

## Coos County---Continued.

known than the Coos River vicinity, for to the general outside world, the general term of "Coos Bay" denotes any part of the county, or even all of Southwestern Oregon, but in reality only a small body of water approximately five miles square and a misnomer which the residents of the Coquille valley stoutly resent.

The Coquille River flows directly into the waters of the Pacific, about 18 miles south of the entrance to

costly homes in South-Western Oregon.

Tending rather to agricultural pursuits, the pay rolls of both Myrtle Point, and Coquille, are small compared to North Bend and Bandon, nevertheless a very important factor among the resources of the respective towns.

A more picturesque scene than the Coquille Valley, can seldom be found, and when viewed on a quiet autumn day from the decks of the

Coquille and Bandon, through which the course of the river flows. The hills run from the waters' edge up to a height to entitle them to the name of small mountains. At the river's edge you land again, and over the tops of the maple, alder, myrtle and other variegated and beautiful foliage, you look into the dark gloom of the fir, cedar, spruce and hemlock. In the willows where you land is a coal bunker, supplied from a tunnel, up a 2 per cent grade perhaps a hundred yards away. The weather is always quiet, still and cool, and now as you pass from the gap, to the West, the hills become lower, the land more level, and a brisk ocean breeze from the north-west catches you. If you have

importance of Bandon at that point, in another story, and contained in an article found elsewhere in this issue.

### The Railroad.

The Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railroad operates between Marshfield and Myrtle Point, a distance of 32 miles. This line was originally destined to form a connection with the Southern Pacific at

Coos the line will undoubtedly follow the coast and be extended to Humboldt Bay, California, where a line north from San Francisco will connect, forming practically a water level coast line route from San Francisco to Portland, avoiding the heavy grades of the Siskiyou Mountains, and affording a rail outlet for the timber of the Oregon and California coast. The building of

will still be found up to the first of July.

It is true, however, that the rhododendron blooms in every month of the year.

In contrast to this rarity, April and May produces billions of this beautiful bloom. There is no other wild flower that compares to the beauty and profusion of the rhododendron.

This flower grows on a tree some-



A Street in Bandon.

Boat Load of Salmon.

Salmon Cannery.

Coos Bay, and the tide backs up the river's waters for a distance of over 40 miles, at which place converges the North, the Middle and the South forks of the Coquille River, besides creeks and small streams too numerous to mention. Because so many streams converge at this place, a natural large basin in the mountains is found, and a most luxurious and happy agricultural community is to be found, at the center of which is the confluence of the numerous streams, the head of navigation, the terminus of the Coos Bay Railroad, and the site of a quiet and prosperous little

river boat on her daily don, is an impression membered.

The river is smooth as the current glides slow down, just as the tide ebb, and numerous tributary river hides its course, a few boat's lengths each of the ever green myrtle trees, and the at maple obscures much of the expanse of the valley, at you see the foot hills mill Numerous farm house

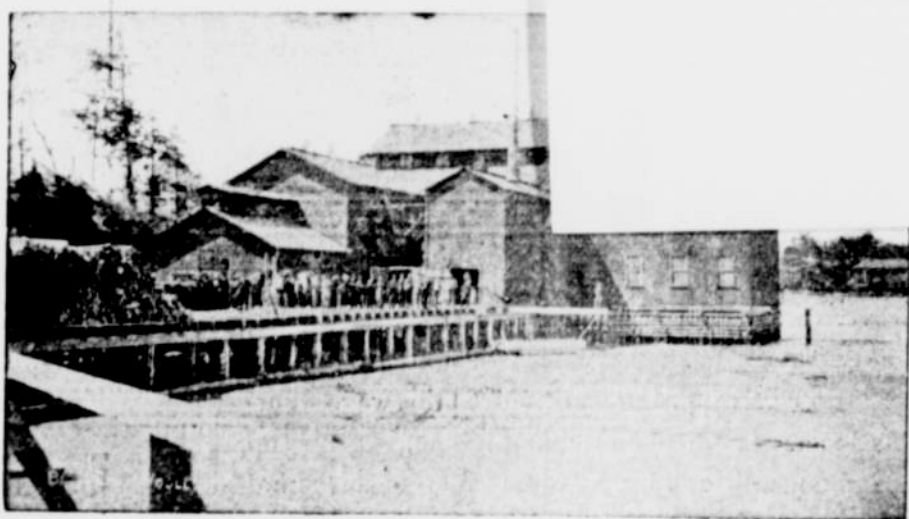
Roseburg, but destiny and fate were against it. The road is doing a good business in carrying lumber, logs and coal to Coos Bay. The Myrtle Point Mill Company, Myrtle Point, Coquille Mill & Mercantile Company, Coquille and A. Johnson's mill, at Coquille, ship their lumber over this line to Marshfield, where it

