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SOME SENSIBLE SUGGESTIONS

THE letter which The Times publishes in another column from one of its readers and subscribers in Pennsylvania, is worthy the careful reading and thoughtful consideration of every person interested in the welfare and advancement of the Coos Bay country.

It is remarkable that the resident of another state so far removed from this section should so accurately sense the local situation, diagnose the needs and point the way to the development of its resources.

Mr. Stocker's knowledge of Coos Bay, its location and resources, is limited to one brief visit and reading the news as it develops in the columns of the newspaper, but he has evidently brought to it the ripe thought of a trained mind and makes logical deductions from careful analysis. His suggestions as to the manufacturing industries that might be practically and profitably developed here will impress even the casual reader with its plain common sense and commercial significance.

With its deductions and conclusions there will be general agreement. Coos Bay has a great future, but the present generation should get busy and not leave everything too far in the future.

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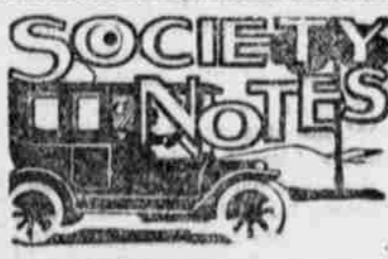
Some sensible and practical suggestions for the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce from a Booster way back in Pennsylvania.

THE following remarkable letter, remarkable in the fact that it was written by a man thousands of miles from Coos Bay and who never made but one very brief visit here, but who keeps in touch with this section by reading The Times and who senses the needs, requirements, resources, prospects and possibilities of this wonderful country better than many who have resided here for years, contains some splendid practical suggestions for the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Honesdale, Pa., March 19, 1915.

Editor Coos Bay Times: I notice that you are discussing Coos Bay as a suitable place for manufacturing, and because you have coal for power and a harbor for shipment, when you get your railroad it will be one of the most desirable places on the Pacific Coast for manufacturing. In all probability, after the railroad connects Coos Bay with the Willamette Valley, the coal business will be largely increased. It is hardly probable that the Southern Pacific will neglect to develop a market for Coos Bay coal until the government project in Alaska has opened up its great rival in that region. The Southern Pacific should push that railroad and develop markets along their line in Oregon and California just as rapidly as they can. Increased mining should double your population within a few years. Old towns where there is a surplus of women and child labor can develop textile manufacturing such as woolen and silk mills and lace mills, but a town like Coos Bay should first develop wooden ware manufacturing. Most of your wood is soft wood and I was not there long enough to know whether you have hard wood adapted to furniture manufacture, if so Coos Bay is the ideal place for manufacturing furniture on the coast. Grand Rapids, Michigan, is where the finest furniture is made in America, but a number of furniture factories have sprung up in the mountainous region of North Carolina, where they have fine oak and other hard woods. Their workmanship is inferior to that at Grand Rapids. In talking with a Southern manufacturer about that he said the best workmen came from Norway and Sweden, that they tried some of them, but they got homesick and would not stay. Coos Bay is on the ocean and near the mountains—an ideal place for a Norwegian or Swede. In fact, I think I noticed some fair-haired Swedes when I was there. Possibly some of these people could induce some of their nationality who understand the furniture business, to locate at Coos Bay.

Iron casting for plows, machinery or water pipe could be done at Coos Bay. Boot and shoe manufacture also might succeed. It will take capital and men that know the business to make any kind of manufacturing succeed. There will be an opportunity now that the Panama Canal is built for large concerns like Smith's or Simpson's to ship lumber to New York and even to Europe when the war is over. There is a future for Coos Bay. Yours, R. M. STOCKER.



were appreciated very much. The day was pleasantly spent and a bounteous luncheon was served.

Those present were: Mrs. Otto Hill and daughter, Frances, Mrs. Carl Johnson, Mrs. Anna Strang, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hagquist, Mr. and Mrs. John Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Storgard, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hagquist, Mrs. L. Stone, Mrs. Mary Kaino, Mr. and Mrs. Lackstrom, Mr. and Mrs. John Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bjorkqvist, Mrs. Arthur Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Streeg, The Misses May Hagqvist, Tilda Viklund, Gladys and Evelyn Matson, Electa Strang, Ellen and Signe Bjorkqvist, Mildred Storgard, Grace Hagqvist, Elvera Lackstrom, Elna Kaino, Ella and Edith Johnson and Messrs: John Stora, Ludvig Stone, Walter Kaino, Arthur and Alfred Stora, Ruben Matson, Arthur Holm, Albin and Ferdinand Lackstrom, Ture and Ruben Bjorkqvist, Milton, Raymond and Jack Hagqvist.

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