

INDUSTRY THRIVES IN SOUTHWESTERN TOWNS OF OREGON

Curry and Coos County Municipalities Awake to Needs for Greater Development.

In the accompanying article Ralph Watson of The Journal staff, who is on a motor car tour of the state with Senator Chamberlain, relates his impressions of the several coast towns in Curry and Coos counties.

By Ralph Watson
Bandon, Aug. 9.—Down in the southern end of Curry county there is a little town named Brookings. It is only eight years old, but it has full grown enthusiasm and the most modern sawmill but one in the state, if not on the coast.

Brookings was founded in 1912 by the Brookings Lumber & Lumber company, which, after building the first unit of its mill, sold to the C. & O. Lumber company.

The C. & O. company owns the town and the country roundabout. It has 60,000 acres of fir and redwood in Curry and Del Norte counties, California—fir enough alone to keep the present mill running to capacity for 25 years.

The mill keeps 450 men at work in town and in the woods. It has an annual capacity of 50,000,000 feet. Its pond covers 14 acres and holds 1,500,000 board feet of timber in the water. It has built and operates two boats, the F. J. Stout and the Necanicum, between Brookings, San Francisco and way points.

The plant itself covers 12 acres, exclusive of the 14 acre pond. It has built a dock out into the harbor which has 23 feet of water at low tide. It generates its own power and has one of two electric driven unit package monorail loading devices in the world, the other being at the C. A. Smith mill of Marshfield.

MODERN EQUIPMENT
The Brookings mill also has the only automatic sorting table in operation, so far as known, the device being the invention of James H. Owen, general manager of the company. This sorts the lumber as it comes from the saws into dimension piles, ready for the monorail crane and the ship's sling. Its use cuts the yard force square in two in the middle.

The C. & O. company believes in the home owner. It is selling lots to its employees, practically at cost, and on long terms, and it furnishes the lumber for the houses at cargo rates and on easy terms. As a result approximately 75 per cent of its married employees own their own homes and most of those on the payroll are married.

RAILROAD PLANNED
It has built a \$20,000 hotel for its unmarried employees, electric lighted, steam heated and fully equipped with baths, with a dining room having a seating capacity of 200.

In addition to this the company operates the Chetco Inn, a large hotel, modern in every equipment from kitchen and cold storage plant to furniture.

Brookings is a growing town of southwestern Oregon and will be much better known when the company builds its contemplated redwood mill and extends its railroad on to the outside world, which it plans to do along the old Southern Pacific survey between Crescent City and the Coos county.

AT GOLD BEACH
After Brookings we came to Gold Beach and Wedderburn, the ancient battleground of the Rogue river fishing controversy, where Colonel B. W. Lawson, former superintendent of the penitentiary, now manages the fish cannery and other interests of the Mackay estate. Here the gillnetters fight for position along the "dead line" of the lower river and gather in as high as \$100 from a night's toiling.

Saturday night we spent at the Arizona Inn, a wayside paradise, snuggling in a cove, and presided over by Mrs. F. F. Bryant, a motherly woman who makes real biscuits, hotcakes like you seldom see in these decadent days, and gives you real cream right off the pan. It is a place where the sun is always shining in and nearly always outside, where the fish are friendly and companionable deer eat the windfalls in the orchard, not to mention the lettuce and the cabbages in the garden.

WESTERNMOST TOWN
Sunday we clambered over Humboldt mountain into Port Orford, where Battle rock still defies the sea, just as it did in 1852, when Captain Tichenor, father of Deputy U. S. Marshal F. B. Tichenor, and his lone band of adventurers sought refuge on its rugged crest in their last stand against hostile Indians.

Port Orford is the closest American village to China, perched as it is on the most westerly bluff along the coast to hold a town. Cape Blanco reaches farther west, but Port Orford is the westernmost settlement of the United States. The citizens there have formed a port district and have voted \$25,000 for the construction of a dock, which is now nearly completed. Some day they hope to have a breakwater built out from the northern bluff to form a harbor of refuge, easy of access from the open sea, deep enough for any vessel plying along the coast, and safe from any winter or summer storm.

