



COQUILLE VALLEY RANCH SCENE.

Coos a Modern Eden.

A Desirable Place to Dwell. Where the People are Free From Disadvantages of a Climatic Nature. A few of our Advantages.

Man seems to be possessed of a nomadic spirit. In some, this amounts almost to a migratory habit. People are continually "moving on" with the expectation of bettering their condition—of finding the perfect spot—the "heaven on earth" at the next stopping place. Experience has taught many this search is futile. "The rolling stone gathers no moss" is an adage hundreds of years old. There is no perfect spot on this globe. Each and all have their drawbacks. So the worldly wise select the place that to them presents the fewest of these and there they build their homes. This selection is largely a matter of individual taste; but there are a few general disadvantages which all people alike desire to shun. There are also advantages which all seek to find before selecting their permanent location.

Very few people but desire to shun the rigors of an arctic winter or the pestilence and contagion of a torrid summer. The lightning, the blizzard, the cyclone, the volcano and earthquake are alike dreaded by all. The writer has lived in sufficient proximity to most of these to form an idea of their attendant annoyance and too often dreadfulness. To avoid all of these, he has selected Coos county as his permanent abode. "There let me live and die"

Last winter, while the people of the New England and Northern states were shivering around their fires, exerting every energy in their conflict with the icy blasts that swept down upon them from the north and kept them locked in winter's frozen clasp for many months, their business at a standstill, all industries paralyzed, transportation blocked and no power or plan of human mind or brawn able to overcome the difficulties, the people of Coos county were serenely following their usual avocations, wearing the usual amount of clothing, sleeping with windows open and enjoying all the pleasures and luxuries of a mild and temperate climate.

Now, while people of the middle and southern states are seeking shelter from cyclones and floods and hail storms and lightning, we of Coos have no misgivings, for these calamities

never befall us.

Soon we shall read of people throughout the eastern and middle states dropping on the streets and in the harvest fields overcome by the heat. We of Coos will wear our winter clothing and enjoy the cooling and health giving ocean breeze, following our daily toil unaffected by the fierce rays of the sun which are counteracted by other climatic influences.

In addition to all this, Coos county is overflowing with natural resources awaiting capital and labor to enrich the fortunate ones who will take advantage of the limitless opportunities offered. The rivers are teeming with food fishes of all variety. Twice each day the clam flats are laid bare to a feast fit for kings. The hills are covered with valuable timber in which game can be found in abundance. The hills are full of coal, gold, silver and many other valuable minerals. The productiveness of the valleys cannot be excelled any place on earth. Even the air and trees are filled with birds that furnish food to man.

These statements may seem to the uninformed to be overdrawn, but we stand ready to prove every one of them.

It may also appear that Coos county is all that could be desired in the way of a dwelling place for a man. This is not quite the case, but we believe it is as nearly so as any place that can be found on this mundane sphere.

Nevertheless, we are entirely honest and sincere in this article, and to prove it, we shall show what disadvantages we have—show both sides of the picture.

We have considerable rainfall in the winter which some people try to find fault with. But we assert that our warm and gentle rains are much to be preferred to the snow and sleet blizzards or the drought of other countries. It is true that our roads are not what might be desired, but Coos is as yet undeveloped and roads do not build themselves. The county is now expending thousands of dollars in making such roads as any community might well be proud of. And the new grades and covering of rock

will make roads that will be permanent. We have no railroad connection with the outside world at present but one road is now building from Drain to connect with the Southern Pacific and several other lines have been surveyed. Aside from this, we have the very best facilities for shipping freight by water—the cheapest transportation obtainable. So we do not see that the lack of railroads is any great drawback.

We have telephone telegraph lines connecting us with all the world. We have daily mail service and our steam boats run regularly from all the important cities on the coast and some of them cross the Pacific taking our lumber and other products to the orient and bringing merchandise in return.

Our fruit is sold at the top prices on the Atlantic coast and in Europe. So, taking it all in all, we are thoroughly convinced that for a place to build a home, Coos county is not equalled anywhere in the world, and is as near perfection as any place on earth. The disadvantages we have mentioned are the worst that exist here, and when compared with other places, sink into insignificance.

