

# NORTH BEND, A THRIVING CITY OF INDUSTRIES



PANORAMA VIEW OF NORTH BEND.

**N**ORTH BEND is one of the jewels in the cities that are strung like a necklace along the emerald shores of Coos Bay. It is at once the youngest and the oldest in

the cant's house. A live weekly newspaper, The Coos Bay Harbor, The Presbyterian, Methodist, United Brethren, Catholic and Episcopal churches are represented. North

Bend has a waterfront within her city limits over three miles in length and sufficient to provide dockage for the shipping of San Francisco and Portland combined. The population of North Bend is made up of thrifty enterprising people who for the most part own their own homes. There are many handsome residences in the city with well kept lawns and beautiful gardens. "Shore Acres," the beautiful country home of Mayor Simpson, is situated on the coast about four miles below the entrance to Coos Bay where he owns a large tract of agricultural and timber land. North Bend has a most brilliant future. With the absolute assurance of the building of the railroads, connecting Coos Bay with the outside world. The deepening of the Coos Bay bar and harbor by the general government and by the Port of Coos Bay Commission, giving us the inestimable advantage of water transportation for any class of shipping to all parts of the world, which is

no place on earth where these three elements combine themselves to the growers' advantage as in this Coos Bay country. Here nearly every vegetable grown in the temperate and semi-tropical climes mature in the greatest profusion, and where irrigation and fertilization do not cut up what your hands create. It has been officially announced by the matchless system of transportation the Southern Pacific Railway Company that their line from Eugene to Coos Bay will be completed in two years and from Eugene through Central Oregon to Ontario within the same period, and that Coos Bay is to be made a distributing point for an immense area to the north and east of us. With the completion of the projects now authorized and outlined for the improvement of the bar and harbor Coos Bay can accommodate any shipping passing through the Panama canal, and ships coming here can return loaded with lumber and coal from Coos county, and will

**SHIPBUILDING.** SHIPBUILDING has for years been a most important industry on Coos Bay and in Coos county. The famous Port Orford white cedar,

excellently adapted to this purpose, is plentiful throughout the forest region and the bay shore offers abundant yard room for the purposes. The most important yard in this



NORTH BEND HIGH SCHOOL.



MERCY HOSPITAL, NORTH BEND.

that sisterhood of cities that will some day merge into the metropolis that is to the crown jewel in the emerald of commerce on the north Pacific coast. North Bend had its nucleus in what is now and will be for years the greatest industry and the richest resource of the Coos Bay county, namely lumber. It was in 1857 that Capt. A. M. Simpson, bearer of a name that will forever be indissolubly linked with the pioneer development of the timber interests of the Pacific coast, erected the first saw mill on Coos Bay. This mill was located in what is now known as Old Town and its development to the present magnificent proportions of the Simpson Lumber Company—but that is another story; that is told elsewhere in this issue of The Times.

**Simpson Name Is Prominent.** Simpson's name is prominent in the development of the lumber industry on the Pacific coast. It is enduringly interwoven into the history of North Bend. Although the first settlement was made in 1857 it was not until 1902 that Louis Jerome Simpson, son of the original founder and who had succeeded his father in the management of the Simpson Lumber Co., started to build what is now a splendid city in a future full of promise. In December of that year the first street was graded and the foundation laid for the future metropolis from a straggling country village to a single store on the edge of wilderness it has become a city with all the appurtenances of a modern metropolis and a population of nearly three thousand.

**A Manufacturing City.** North Bend has at the present time the following manufacturing plants involving an invested capital of \$1,400,000: Simpson Lumber Co.'s sawmills, Sash and Door Factory, Veneer and Box Factory, Sash and Timber and Lumber Co.'s Mill, Lumber Mill, Milk Condensary, Furniture and Machine Shop, Gas Works, Electric Light Plant and Shipyard. There are excellent opportunities here for plants that manufacture anything from wood, such as a mill match factory, spool and beam handle factory, etc., and streets can be secured for manufacturing plants upon the most reasonable terms. North Bend has a fine graded street and a high school that cost \$45,000, the best equipped hospital in the Northwest Oregon erected at a cost of \$45,000, two banks, a sewer system, graded streets, city water, telephone system and numerous mer-

HOME BEAUTIFUL  
FLOWER GARDEN  
Mrs. Lee Simpson

One is that of the Kruse & Banks Shipbuilding company, at North Bend, many vessels of all kinds having been launched from that yard.

The aggregate value of these vessels, exclusive of the steamers, is estimated to be several hundred thousand dollars. In the early period of this industry the vessels built, being almost wholly intended for coasting traffic between shallow harbors, were of light draft and small size. But later with the improvement of coast harbors, and the gradual movement of Coos Bay built vessels into other than the coast trade, and especially since the introduction of the steam schooner, their size has rapidly been increased.

**BIG CHANCE FOR POULTRY RAISERS.**

**T**HE possibilities of the poultry business in Coos county are very great. The country never in its history has produced enough eggs to supply the demand. Every year there are thousands of cases imported. One reason for this is that up to within the last three years there has been a very poor local market for the summer's production of eggs. Several years ago a large modern cold storage plant was installed in Marshfield, providing a summer market for all the eggs of superior quality which the ranchers of Coos county have been able to produce. The egg jobbers of Coos are constantly in the market for increased supplies of trade. The Coos production falling in this demand, the jobbers have been forced to import eggs. There is no reason why Coos county should not produce all the eggs used within its borders and have a surplus for export.

Many manufacturing interests are needed here, and would furnish profitable fields for investment. Factories, pulp mills, canning plants, there is inducement for all these and many more, and with conditions fully as favorable as can be found elsewhere. Capital, skill and industry are wanted to put these into existence and practical operation; but the conjunction of abundant raw material and favorable natural conditions is such that success would seem assured along any of the lines mentioned, as well as in many others not enumerated.

Three hundred thousand dollars has been voted by the electors of the Port of Coos Bay for the improvement of the harbor.

North Bend has a prosperous Commercial Club with elegantly furnished quarters. It is composed of the leading business men of the city. North

the sure regulator of freight rates by rail North Bend and Coos Bay offers advantages superior to any point on the Pacific coast. When the above is coupled with a climate superior to either California or Florida, for instance, at this date, January 15, when the entire country from Washington to Oklahoma is being swept by snow and blizzards, and the thermometer hovering around the zero point, here on Coos Bay the air is resonant with the song of birds while the atmosphere is redolent with the perfume of roses and other flowers that are blooming in the open. There are thousands of acres of bench lands surrounding Coos Bay that the Lord has held in reserve for the benefit of his chosen people, that can be purchased at reasonable prices, awaiting the advent of the industrious farmer. There are three essential elements to be taken into account in the purchase of lands, namely, soil, climate and transportation, with the completion of the railroads to Coos Bay, there

wheat and other cereals and products of the millions of acres that are now being settled and improved throughout Central and Eastern Oregon. This will necessitate the construction of flour mills and elevators on Coos Bay, and many other industries. The verdant hills surrounding Coos Bay will be dotted with the homes of a prosperous and contented people. Marshfield, the present metropolis, and North Bend will be consolidated under one municipal government and will be a city of one hundred thousand people within the next ten years. This will soon be a reality and the development of the Coos Bay region will be the wonder and admiration of the world.

The farm, the dairy, the grazing lands of Coos county all offer a safe investment. City and town lots give opportunity for the remunerative investment of capital, as the steady growth of the city and principal towns offer ample assurance of profitable dealing.

Coos Bay is one of the healthiest places in the United States and presents opportunities to people in every walk of life.



STORM AT "SHORE ACRES"



VIEW OF SHERMAN AVENUE.