BANDON'S PORT TROUBLES
And then we came to Bandon and to complaint. The people of Bandon, through their port district, have voted and sold \$4,000 of bonds for the improvement of the Bandon harbor. This sum the government has matched dollar for dollar, and the entire \$128,000 has been turned over to the government engineers to spend as they see fit.

The citizens of Bandon, the port commissioners at least, are not satisfied with the manner of the spending. The government took \$30,000 of the total to build the dredge "Coos," which now that it is at work does not do the job it was expected to do.

The Bandon bar, over which the mouth of the Coquille pours its waters into the open sea, is not floored with sand but with gravel and boulders, a compact carpet of rocks, 12 feet and more in thickness, cemented together hard and fast by the ceaseless surge of the ocean on one side and the out-running river on the other.

The ebb and flow have piled this rocky reef up like a submerged dam across the harbor entrance, which can not be "scoured" away by the tide as the Columbia bar has been, nor can it be dredged, as the government engineers are attempting to dredge it, so the port commissioners contend. They argue that the gravel will have to be blasted loose and then hoisted out by the clamshell buckets of the dredge.

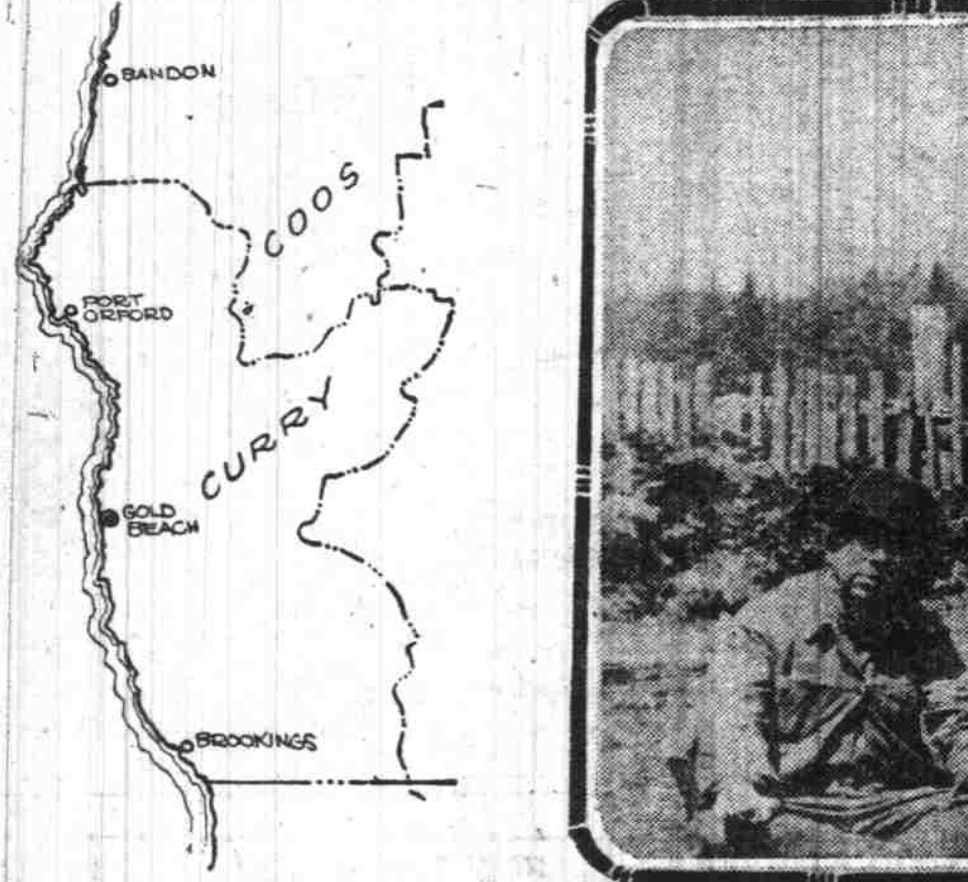
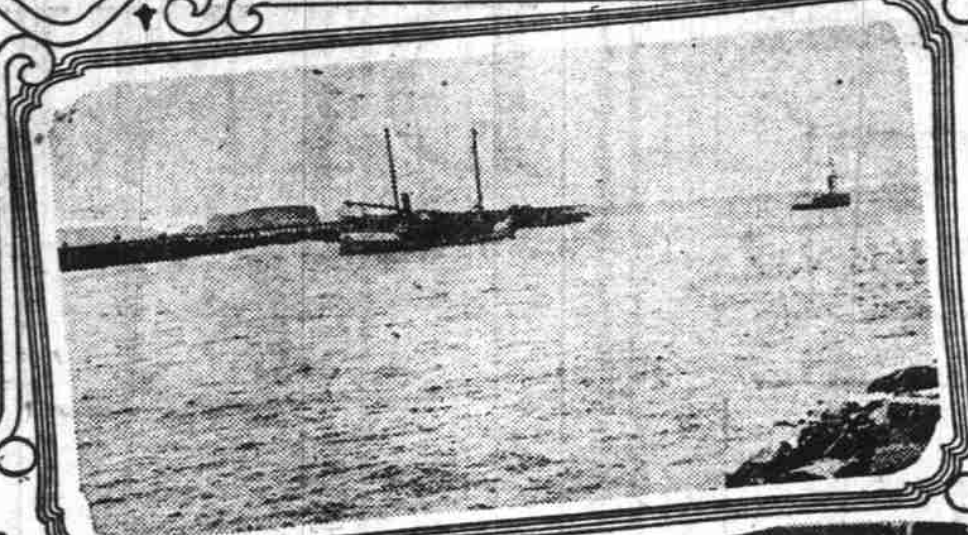
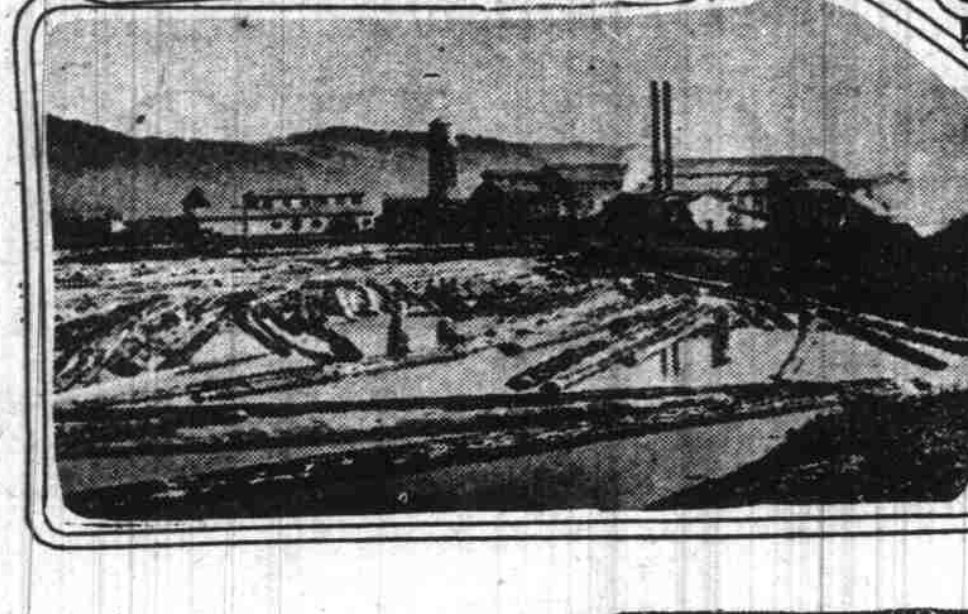
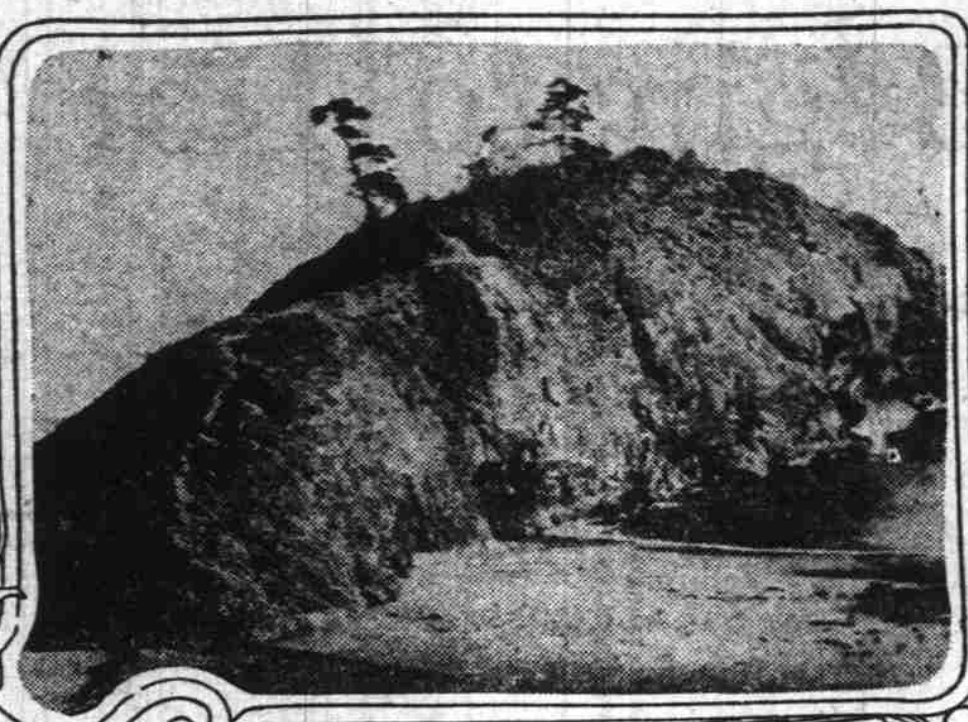
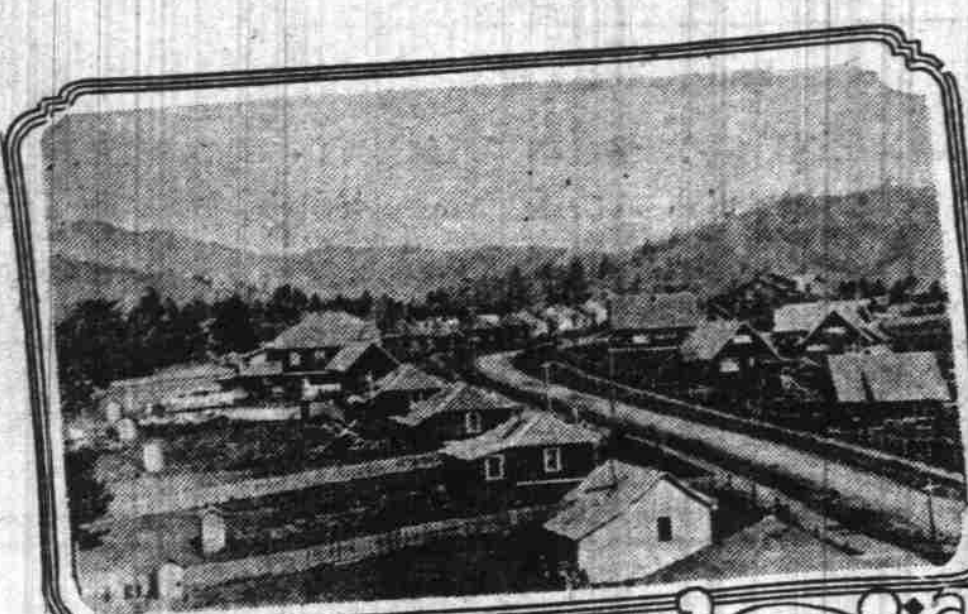
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BUSY PLACES ALONG SOUTHWESTERN OREGON COAST