Yes, and there is another matter of vast importance which we have not mentioned. The healthfulness of the climate is almost perfect. What few contagious diseases and epidemics have visited us have been in so mild a form as to scarcely merit mention except for the purpose of calling attention to their very mildness.

And there is another matter which amounts almost to a disadvantage. The ease with which people make a living here is no doubt accountable for the lethargy with which all persons who have lived here any considerable length of time seem to be affected. But this only emphasizes the bounteousness of nature as displayed before us here.

So, I might go on, and on and on—even like Tennyson's brook, forever—and yet could not tell it all. Volumes could be written and the story be still incomplete. Coos county is one of those rare places that to be appreciated must be seen and felt. "See Italy and die." See Coos and live.

Coos County is on the eve of a great awakening. The world at large has just discovered us. It is flocking to us in hundreds. Prices are advancing. If you wish to own a spot in a veritable garden of Eden, invest now unless your bank account runs into six and seven figures. This is no fancy fable. Come and see for yourself. If you are from Missouri, we can show you.—Coquille Sentinel.

Coos County Leads.

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Coos county may be isolated. Her means of travel may be slow, tortuous and inconvenient in some instances. The means of coming to and going from the county may be slow and unpleasant. But there is nothing slow about Coos county people and her resources. We have frequently tried to describe these resources, the wonderful climate and thousands of other advantages, but the half has never been told. Coos led all the other counties and countries at the Lewis and Clark fair. The gold medal for this has just been received by Judge Harlocker. She leads wherever and whichever way she goes.

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The weather for the past two weeks has been on the verge of spring. Vegetation has put forth verdant grandeur, flower beds and bushes are showing signs of early blossoms, farmers have been plowing and making ready for heavy planting of seeds, and the meadows are sending forth luxuriant grasses, in many places a foot high. Verily, our climate is an ideal one, and visitors from other lands express a surprise at seeing the mildness of temperature in this favored land; therefore real estate is continually on the increase in value, and everything looks favorable for a lively time this spring while lands are so low in price. A home capable of supporting a large family with wholesome food and comparative luxury can be purchased for one thousand dollars in various parts of the county where fish are plentiful and fruits are in abundance.

Having been in the east a number of years recently, the writer knows that if people in the east and middle states knew of the possibility of bettering their conditions by coming to Oregon, and particularly to Coos county, there would be a grand rush to the coast. But the difference is so marked that one can hardly convince them of the truth of the matter. Those who have come here are fully satisfied and really rejoice that they have made the change. A coal strike in Pennsylvania causes untold suffering all over the Atlantic states and reaches as far west as Kansas, owing to the scarcity and high price of fuel. The beef trust and other monopolies on the necessities of life make it difficult for laborers to support their families. These difficulties are not with us in this favored land. East of the Rocky Mountains it is almost impossible for a laboring man to obtain a home capable of supporting a family. Here it is an easy matter, and a home is the most glorious thing a man can have. This section offers the best of inducements for people to come and see for themselves what grand opportunities we have to offer to the energetic and provident settler. Besides the Coquille valley, Coos Bay is an ideal place for speculation as well as opportunities to make homes in a region noted for health. In fact, the whole Coos Bay country, reaching south to the mouth



COQUILLE VALLEY LEADS IN LUMBER OUTPUT.

of the Rogue river, and north to the Umpqua, and pushing back from the ocean to the summit of the Coast range, is open to exploration. Within these boundaries will be found timber of matchless growth, grazing land of excellent quality, gold, silver and coal, and the very best of agricultural lands. These resources, coupled with our salubrious climate, are sufficient warrant for our earnestness in urging people to come and investigate for themselves.—Sentinel, Feb. 10th.

HOW TO GET TO BANDON

By stage from the main line of the Southern Pacific at Drain or Roseburg.

By steamer from Portland via Coos Bay.

By steamer from San Francisco direct to Bandon.

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