

SUMMER RESORTS

CHARM IS LENT TO BEACH RETREAT BY ITS RUGGED ROCKS

Neah-Kah-Nie Mount Faces Ocean Surf, Affording Majestic View of Sea; Forests of Fir.

Neah-Kah-Nie mountain has a sheer, high face of rock set against the sea. Before it the water is deep. The steamships pass by within easy view and they signal their nearness by curved banners of smoke. The surf pounds ceaselessly in against the rock and at the base of the cliffs centuries of action have worn ocean caves, some great and some small. It is a rugged headland that defies change. It dominates the landscape. Before the white men came Indians had for it a superstitious fear and reverence.

Neah-Kah-Nie mountain bears on its back, that reaches in a long slope back from the precipitous front, a forest of fir. On the east nestles the village of Nehalem. The Bay of Nehalem is a long arm that reaches in from the ocean on the south. Swift, clear streams carry the water of the mountain side into the bay.

Mountain Clothed in Fir.
The fir forest that clothes the mountain nearly conceals the trails and roads. But in open spaces the ways to the top appear. The view is the more splendid when the top is reached because it is so startling—coming out from the trees to view so suddenly the great sweep of sea and coast.

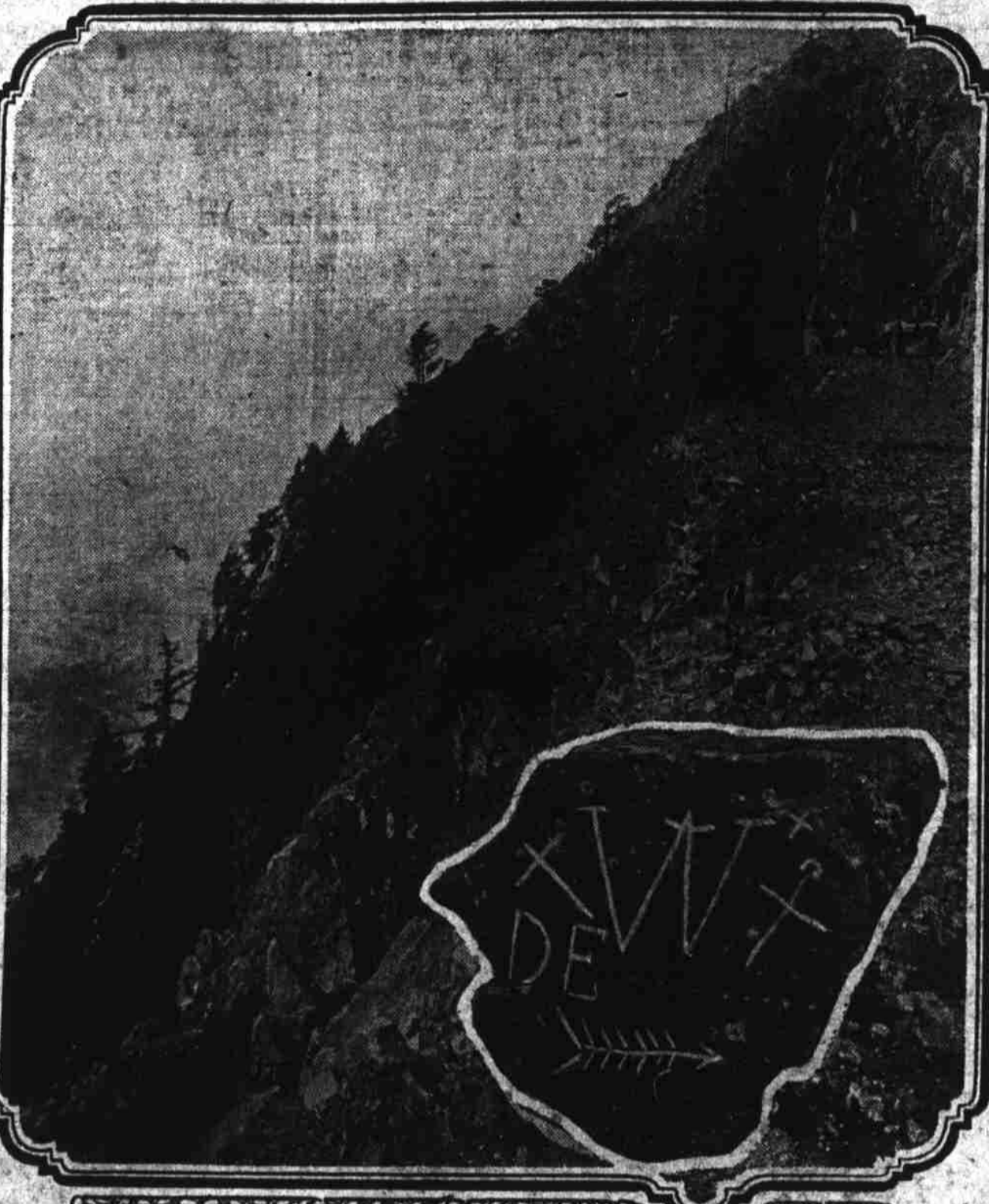
Thus Neah-Kah-Nie mountain is justly famous. Before the railroad it was more like myth than fact to many people. It is about 60 miles south of Seaside. It is some 20 miles north of Tillamook. But now the railroad runs within a few miles. The track of the Pacific Railroad & Navigation company leads down the Nehalem river, having crossed the Coast range mountains on the way from Portland and skirts the bay. At Wheeler or Mohler there are launches to take the traveler over the water to Nehalem or Neah-Kah-Nie hotels. The world may then be shut out. The stay may be for a week or a month or a summer in a home for the summer on a site where the view passes description.

