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ising or surer opportunities than are offered in Coos county stock ranges.

Sheep and goats have been found to thrive on this pasture equally as well as cattle; and in addition to the meat, the wool and mohair are source of large profit. Sheep and goats have not received the attention in the past which we believe they deserve and which they most assuredly will in the future.

It seems to the writer that goats are especially adapted to this country. We have seen thousands of acres lying idle, bringing the owners absolutely no income whatever and at the same time they appeared to us to be the natural element of the goat. Too steep and rocky for cultivation; overgrow with poison oak, salal, thimbleberries, salmon berries and huckleberries and other small shrubs that no other stock would eat but on which goats would thrive, it seems a crying shame that some enterprising person with small capital would not buy up these tracts and stock them with goats. Perhaps in time the goats would kill all this vegetation. Then the land may be seeded as before suggested for seeding burnt hills, and the goats replaced with cattle.

These are not experiments we have been suggesting. They have all been tried and found successful. Of course there have been a few failures. But so there are in any all businesses. Men have profited from the failures of others and learned from their examples to shun the rocks which have caused the wrecks.

We said there have been a few failures. But on further consideration we are unable to recall a single failure in Coos county stock raising. However, we are willing to concede that there may have been a few. On the other hand, we might name a considerable number of men who have succeeded in this line, and among them several who have made a sufficient amount of money to enable them to live at ease the remainder of their lives.

In addition to all the advantages we have mentioned, it should be remembered that we have two deep sea harbors on the coast of Coos county—the Coquille river and Coos bay. These afford us the means of transportation by water—the cheapest there is. And we have the San Francisco market, the greatest on the Pacific coast, almost at our doors. Ships from our ports cross the Pacific ocean, carrying our produce to the Orient.

Where can such opportunities be found as are offered here for stock raising?—Coquille Sentinel.

PARKERSBURG.

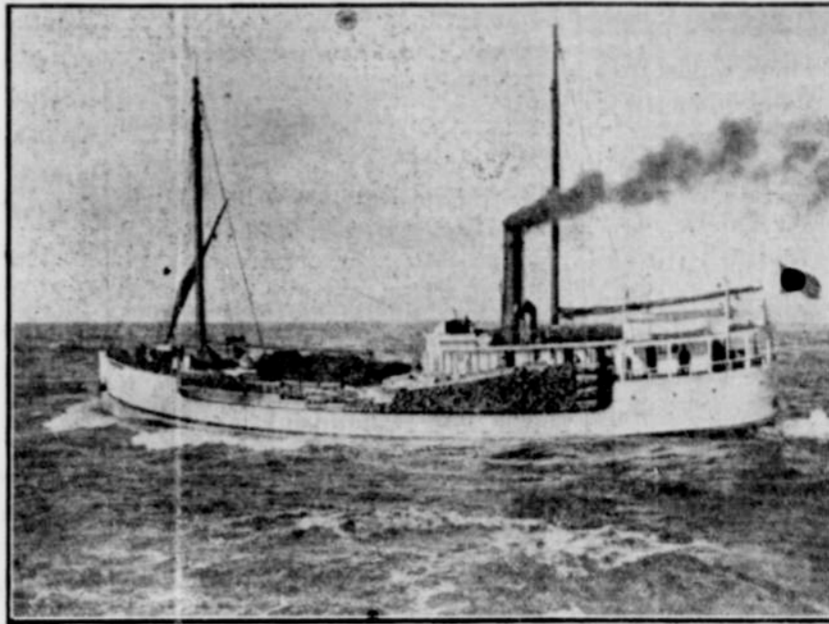
Seven miles up the river from Bandon at the mouth of Bear creek, is the little town of Parkersburg. Surrounding it are some of the best of the famous Coquille Valley ranches and dairy farms. The place has a sawmill, general store, postoffice and telephone office. Capt. Parker and M. L. Hanscom built a sawmill at this place in 1876. It was afterward burned and a new mill of larger capacity was built. In 1883 a salmon cannery was established and did a successful business for a number of years, when it was destroyed by fire. There is a fine body of timber around Parkersburg and the place will be the scene of big logging operations for years to come.

The Coquille Mill & Tug Co., own the sawmill here which has a capacity of 40,000 feet daily. This company also owns the tug Triumph, and has a fleet of schooners carrying lumber to the California market. Directly and indirectly the company gives employment to seventy-five to one hundred men. The company will probably erect a new mill during the coming year.

The fishing industry makes a good pay roll during the fishing season. The two canneries at Bandon and Prosper paid out about \$14,000 to the fishermen last fall.

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Stock Raising in Coos County.

