

Several Hundred Thousand Dollars in New Improvements in '37

Improvements either finished since the first of the present year or in process of construction at the present time point to 1937 being about as active as was the year 1936, one of the best in the history of Coquille, these improvements being conservatively estimated to total \$500,000.

The Smith Wood-Products company plywood factory was completed and placed in operation soon after January 1. The company's second and much-enlarged sawmill was likewise completed and started operating about April 1.

The Western Condensing company installed new equipment in its plant, besides two large boilers for furnishing its own steam, where previously it had been serviced by the Smith Wood-Products plant.

The machinery in its veneer plant, and contemplates the immediate erection of a modern sawmill to saw cedar blocks for the local plant.

S. L. Godard, of Cottage Grove, who installed the new lighting system in the business district, built a warehouse on the corner of Tenth and Coulter streets, and is engaging in the general contracting and building business.

Plans have been completed for the new city

school gymnasium to cost \$22,500, and work is to start at once upon the frame structure.

With more than \$15,000 in the city water fund the City of Coquille hopes to be able this year to replace much of the old worn out water mains, and thus furnish a greater pressure in case of any conflagration or unusual demand upon the water supply.

Already no less than 15 or 20 new dwellings either have been erected since the beginning of the new year or else are in course of construction, at a total cost of more than \$50,000, and indications point to that number being augmented two or three times before the present year has been brought to a close.

New hospital, to cost more than \$25,000.00, is proposed, a tentative site has already been optioned.

The Coos Bay Lumber company is extending its logging road further into the Fairview-Sumner district, and indications point to it being headed for the Tioga country, where the company owns a vast acreage of valuable timber lands.

The major improvement under construction at the present time is the new theatre building of Claver & Wood at the corner of Second and Hall streets, east opposite the city hall. This building, a

one-story frame and stucco, will house five store rooms, two facing on Hall street, and three smaller facing Second, with the theatre foyer on Hall street. The theatre, the second to be owned and operated in Coquille by this enterprising firm of young men, will seat 550 and cost, including building and equipment, \$25,000. All five of the store rooms were leased before the building operation was started.

With every business building in the city occupied and demand every day or two for additional locations, it is quite evident that more business blocks will be built during the present year. It is believed that several are already proposed for Hall street, between First and Third streets.

New auto display room erected adjoining his

Eight-apartment addition erected as a second-story to the service station building of Guss Tillmann, corner of Front and Willard streets.

Geo. F. Burr contemplates the erection of a modern L-shape service station and garage on Hall and Second streets.

Harry Oerding is erecting a modern building for the display of myrtle wood novelties on the Oerding tract at the north entrance to Coquille.

Many New Business Concerns

Locate in Coquille During 1936

Coquille, as the hub of Coos county and a city of unusual activity, attracted, during 1936, quite a number of new business establishments, as follows:

Western Auto Supply company by Greene & Jensen, Eaton Feed store, Broders jewelry, Ladies' Shoppe by Mrs. Mary Gage and Mrs. Birdie Skeels, Hermann Men's store, Siver Variety, Jack Page barber, Yellow Lantern Cafe, H. W. Kelley, sand and gravel and contractor of excavations and grading, Miss May's ladies' shoppe, F. E. McCracken, attorney, Dr. R. J. Milne, dentist, Dr. T. De La Rhue, optometrist, Southwestern Motor company's body and fender works, Haynes Motor company, Coney Island cafe, Biegger & Gunderson secondhand, Gross Wood, Coos Securities, Inc., real estate and builders, R. M. Creager, real estate, Farr & Elwood grocery, Dr. J. B. Gillis, physician, Dr. W. S. Parke, chiropractor, Consolidated Truck line, Miss Dae's beauty salon.

Playground of Oregon

World-wide travelers freely acknowledge that Southwestern Oregon presents a greater variety and much more attractive scenery than any other portion of the world. It has become known as the "Playground of America" and thousands upon thousands of tourists and vacationists are attracted each summer to enjoy the sort of outing that appeals to all alike. With ocean, rivers, lakes and wooded grounds calling, the tourist finds himself more than satisfied with a nomadic existence. No section of the United States offers so much in the way of outdoor life.