the Drain-Coos Bay link will open up one of the best sections in Oregon. The line will traverse the valley of the Umpqua, leaving Gardiner, under the present survey, about one and a half miles to the north, and striking Coos Bay at a point nearly opposite North Bend, where a draw bridge will be

times thirty and forty feet high. There are literally thousands of flowers on a single trunk. The bloom is so delicate that it cannot well bear long transportation. But it is often gathered and kept in water and will remain fresh in the house for a week.

This flower grows all over Coos County, but it flourishes best in the lowlands along the streams. It is worth a trip across the continent to see a forest of rhododendrons in full bloom. This should have been Oregon's, not Washington's, state flower.

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Bandon Shingle Mill.

city of probably 1800 people, known as Myrtle Point.

These numerous streams reach far into the mountainous interior to where is found some excellent forests of almost unlimited extent, much of which is the far-famed Port Orford (or white) cedar, very little of which is found north of the Coquille River. Millions of feet of this timber is floated to the tide water below, when the mountain streams are high and swollen with mid-winter rains and snow.

The valley of the Coquille is wide and low, and wonderfully rich, much of which is inundated in the winter, because of highwater and the tide. Thousands of acres will be diked in the near future, and be subjected to the highest cultivation where now are found only hundreds. The adjacent uplands are heavily covered with timber, and underlaid with coal.

In the widest part of the valley, and the richest agricultural part thereof, is situated the county seat, Coquille City, a town of approximately 2,000 people, and the site of some of the most beautiful and

and fields, and hundreds of fattened cattle are seen, and at frequent bends in the river, almost obscured among the willows, is a landing piled high with milk-cans, fruit and vegetables, which the farmer has prepared for market, and numerous thrifty farmers become your fellow passengers, or swiftly glide past you in their own launch, as you stop at successive landings to take on freight.

Now you have come to a gap in the mountains, midway between Co-

any other section of Coos County. The land is always moist from mountain fed streams and springs, and wonderfully rich and productive, for all kinds of fruit and vegetation; however, some of the more tender fruits, such as peaches, will not ripen because of the cool summer days and chilly nights.

The direct outlet to the sea for the entire Coquille Valley and the southern section of the county, is at the mouth of the Coquille River, but her shipping trade and the im-

cars at Cedar Creek boom, owned by Dr. McCormac, and dumped into his boom on the Coos Bay side.

The charge for catching and booming the logs on the Coquille River, loading on the cars and rafting at Coos Bay is 55 cents per 1000 feet. The rail rate is \$3 per car, with an average load of 4000 feet.

Counties, and it will only be a few years after the construction of the road until it is lined with saw mills.

### Our Rhododendrons.

The Rhododendron blooms for two full months, April and May. Many of the flowers in shaded places



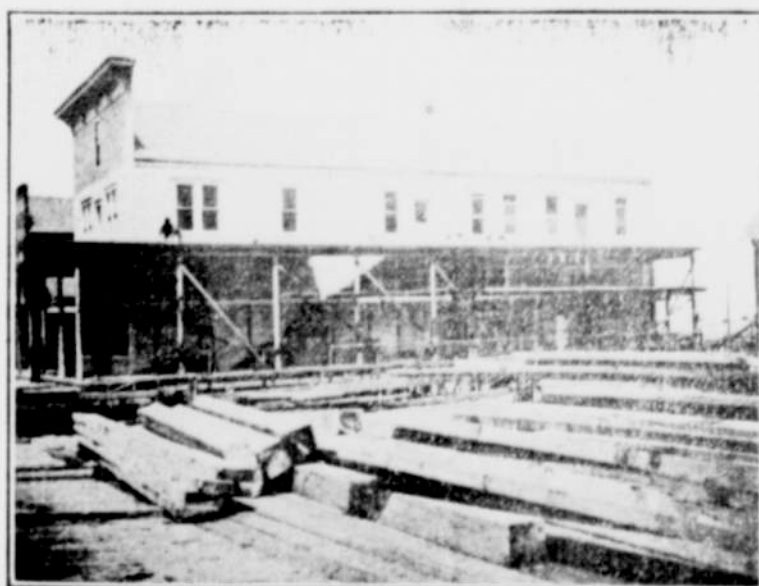
Oregon's Tall Pines.



Panter Bros. New Store.



Bandon's Scenic Beach.



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