Above, left to right—Homes in Brookings; Battle Rock, at Port Orford, where Captain Frank Tichenor, father of Deputy U. S. Marshal Tichenor, and small band of whites held off the Indians in 1852. Below, center—C. & O. lumber mill at Brookings, which concerns employs 450 people in mill and woods; entrance to Bandon harbor. Below—Senator Chamberlain and one of his traveling companions.

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British Soldier Killed Near Limerick
Dublin, Aug. 14.—(I. N. S.)—A British soldier was killed and two injured when a military lorry was overturned near Limerick today.

Dolores Fernandez Is Fined \$100 for Sale of Narcotic
Dolores Fernandez, 399 Everett, was fined \$100 Saturday morning in the municipal court for selling a narcotic whose scientific name is Cannabis indica, commonly known as Mexican hemp.

Of the three purchasers the case against E. L. Summers was continued because Summers professed not to have known the character of the weed he purchased, but F. Summers and Mavritia Mendez were each fined \$20.

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Multnomah County Fair Promises to Eclipse Predecessors

The Multnomah County fair to be held at Gresham, October 4, is expected to be the greatest of the 14 annual shows held heretofore according to C. D. Minton, manager, who has just returned from a tour of the state to close negotiations for exhibits, etc. He says the problem from now until the show will not be that of finding attractions but that of finding room to crowd in all the unusual features that have been arranged for.

"With a good prize list this year," said Minton yesterday, "the farmers, stock raisers, manufacturers and others are taking a keen interest and are surging along their choice stuff for exhibit purposes. I have found that many parts of the state that have not exhibited heretofore will be represented this year, owing to the attractive prize list and the growing importance of the Multnomah fair as an advertising medium for the state's resources. The fair is really developing this year into more than a Multnomah county fair. We will have exhibits from all over the Northwest."

Minton is now at work on the finishing touches of a big speed program to include both horse racing and automobile racing. A string of fast horses has been signed up and several other competitors are expected to send in their entries within a few days. He promises some real speed demons in the auto racing line.

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Mendez and the two Summers brothers were arrested at Park and Davis streets and held in connection with the investigation of the possession of the narcotic leaves. Mendez is alleged to have purchased a small quantity of the leaves for \$1.25.

Dolores Fernandez maintained that she was entitled to the leaves because the plants grew wild near her home, close to the Union station. She showed the police where they grew.

There is apparently no law preventing her having the plants in her possession but there is a state and federal law prohibiting their sale.

British Premier and Northcliffe Getting On Friendly Terms

London, Aug. 14.—A reconciliation between Premier David Lloyd George and Viscount Northcliffe, the mightiest newspaper publisher in Great Britain, is under way.

During the past week Northcliffe has displayed stouter and stronger sympathies with the premier's policies than he has shown since the armistice. The Times has just published an editorial

advocating doubling the premier's salary, now \$25,000, and also granting a pension to retired premiers.

A tremendous interest is aroused in the two strongest men in England getting back to pulling as a team after their bitter estrangement.

Instead of backing France in every difference of opinion that has developed between Lloyd George and Premier Millerand, the Northcliffe papers are now lining up with their English contemporaries in supporting the English government head.

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INVESTIGATION OF MILK DISPUTE IS SOON TO BEGIN

Mayor and Five New Commissioners to Meet Tuesday and Map Out Plans for Inquiry.

Investigation of the milk difficulties of Portland is expected to begin this week with the first session of the new commission, named Saturday by Mayor Baker.

The mayor had chosen well in his appointments, said those of the men favored of those interested in the milk controversy, and representatives of both sides are said to be satisfied with the selections and will give the commission all the cooperation possible.

The milk controversy began early in July, after the Portland distributors announced an increase in price to the consumers of from 13 to 14 cents a quart. The rise was based on a notice from the milk producers, through the Oregon Dairymen's Cooperative league, that the price of milk to the distributors would be increased from \$3.20 to \$3.30 per hundred pounds.

DAIRYMEN MAKE CLAIM
The dairymen claim that the milk dealers in Portland have refused to pay this increase, but have gone ahead charging the consumers more for milk.

