

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR PROSPEROUS TOLEDO

By J. F. Stewart.
AMONG the many towns and localities in the state that are taking on new life there is scarcely one that has better prospects than the city of Toledo, the wide awake little county seat of Lincoln county.

Toledo is situated in a peculiarly favored location in the county, being about 14 miles from the mouth of Yaquina bay, and while it is situated on the Yaquina river proper, yet the roadstead opposite Toledo in the river offers an anchorage as large as the Willamette at Portland. Toledo marks the head of navigation on the Yaquina, as the river narrows rapidly above this place. This large roadstead of fresh water is destined to play no small part in the commerce of the Oregon coast country. Between Toledo and the ocean there is only one bar that hinders navigation at present. Over this bar vessels drawing 12 feet can pass at high tide, but with a reasonable amount of dredging the channel can be deepened to 18 or 20 feet, which would give an 18-foot channel from Toledo to the sea.

Unfailing Marks of Prosperity.

The increase in business of every kind in Toledo is shown to be solid and substantial by every commercial test. The postoffice receipts for the quarter ending March 31 indicate a gain of 50 per cent over the corresponding quarter last year; the clearances of the Lincoln County bank for the three months ending March 31 indicate an increase of over 100 per cent over the corresponding period of last year, notwithstanding the fact that this bank has established a branch bank at Newport, in this county, during the past year that has taken a large volume of business away that showed in the clearances of last year. The records at the freight office of the C. & E. railroad show an increase in freights of over 200 per cent during the same period, while the sheriff's office shows an increase in the collections of taxes of over 50 per cent. All these barometers of business show gratifying results for the prosperity of Toledo.

The most encouraging outlook for Toledo, though, is the awakening in the lumber business now taking place. Toledo is at the confluence of the Olalla and Depoe rivers with the Yaquina river. These two streams, Olalla and Depoe, penetrate the vast bodies of green timber tributary to the Yaquina and both of them offer outlets to the Siletz country, with its vast bodies of unexplored red and yellow fir, spruce and cedar. In fact the pass at the head of the Olalla river is recognized by engineers who have carefully looked the country over, as the only feasible outlet for the upper Siletz basin among Rock creek country, and it is generally believed that the Salem and Falls City road will use this pass on its way to deep water and make its terminal at or near Toledo. This will give them a water grade down the Siletz and an elevation of less than 100 feet to climb to get a water grade to deep water at Toledo.

Is Great Lumber Center.

That Toledo is to be the lumbering center of this section of the coast is no longer doubted by careful observers. Its favorable location has already been taken advantage of by two mill companies and at least two other prominent coast millmen have been quietly looking up the advantages of this location. The Yaquina Bay Lumber company has been operating a mill of limited capacity here for about four years, but last year it greatly enlarged its plant and is now cutting a large quantity of lumber. It is cutting largely on railroad contracts and its mill is kept steadily running. About the first of the year the Fir & Spruce Lumber company, a corporation composed of Astoria, Portland and California capitalists, bought the Toledo sawmill and is busily engaged enlarging it as fast as men and money can do it. It expects to put in a plant that will cut 100,000 feet per day of 24 hours. F. R. Stokes of the well-known firm of Ford & Stokes of Astoria is the president and Mr. H. C. Jorgensen, formerly of the Eastern & Western Lumber company of Portland, is the secretary of the corporation. They are building logging roads up the Depoe and Olalla rivers and will tap large bodies of excellent timber on each. There is no doubt that at least one of these roads will eventually be extended into the Siletz valley, thus tapping the untold resources of that country. The company will ship its product principally by water, and is building large docks a short distance below Toledo for freight purposes.

