

Coquille City Herald.

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Fish and Fishing.

For several years past, the fishing industry has afforded remunerative employment for a large number of people. The Coquille packing company, whose cannery is situated eight miles from the mouth of the river, has been established two years, and last season gave employment to 112 men. Other fisheries employing probably as many more hands, find sale for their fish at the cannery at good prices, or put them up in barrels for the San Francisco market. Many of the settlers along the river, who are engaged in other pursuits, keep nets and seines and during the fishing season reap a bountiful harvest from the water, as well as from the land. Fish, instead of being a luxury, hard to obtain in many parts, here has become a staple article of food, as well as the source of untold commercial wealth. The C. P. Co., during a short run of only a few days, after getting ready, put up about 7000 cases of salmon, and the nightly catch in some of the fisheries along the river, sometimes runs as high as 3200 fish, from six or seven boats, which at the average price of 40 cts. per fish, would make their nights work bring them the neat sum of \$12,800. Single boats have sometimes brought in as high as 1,600 fish in one night which would net over \$300 to the man per night, allowing for wear and tear, breakage of nets, etc.

The river, at certain seasons is fairly alive with fish fresh from the sea, and as the Coquille river, for at least forty miles from its mouth is a part of the sea, the water being salty on the surface above Coquille City, the fish retain all their rich freshness, equal to the best Columbia river brands. Countless varieties of fish visit our waters every season, each in its own particular turn. Myriads of small fish, such as herring, smelt, sardines, perch, flounders, etc. swarm in from the sea; and native fresh water fish, such as the different varieties of trout, are abundant and of fine flavor. Along the reefs and banks of the coast, are found in great abundance, hake, halibut, Pacific cod and numerous species of other valuable salt water fish.

Seal and sea-lion hunting has formed an important business for several years among the coast people, and valuable cargoes of oil and furs have been shipped to market. Occasionally, fur seal and sea-otter are captured; the fur of the latter bringing from 40 to \$150 each. Crabs and different varieties of shell-fish are numerous, and many people from the interior visit the beach every season to feast upon the delicious bivalves and other healthful delicacies with which bountiful nature has liberally supplied this section.

Game and Furs.

Owing to the density of our forests, and the fact that the country is but sparsely settled, wild game roam the country at will. The following kinds are to be found in abundance: Elk, deer, bear, panther, cougar, wild-cat, lynx, martin, beaver, fisher, coon, mink, otter, Oregon conies, weasel, squirrel, rabbit, and the following fowls: Geese, ducks of every known species, grouse, pheasants, quails, plover and snipe. While the bear, martin, beaver, fisher, mink and otter, furnish valuable fur, the other animals furnish valuable pelts. Wild game and fish furnish ample food of the kind for miners and prospectors in the fastnesses of the mountains, and the farmer and rancher need never make incursion on their flocks or herds for meat, if they choose to have wild meat instead.

ROADS AND TRAVEL.

In the matter of roads, this valley is behind the times, which is owing to the fact that navigation has been good and roads hard to build through the heavy timber. However there are passable wagon roads for the most part down the river, forks and creeks. There are also three roads leading to the main Roseburg and Coos bay wagon road from the Coquille valley, one to Coos bay, and one down the coast from Bandon to Curry county. Stages run twice a day between Coquille City and Coos bay, besides there is another route accomplished by a ride across the isthmus on the Isthmus Transit railroad, and thence down Beaver Slough to the river. A daily hack connects from Coquille City with the Coos bay and Roseburg road at Fairview. When ever business will justify, a hack is run between Myrtle Point and Dora, the latter place being another station on the Coos bay and Roseburg wagon road; and another from Myrtle Point to Coquille City, but this route is parallel with the river and as yet has not been able to compete with the steamers. There are two steamers running on the river—one up and the other down every day, and their route extends from Bandon, at the mouth of the Coquille river, to within a mile of Myrtle Point, a distance of upwards of 40 miles, and the fare is fifty cents. Freight and transportation is phenomenally cheap on the river.

Coquille River as a Shipping Port.

