

MYRTLE POINT METROPOLIS OF THE COQUILLE COUNTRY

By Addison Bennett.
Myrtle Point is at the head of tide-water on the Coquille river, and is also the terminus of the short railroad with the long name: it is likewise the place that sent forth Binger Hermann, and if you have any notions to throw at Binger Hermann this would not be a good town in which to leave them. In fact, for such a diversion you should get outside of Coos county, for they will tell you down there that Mr. Hermann could do, and did do, more for the benefit of the rivers of the south-western section of Oregon than any other man, not excepting the present wearer of Binger's congressional shoes, Mr. Hawley.



Addison ("Old Man") Bennett, of Rabbitville fame, who has been writing such interesting letters from Coos county.

mann being its first settler. On every hand you will see evidences of this, the name appearing on numerous buildings and signs throughout the town. And the doctor selected wisely, for in all Oregon I know of no place that is surrounded with greater natural wealth or greater possibilities than Myrtle Point. The wealth is as yet largely in the rough, the possibilities largely undeveloped, but as a dairy country alone this town will some day be famous the country over.

the pasturage is about the same all winter, and the grass as succulent, tender and nutritious as can be found anywhere. It will be seen that the expense of producing milk is very low, while the quantity of butter fat is very high.

To revert again to the Hermanns, I found that the present postmaster, H. B. Stewart, who was appointed on December 10, 1907, was the first incumbent of the office outside of the Hermann family since the office was established and Dr. Hermann appointed postmaster over 33 years ago. I held a meeting in the opera house and the seats were nearly all taken and the closest attention was given my remarks to the very end—and I talked for nearly two hours. A more interested audience one seldom sees, and the very air seems intense with the railway and wagon road spirit. Indeed, I believe the people of Coos will get an outlet to the Southern Pacific with either an excellent wagon road, and a metric one, a pretty little road, before the rest of the people on the route of the Boise & Coos Bay project get ready for them.

They are deeply in earnest. They feel that they have been bottled up long enough, too long, and that the day of deliverance is at hand. I hope so. I hope that when our meeting takes place here in August, the regular monthly meeting of the Oregon (Idaho) Development congress, will find the plans for an outlet fully formulated, if not in the very act of fulfillment. And I have been urged on all hands to come down here a week or so in advance of that gathering and hold meetings in North Bend, Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point to inspire the people afloat.

I am told that at all of the places where I have talked I will have the houses crowded. And "they may forget the singer, but will not forget the song," so any other speaker or speaker will be sure of a rousing welcome.

Myrtle Point has about 1000 inhabitants, and is a pretty little city. The streets are wide, in good repair and there are some fine brick buildings. The mercantile establishments are numerous, the stock and business seems to be exceptionally good. There is a splendid hotel, comfortable, homelike and the fare of the best. This

is a curiosity? Some months ago the statement was credited to one of the really prominent medical men of this continent that within twenty-five years, provided proper preventive measures were adopted, a case of consumption would be so rare as to be almost a curiosity.

Great progress is being made in the warfare waged against this dread disease, and there is reason to hope the prophecy will be fulfilled. Every man, woman and child has a vital interest in preventing this fearful and insidious disease, and should take every precaution to guard against infection.

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is The Guerin, and the proprietors take infinite pains to shake their guests' feet at home. There are a number of pushing people here, among them Dr. Stenler and his brother, J. O. And Mr. Pheasant, a lumberman, is one of the progressive chaps. Then there are the Roberts brothers, but as there were 13 children in that family the term is rather vague. Indeed, to throw a brick here and not

hit a Roberts would be almost an impossibility. I met a number of them, two of them being lawyers and one in the newspaper business. They run the Myrtle Point Enterprise, a good country paper, and they have a good job office and are doing a fine business. Of course this is in the very heart of the timber district, and there are mills on every hand. The product as a rule is shipped over the railway to Coos

Bay and thence reshipped by water to various parts of the world. Some day the Coquille will no doubt be so deepened at the mouth as to allow vessels drawing up to 20 feet to come directly up to the Point, but since the sidetracking of Hermann no one seems to quite understand the conditions of the Coquille, or if they do they do not get the necessary appropriations for its dredging.

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Washington, March 26.—The department of justice, dissatisfied with the meager results from the efforts of Tracy J. Becker, special prosecutor in the Oregon land fraud cases, will retire him from the service. It is said his grasp of affairs is not up to the standard required in the intricate and difficult procedure demanded in the Oregon and California grant cases and in the more familiar type of cases involving frauds under the homestead and timber and stone acts. A test is made of his failure to secure convictions. Nothing has been made public as to the commissioning of a successor to Becker.

WEBSTER SELECTED ROADS DELEGATE

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)
Salem, Or., March 26.—Judge Lionel R. Webster of Multnomah county, yesterday selected by Governor Benson as a delegate to the National Good Roads convention to be held in January, 1910. The appointment also carries with it a place on the executive committee of the good roads association, and a vice presidency. The appointment was made at the request of John A. Stewart of New York city, president of the association.

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