SHAH'S VISIT TO CURIES

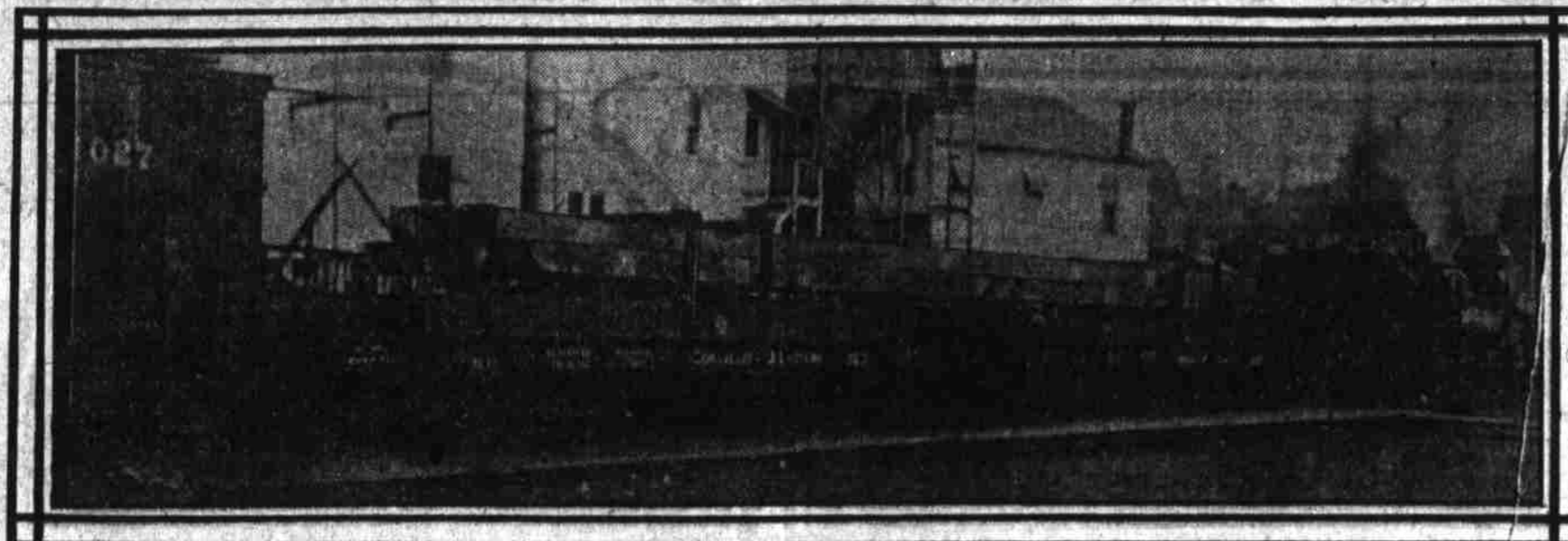
Why Potentate Gave Only Small Sum to the Laboratory.

The late shah of Persia, during one of his numerous visits to Paris, expressed the wish to see M. and Mme. Curie and to be shown a specimen of the wonderful radium. M. and Mme. Curie, very much against their inclination, had to accede to a request on the part of the Persian potentate's request. In order that the wonderful glow of the radium might be seen to the best advantage, says the Girl's Realm, the room was darkened, but the shah, who was a highly nervous man, was startled off, and rising abruptly from his chair, upset the case which contained the radium. The lights were, of course, immediately turned on again, and the shah recovered his composure, but the Curies had quite lost theirs, so upset were they at the danger to their precious radium. The shah, to show that he was quite as capable as any European sovereign of rewarding genius, proceeded to take from his breast one of his richly jeweled orders to present it to Pierre Curie. The latter, however, declined it, saying that as he had refused to accept anything for himself or his wife, but that if his majesty pleased he could give something toward the expenses of the laboratory.

By this time the Oriental potentate was vexed that his munificent gifts had been so coldly rejected, and he only gave the paltry sum of 200 francs for the laboratory.

Hunting Saddle in Pulpit.

Who would think of finding a hunting saddle in a church, and one that was put into actual service every Sunday? Yet a strange relic of the kind exists in Barkswell church, where it is carefully preserved in the vestry as a memento of a sporting divine, a keen fox hunter and previous incumbent, who found himself at his best when seated astride this saddle top stool in the pulpit. This extraordinary contrivance as fashioned according to the gentleman's own design.