The Government of the United States recognizing the immense natural wealth of the Coquille valley, has been spending appropriations yearly improving the river bar by building a breakwater on the south side which has had the effect to change the bar from a nest of rocks and an uncertain depth varying from 4 to 8 feet, to a good straight sandy bar with from 12 to 20 feet of water. Formerly the channel was miserable and crooked, and it was difficult for our bar tug, of which we have a good one, to bring a sail vessel in, whereas now, vessels sail in unaided, and are never bar-bound as they for months at a time, formerly were. This improvement in our shipping facilities, is going to revolutionize business, and lucky will be the man who is prepared to share in the benefits to accrue. Whereas we were virtually "bottled up" four years ago, as far as our river as a shipping port was concerned, today we have one of the best ports of entry on the Oregon coast. The entrance to the channel at the bar is half a mile north of its location four years ago, and nearly where it was many years ago when there were 18 feet of water on the bar. Large sail vessels or steamers can now sail from San Francisco and, without a halt, penetrate this veritable bonanza of wealth forty miles, through the Coquille river. Now that a better class of vessels can come here and with certainty and dispatch, freights must come down, which will give every business increased impetus.

Manufactural.

No portion of the Pacific coast has better facilities for manufacturing, than the Coquille river and its tributaries, and the section next to the coast below its mouth. The Coast range of mountains rises abruptly from the ocean, and owing to the generous rainfall innumerable streams come dashing down the gorges and ravines, on their way to the sea, making most magnificent water powers. As yet little advantage has been taken of these natural provisions, the most of the mills that have been constructed so far, have used steam power, logs being brought, from a great distance in rafts or on trucks and skid-roads. The manufacture of lumber is the only business under this head that has assumed any importance, with one or two exceptions. There are seven sawing mills, in good condition and nearly all in active operation. A sash and door factory is now in process of construction on the lower river near Parkersburg, and a large saw mill is being built about four miles above the mouth of the river. There are at present five saw mills on the river, most of which are approachable by sea-going vessels of draft sufficiently light to cross our bar, which have a capacity of from 5000 to 30,000 feet per day. When in active operation, the mills and their indispensable auxiliaries—the logging camp—give employment to several hundred men. The large quantity of wool that has been shipped yearly from this and adjoining districts, has induced some of our business

men to take steps toward building a woolen mill, and it is more than probable that a large business of that kind will soon be in active operation.

Experiments are being made with reference to the manufacture of sugar, as many of the products of our soil are extremely rich in saccharine properties; and many are contemplating going into the business of manufacturing oil from the peppermint which grows here in profusion, of which as many as three crops can be raised during the year. It is estimated that the yield of one acre during a year, will produce at least \$500 worth of oil, which can be distilled at a small expense by the planter.

The tannery at Centerville Coos bay turns out a remarkably good quality of leather, and it is only a question of time, when a local boot and shoe factory will be permanently located. Already our harness and saddlery are supplanting imported goods of that class, with articles not inferior to that manufactured elsewhere.

Two breweries are in active operation on the river, being partially supplied with malt and hops of home production, and in the matter of starch the potato contains a large per cent of that article, the soil being especially adapted for such production.

TOWNS.

RANDON

Situated at the mouth of the Coquille river has a population of about 100; two stores a postoffice, a drug store, three hotels, and is the shipping point for Rosa's saw mill. This place is becoming one of the most desirable resorts on the coast, the beach being second to none in point of interest. The fishing and hunting are excellent, there being a very great variety of fish, and also sealion, seals, porpoise and elk, deer, bear, panthers etc. Desirable government land lying southeast, and fine stock ranches to be had 10 miles in that direction.

RANDOLPH

Six miles up the river from Bandon, has a postoffice, general store, hotel, brewery, and parties have commenced erecting a large saw mill near. Back from the town are the famous black-sand mines. Land can be bought in this vicinity for \$5 to \$15 per acre, partially cleared.

PARKERSBURG

Three miles above Randolph, has the largest saw mill on the river, a general store, postoffice, and a cannery. A fine lumbering, grazing and farming section lies back of this place. Land can be bought for \$5 to \$30 per acre, and some fair locations are to be taken up.

COQUILLE CITY

Twenty-one miles above Parkersburg, has a population of 350, and is the largest town on the river. It has a postoffice, two hotels, five stores, two livery stables, two drug stores, two boot and shoe shops, a weekly newspaper—Coquille City Herald, a saw and grist mill, a brewery and a cabinet shop. Mails arrive in this town three times a day from different directions—two by stage and the other by steamer, the two former going to Coos bay and Roseburg and the latter up and down the river. Government land suitable for range back from the river. Farms fairly improved from 12 to \$20 per acre. Lands in close proximity to the town, 50 to \$100 per acre. Coquille City is the head of navigation for sea-going vessels, and is the central place on the river, being of easy access and from where parties can find transportation to any part of the valley, Coos bay or Curry county.