The differences of these interests have since reached the courts on suits filed by the dairymen's league for refusing to recognize contracts held against the distributor by the latter with dairymen who belong to the organization.

The first suit against the league was filed Saturday morning, when Attorney A. F. Fiegel, representing the Nestles Food Products company, which operates two condenseries in Oregon, asked for a dissolution of the injunction against the milk dealers ordered by Circuit Judge Tucker on the complaint of the producers.

The complaint, a voluminous document, sets forth charges of unfair business tactics said to have been enlisted by the dairymen in their fight to drive the Nestles company out of Oregon.

MEMBERS OF COMMISSION
The members of the new milk commission as named by the mayor are Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, William L. Brewster, W. B. Fletcher, A. L. Tetu and Mayor W. D. Whitcomb.

Brewster served on the first milk commission appointed by the mayor during one of the controversies occurring over a year ago. He was appointed, the mayor said, because of the knowledge gained at that time.

Rabbi Wise was named as the representative of the women of Portland, and was urged recommended for appointment by the Housewives' council. Major Whitcomb is an expert accountant and will be able to direct the auditing that is to be done on the accounts, both of the producers and the distributors.

Fletcher and Tetu were named by the mayor because they are business men of broad outlook, he said, able to devote the time necessary to an extended investigation.

WILL MEET TUESDAY
A meeting of the commissioners has been called for next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the mayor will go over the matter with them. After that, the mayor announced, the commissioners will be left alone to carry on the investigation as they see fit.

Mayor Baker, in announcing his appointments, said those of the men he had been consulted, but he was sure they would serve as a public duty.

Letters asking the appointees to accept were mailed to them simultaneously with the announcement of the list Saturday. These letters were as follows:

As you probably have noted from press accounts, a controversy exists between the milk producers and distributors regarding prices, responsibility for prices, etc. Without the question being given impartial attention by those representing the consumer, it may lead to trouble that will not be beneficial to the public, a condition which should not arise because of the importance of a pure milk supply for the people and particularly for the children of the community.

On account of the importance of the question, I am asking that you as a representative citizen, serve as one of a committee of five to go deeply into the subject and give the city the benefit of your findings. The investigation, in my opinion, should first be absolutely impartial as between the interests involved in the controversy and should involve a decision as to a fair price for milk, first to the producer and then to the distributor. It should go into the subject of unnecessary expense now a part of the method of handling milk with a view of eliminating whatever is superfluous.

While I realize that a request of this kind is a call upon considerable of your valuable time, still I feel that it is a civic duty and that you should accept and give attention to the subject. It will be possible for the city to properly protect its milk supply, so vital to the well being of children.

Yours very truly,
GEO. L. BAKER, Mayor.

Munition Plants Speeding Up
Berlin, Aug. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Despite denials of the Hungarian government that Hungary is mobilized for war, press dispatches from Vienna today reported that Hungarian munition plants are working night and day.

Woman Convict Is Near Collapse as Result of Wound

(United News)
Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 14.—If Grace Lusk, Waukesha school teacher, serving nineteen years in prison for murder, isn't given her freedom soon "she won't last long," according to her father, Dr. A. P. Lusk, of Mosine, Wis.

In a letter to the Milwaukee Sentinel Dr. Lusk said she is suffering from nervous trouble and a wound inflicted in an effort to kill herself after slaying Mrs. Mary Newspan Roberts, wife of Dr. David Roberts, on June 21, 1917, as the climax of a love tangle.

Governor E. L. Fillingim, who is asked to act in Miss Lusk's behalf. She is in prison at Waupun.

Courtship Nowadays Held Too Lightly, Says British Clergy

London, Aug. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Courtship is held too lightly—at least in England and the clergy wants to do something about it. Thirty-six bishops in conference at Lambeth declared courtship should be lifted to a higher level.

"Bethrothal should be presented to the young as a serious matter," the bishops said. "It is incumbent upon clergy to visit the betrothed and impress upon them the responsibilities of marriage and sacredness of the union."

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