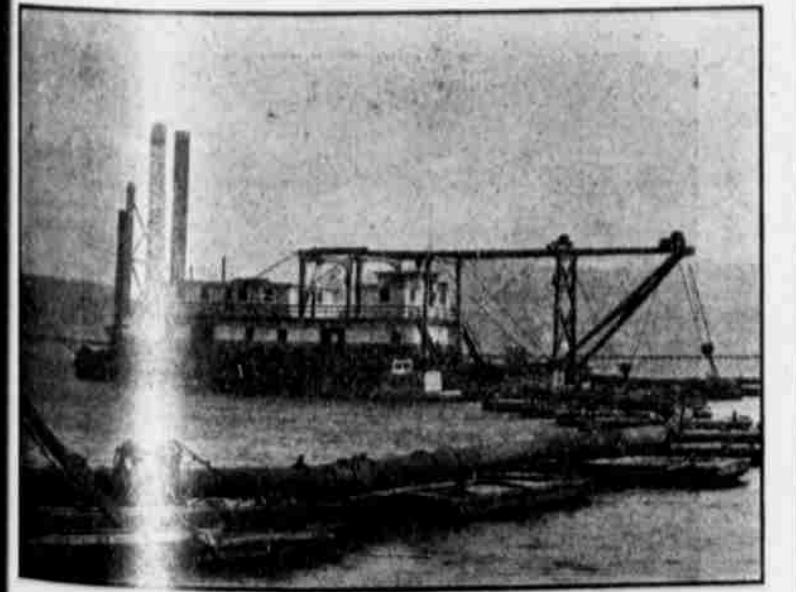
The race across the continent has been made with such haste that there is much intervening territory that will easily assimilate a far greater population, and the halting line along the Pacific shore in varied possibilities of climate and soil gives promise of a future whose greatness is beyond the human ken to divine, or the power of language to portray.

Within the wealth producing forests of Coos county are trees that were growing when Columbus sighted the shores of the Azores. The hills of Coos and Curry counties contain almost exhaustless stores of coal and somewhere in their hidden depths fountains of oil are awaiting discovery. Gold is also found in these embryo mountains and some day may be uncovered in quantities that will make the world wonder. The valleys and plains and countless

of prophet or statesman. And it will be readily seen by the thoughtful observer that in the process of peopling and upbuilding of this western shore, Coos county presents unusual physical features as a distinct section of the continent, both in relation to sea and land, that mark her as having no superiors and but few parallels on the shore lines of the several continents.

Nature seems to have drawn her lines for the concentration of Pacific's commerce at and through Coos Bay's entrance-way. Coos Bay is the westernmost and most prominent headland of the United States, pushing far beyond its general coast line, causing it to be the first land sighted by the incoming craft from the orient, but unlike most other bold and prominent headlands, it is provided with a capacious and safe land-locked harbor, capable of accommodating the commerce of a hemisphere.

The tendency, progress and development of commerce and general transportation traffic in this age makes the matter of distance and time of transit between great commercial centers the controlling factor in the problem of successful commercial competition. However much of carrying trade good business management may succeed in gathering for the benefit of any given line of transportation, if a new and competing line is opened that offers more business and quicker transit, such route and line will inevitably absorb the business of other lines. Such is the inexorable law of trade and commerce. This is not offered as a new thought or argument, but rather as an universally accepted axiom upon which to base a theory and perfect a



THE U. S. DREDGE OREGON AT WORK ON COOS BAY.

And thus the resistless march of the human family, impelled by a force mysterious as it is irresistible, has reached the western shore of the American continent, passing over the plain, and girdling the globe with electric currents to convey intelligence to any point at will; we have a recent past to gaze upon, one that is prouder, more brilliant than the felicitous visions of the Greeks, more rose-colored than the conceptions of the Romans, more glorious than the history of the early settlement of the Atlantic coast—it lies in the marvelous resources and matchless opportunity for empire building on Coos Bay and in Coos county.

Today the westward halting millions are gathering and baling on this western shore, as in centuries past they gathered on the shores of the black sea, the Mediterranean, and on the chalky cliffs of Albion,



LUMBER SCHOONERS AT NORTH BEND WAITING TO BE LOADED.

hills bountifully watered everywhere, stand unparalleled in their productivity, and our climate, mild and balmy, the atmosphere filled with ozone from the ocean and balsam from the forests, seems a special dispensation, and causes many to think that the Garden of Eden has been falsely located by the chronicles of history.

In reviewing these possibilities of the future, the query naturally comes to the mind: Where will the gathering hosts build their great cities, both inland and commercial ports of entry? Where will Southwestern Oregon figure, and how will she fare in the settlement of the great incoming population? This is a question for the logician, the statesman, the prophet. Nature has endowed Southwestern Oregon with a lavish hand, and her industrial centers and commercial marts will grow in exact keeping with the energy and spirit of progress and liberality of her people.

There are some pages of nature's book, however, which even the layman may understand, without the aid

scheme of railroad and ocean transportation which nature seems to have employed all her arts to make unassailable to competition and impregnable to innovation so long as the surface of the earth and sea remain the elements over which trade and travel move.

Nature does nothing by halves. Not only is Coos Bay the most western headland of the United States, but her harbor is the most western harbor between the Mexican and British Columbia lines, and it holds a position approximately half way between those two foreign boundaries. As a point of advantage commercially, from seaward, its merits will at once strike the student and business man. In time of war Coos Head offers a strong point for fortification against an invading foe, and the harbor can be reached and entered by craft crossing the Pacific in shorter time than other points because of its bold position, and because of the Japan current which serves Coos Bay

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