NORWAY

Eight miles above Coquille City, is in the midst of a fine farming country, and has a store, postoffice, grist and saw mill. The land about the same as at Coquille City.

MYRTLE POINT

At the head of local steamer navigation, has a population of about 200; three stores, one drug store, two hotels, one livery stable, grist mill, a tri-weekly mail to Roseburg, and steamer every day up and down the river. Land can be bought for 7 to \$15 per acre, and some government lands can be found on the river, forks and creeks above. Myrtle Point is 10 miles above Coquille City.

SCHOOL AND SOCIETY.

In framing the laws of Oregon, our legislators seem to have never lost sight of school interests, and every available means is given in support of public schools. Proceeds from school lands, taxes, fines in criminal prosecutions, and various other sources combine to make our school system second to none in the United States with the exceptions of those of Iowa and California. In Coos county, school houses are to be found in all sections. The smallest district in the Coquille valley drew upwards of \$68, being upwards of \$4.25 per scholar, in last month's apportionment. Unlike most newly settled parts, ours is well advanced in an educational point of view, and in this respect exceeds that of many old settled states.

Society is good, and every leading church is fairly represented. Lodges of the various orders exist at the larger towns in the county. The people are hospitable, and obliging.

Notes of Interest.

Singular enough, no ticks, lice or other annoying insects, except fleas, are to be found here. We have no poison snakes, scorpions or things of that sort. Crops are safe from the ravages of insects, there being no grasshoppers, chinch bugs, army worms or anything to injure crops of any kind. Nights being comparatively cool, a person can sleep under two good blankets through the summer. The wool of Southwestern Oregon takes the prize against all competition. No devastating storms, cyclones, waterpots, or other disturbances of the elements in the Coquille valley. The best and most highly priced land here is

overflowed every three or four years, leaving a deposit of several inches of fine soil.

So-called swamp lands are seemingly raising, or the water receding, by which many thousand acres of the finest beaver dam lands known, and which a few years ago were considered worthless, are being added to the immense area of our arable lands.

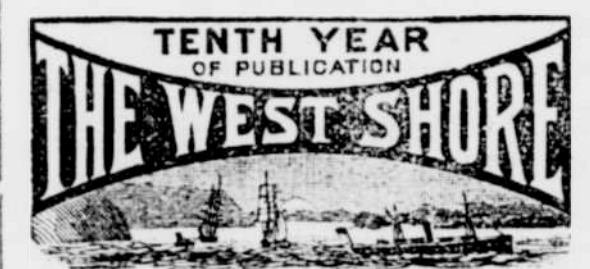
Wild bees are plentiful, and scores of trees can be found in a day in certain sections. The principal part of the timber here being evergreens, the grass and vegetation growing through the whole year, one is impressed with the idea of perpetual summer.

It never rains here in torrents, but mild gentle showers instead. Two and three crops of hay is grown here in one season—the first being cut in May. Potatoes also grow two crops.

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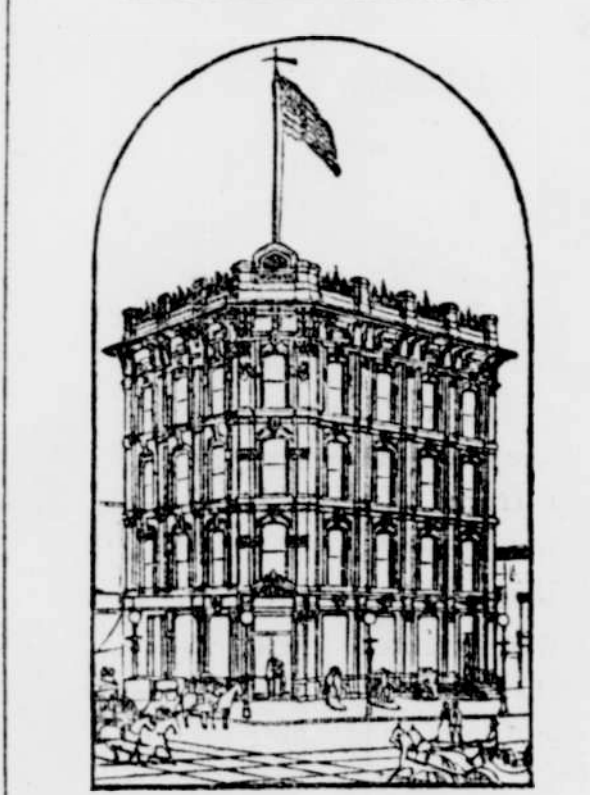
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