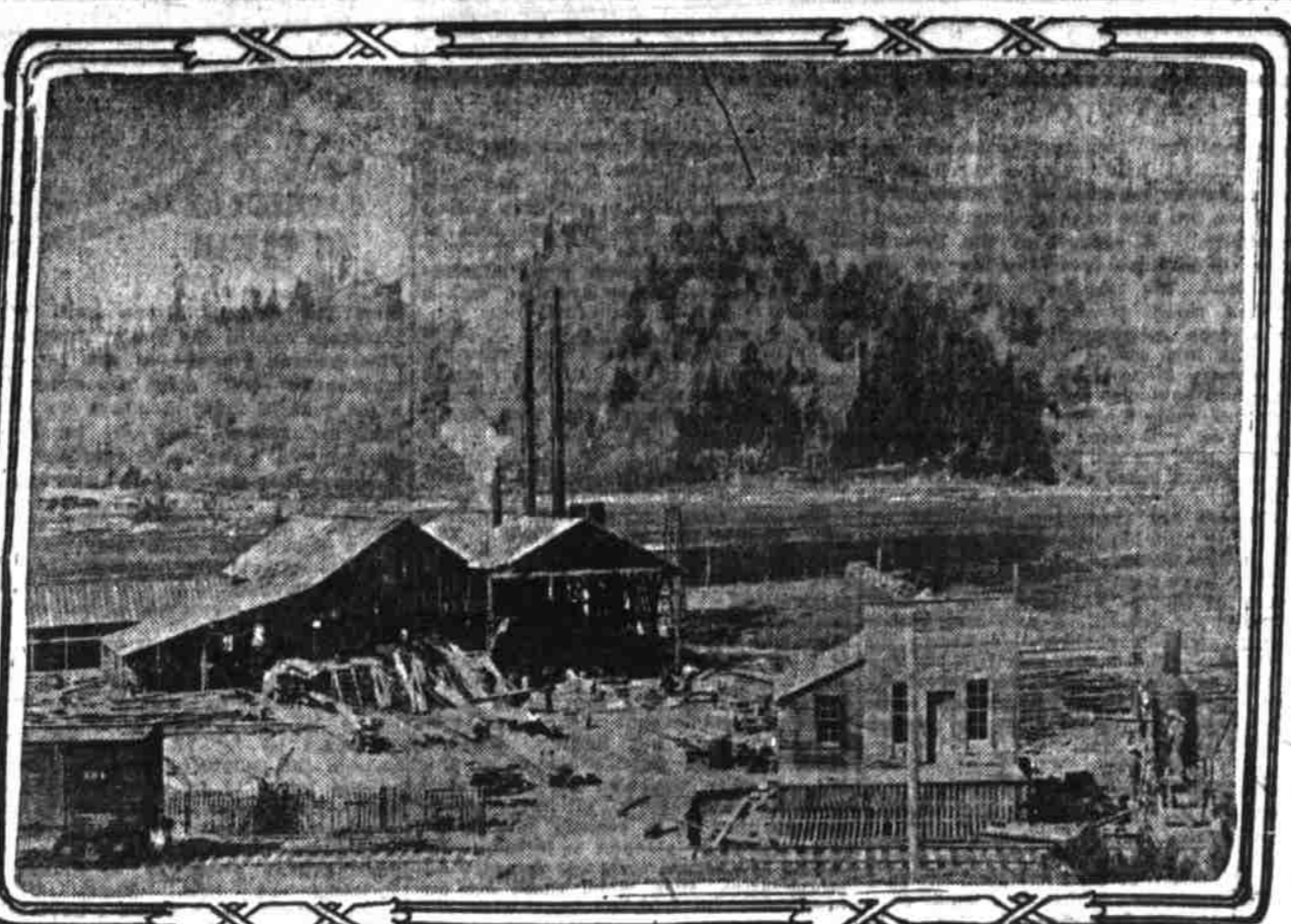


70 FOOT STICKS FROM THE YAQUINA BAY LUMBER CO'S MILL, TOLEDO.

ality is shown by the number of logging camps now in operation. A year ago the Altree boys were the only ones logging on the Yaquina, and they were logging about 5,000,000 feet per year. They are still logging but will log this year a greatly increased output. In addition to their camp the Fir & Spruce company has a large camp running on the Olalla river with Jay Dunn in charge, and is starting another on the Depoe river under the charge of C. H. Gardner. As soon as the necessary donkey engines arrive they will start the second camp on the Depoe. In addition to these, independent camps are being run by Swansen & Cook, Pappin & Son, F. C. Huffman, Sturdivant & Son and J. G. Plank, the output of all these camps coming to the mills at Toledo.

Property values and rents have largely increased in the past three months. There is not a vacant house in town and some families are now occupying rooms. This question of houses is a serious matter. It will be helped somewhat by the Fir & Spruce company, which has purchased 40 acres of land adjoining Toledo and will plant it and build 10 or more cottages on it for rent this year.

Taken altogether the outlook for Toledo is very bright. The people are united in their efforts to build up the place, and through the Toledo Development league, an organization of its business men, stand ready to lend material aid and to give all information to parties desiring locations for manufacturing institutions of any kind. Toledo invites the laborer and homebuilder along with the sawmill man and the manufacturer. Information of any kind will be furnished by C. H. Gardner, president of the Development league; D. O. Krogh, secretary, or William Scarth, C. E. Hawkins or J. F. Stewart of the executive committee.



Fir and Spruce Company's mill in process of rebuilding. Two more large boilers are being installed in another building on the right.



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