The Advantages Coos County Has in This Industry. Cattle Thrive on the Open Range the Year 'Round. A Fine Country for Sheep and Goats.

That Coos is the ideal stock country, must be admitted by all who have given the matter any consideration and are at all familiar with the conditions.

First and foremost of all, Coos county has been and still is a lumber country. The conservative estimates place the present amount of merchantable timber at twenty-seven billion to forty billion feet. It is conceded by all that in the near future the great bulk of this timber will be cut and marketed and the hills whereon stood the magnificent pines will be bare except for the undergrowth. Then the question arises as to how these hills may be utilized to bring the best results. Fruit raising has been tried by many and proved to be very profitable. Stock raising has been undertaken perhaps more extensively than anything else and has always rewarded the industrious and prudent.

It has been the practice heretofore to set fire the tops and underbrush left on the ground after a considerable area has been logged off. Experience has demonstrated that the month of August is the best time to do this burning. That is the driest season of the year and the brush will burn better. Also, when burned at this season, the brush seems easier or more thoroughly killed and is not apt to spring up again from the roots.

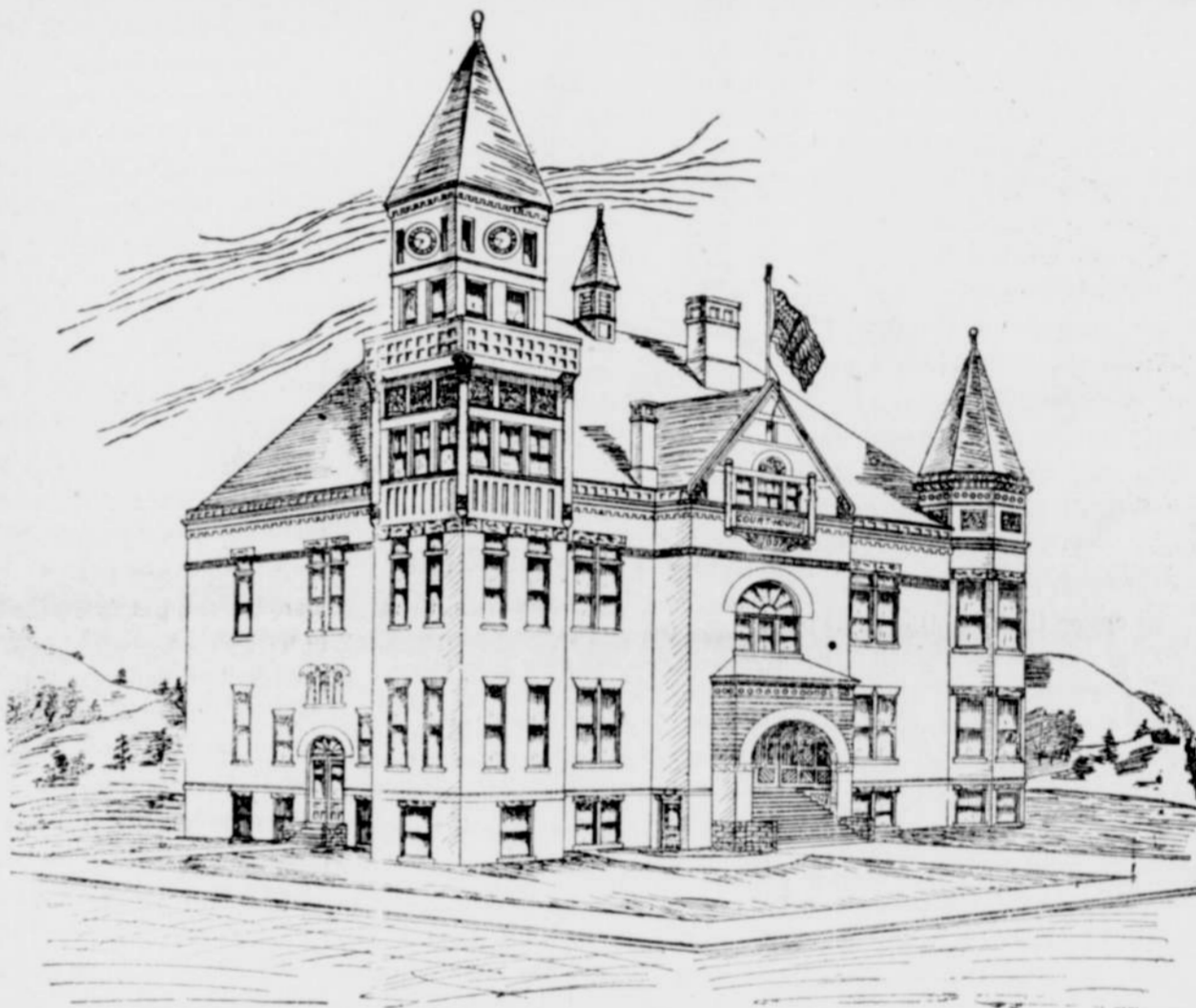
After the ground has been thoroughly burned over and just before the early fall rains, grass seed should be sown in liberal quantities over the burned district. Most people who have tried it seem to favor orchard grass as being the kind best adapted to our hill lands. It grows luxuriantly, keeps green all the year round, and produces a good quality and flavor of beef and mutton. If