Fairy Trails Lead.
But the mountain, dominant as it is, high as it is—the highest point on the coast between Tamalpais at San Francisco and British Columbia—is not all there is a rich agricultural country, a great outreach of untouched forests, a myriad of fairy trails a never-to-be-forgotten variety of view. Small wonder that Neah-Kah-Nie and Nehalem live in memory with the hope of return.

Trains go from Seaside over the Southern Pacific lines to Hillsboro, thence over the new road, over the Coast range, down the Salmonberry river to Nehalem, thence to the coast. And this is also an experience that will be difficult to match.

Government Camp Road.
A. M. Grilley, physical director of the

GORGEOUS NATURAL SCENERY DELIGHTS EYE OF BEACH VISITOR



"Pirates' Rock," Neah-Kah-Nie mountain. New road being built around mountain is shown. Spot is attractive point for summer resorters.

T. M. C. A. has returned from a climb to Mt. Hood via the road past Toll Gate, saying that the road in the reserve between Government Camp and Toll Gate has been very much improved during the past year and is really the best part of the route between Portland and the mountain.

Strange Fish.
Fishermen off Tillamook beaches have reported the finding of a strange fish a kangaroo. One fish will carry 60 which carries its young in a pouch like a 60 fry in this way.

AGATE BEACH IS DRAWING CROWDS

Large Amount of Money Spent by Owners to Beautify Resort.

Agate Beach is becoming known as the "Summer City of the Pacific Coast." It comprises a thousand acres of Yaquina Head, nearly all of Yaquina Head, in fact, that is not taken by the government, is just north of Nye Beach and some miles north of Newport. It is reached, as is Newport, by way of the Corvallis & Eastern, having left Portland on the Southern Pacific and changed cars either at Albany or Corvallis. There also is fine mountain roads leading to Agate Beach from all parts of western Oregon.

The owners of Agate Beach have been spending a large amount of money in improvements. A feature of the resort is the splendid automobile drive that skirts the ocean for several miles. The surf bathing is equal to any on the coast, the view is of surf and sand and sea, and passing ships. Tent or cottage life is equally pleasant. Accommodations that are praised by all who have been there are furnished by the Agate Beach Inn, a pretentious structure.

Children find joy in the sands, their elders have delight in the surf. Camp fires on the beach at night, music and social intercourse make life at Agate Beach very happy. A beginning of a colony of folks of artistic and literary tastes has been made.

Agate Beach takes its name from the variety of semi-precious stones that are cast upon the beach by the tides. These are eagerly sought.

RAILROADS THREATEN FOR BEACH STAGES

The building of railroads along the coast threatens the extinction of one vacation feature that was always much more picturesque than comfortable. The supplying of railroad transportation causes the old beach "passenger trains," also the "freight trains" to immediately disappear. These were the wagons used as stages, drawn by six and sometimes eight horses, that made the distance between the railroads, and the coast resorts. The beach "freight trains" were the burros that carried packs almost as large as themselves. In some of the more isolated resorts they are still a common sight.

MOUNT HOOD TO BE ILLUMINATED JULY 21

Mt. Hood will seem to be on fire on the night of July 21 if the plans of a party of Portland men are carried out. Effort will be made to reproduce the red that colored the mountain when it was an active volcano. Headed by A. M. Grilley, physical director of the T. M. C. A., a party of business men will carry a great quantity of red fire to the very peak of the mountain. Promptly at 10 o'clock on the night of July 21 they will set it off. They expect the blaze to be distinguished easily from Portland.

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