not too heavily pastured this grass will constantly re-seed the land and eventually kill out all other growth. Can you find a country anywhere that can be so easily transformed from a dense forest to a place with cattle on a thousand hills?"

But we have not yet told the best part of our story. And that is, that stock will live all the year through on this feed. No labor required in putting up winter feed. At a few of the highest altitudes in the county, a few inches of snow may fall during the winter and cover the feed for three or four days. In these localities, unless the stock raiser has lower ground where his stock may feed these few days, it is advisable to have enough hay put up to feed during that time. But these localities are so scarce and the snowfall so slight and of such short duration that in speaking of the county as a whole they are scarcely to be considered.

One of the finest droves of beef cattle we have ever seen was driven through our town some time ago. These cattle were all two years old; had been bought at weaning time and turned onto hill pasture prepared as above described; and had never been fed a mouthful; but had lived, thrived and fattened in the hills, winter and summer—two winters and one summer, with absolutely no expense or labor to the owner from the time he purchased them until he drove them to market. And this is being repeated year after year by practically all our stockmen.

We would suggest to our dairymen that they should each own tracts of this hill pasture where they may fatten their unprofitable milkers and young stock. To those seeking investment, we know of no more prom-



COOS COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

LAMPA.

Lampa is situated midway between Bandon and Coquille City on the Coquille river. It is the only point on the river where the Bandon-Myrtle Point wagon road connects with the river. Lampa postoffice is supplied with mail twice a day except Sunday, but commencing July 1st this service will be daily. A general store in connection with the postoffice is doing a good business. There is a neat little school building with school six months during the year. The country around Lampa is a fine dairy section, there being a good supply of green grass throughout the year. Bandon receives a large supply of milk from the Maple Dell creamery at that place and a large amount of the milk sent to the creameries comes from the Lampa valley yet not one-third of the valley is under cultivation.

There are hundreds of acres of good coal land underlaid with ten or twelve veins of coal ranging in thickness from three to nine feet. The coal is unexcelled in quantity and quality on the Coast. J. H. Timon is operating a vein about 40 inches in thickness. He has several men at work developing it and is putting out a small amount of coal daily but will soon be in readiness to ship. There are thousands of tons ready to be opened up and taken out to market. Capital is all that is needed to open a great industry.

There is a vast amount of timber

in this part of the county and several logging camps. One of the largest camps in the state, the Cody Lumber Co., is located here. It is a new company, having been in operation scarcely a year, but during that time they have employed upwards of fifty men during summer and winter and will employ a much larger crew in the near future. They are working a large body of timber which will take fifteen years to log it off, at the rate of 100,000 ft. daily. There are hundreds of acres of timber that is not being worked.

Lampa has good river transportation facilities and is on the right-of-way of the new coast railroad.

Fruit growing is a flourishing industry throughout the county and the export trade is growing larger each year. The varieties produced are apples, pears, quinces, plums, cherries and small fruits. The trees begin to bear when remarkably young, and are exceedingly healthy and vigorous, and being free from disease, will live to a great age. The trees are very productive and the fruit possesses a delicious flavor. This county is a very Eden for cherries, plums and prunes. Strawberries, currants, raspberries, gooseberries and cranberries, of a fine quality, are raised in abundance. Several varieties of the hardier grapes are successfully cultivated. Blackberries and huckleberries grow wild in the woods in vast quantities and are a natural product of the soil.

BULLARDS.

Bullards postoffice is located on the north bank of the Coquille river about two miles above Bandon. Robt. W. Bullard, one of the pioneers of the Coquille, has a general store at this place and also conducts the ferry. The river boats make regular landings here and there is a public telephone in the store.

Fahy's sawmill is located about two miles back of Bullards.

There are several fine ranches in the country back of Bullards. This section is adapted to stock raising and dairying and there are many fine opportunities in that vicinity for the man who wishes to engage in ranching.

One of the nicest drives in the country is from Bandon to Whiskey Run, via Bullards, which takes one through the black sand region that was famous in early days.

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