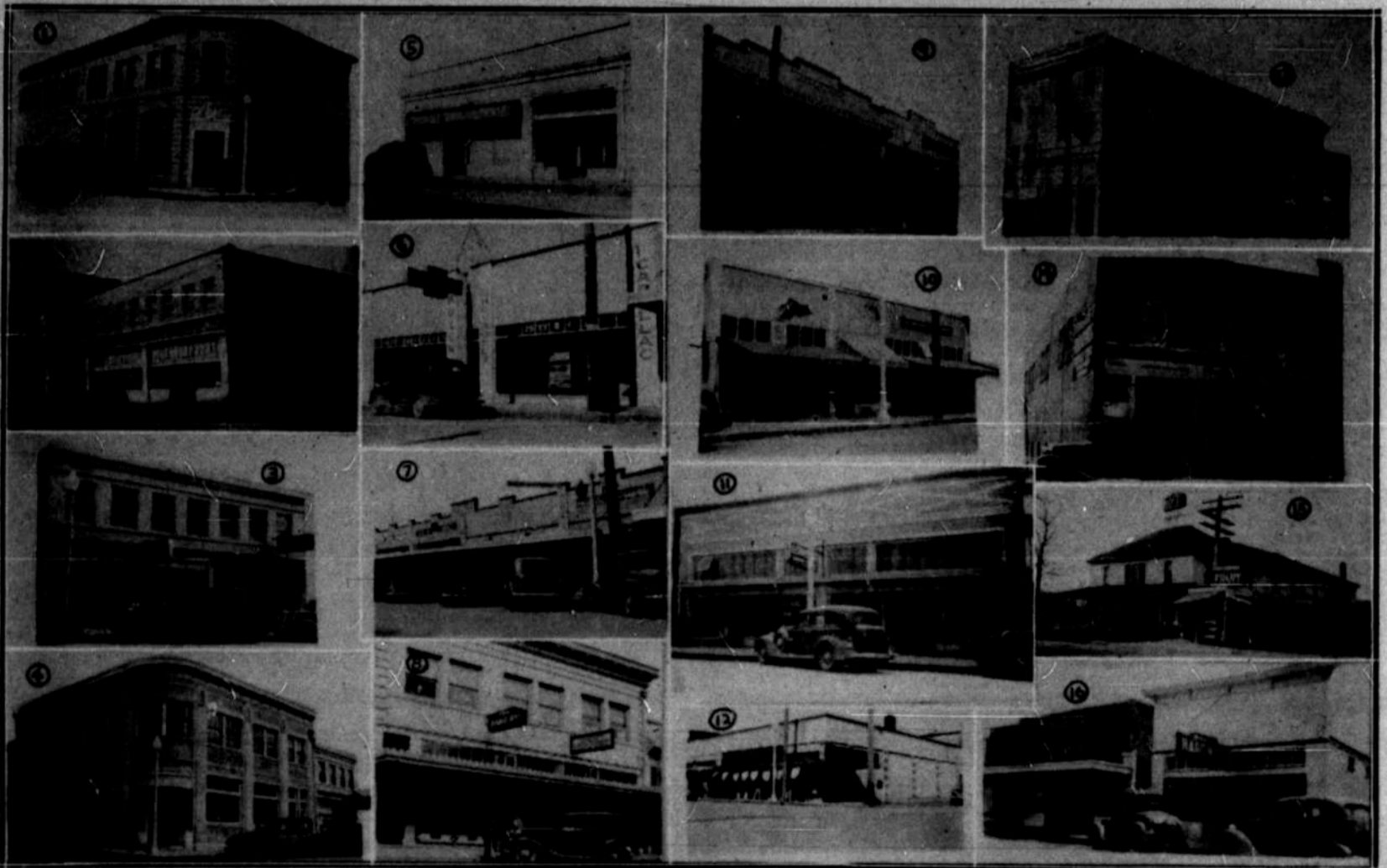
The farmer, who has hard winters to contend with, and the burning summers, would realize what "God's country" means if he could just live in the cool green Coquille Valley.

Some Facts Worth

Knowing About Oregon

Land Area: 95,607 square miles; 61,188,480 acres.
 Width: East to west, about 350 miles.
 Length: North to south, about 275 miles.
 Forested Area: Federal—13,200,000 acres; private—8,900,000 acres.
 Merchantable Timber: 438 billion board feet—234 billion board feet private ownership; 204 billion board feet federal ownership.
 Highways: 4,750 miles.
 Counties: 36. Largest, Harney county—6,357,120 acres; 9,933 square miles. Smallest, Multnomah county—277,760 acres; 438 square miles.
 Population: February 14, 1859, at date of admission to Union: about 53,000.
 Population: 1930 census: 953,786.
 State Motto: "The Union."
 State Flower: "Oregon Grape."
 State Bird: "Western Meadow Lark."
 State Song: "Oregon, My Oregon."

Prominent Business Buildings in Coquille



1—First National Bank. 2—Coquille Hotel Annex, housing Mountain States Power Co., office on corner. 3—Ellingsen block, occupied by Yellow Lantern cafe and Hudson Drug Store on first floor. 4—Farmers and Merchants bank and Dr. James Richmond joint building, the former owned by Geo. A. Ulett, occupied on ground floor by Schroeder Jewelry store and office of Coquille Gas and Power Co., and on the upper floor by offices of Dr. Richmond, and Attorneys Grant Corby, Carl Mack and J. Arthur Berg, and Christian Logging company.

5—Coquille Valley Sentinel block. 6—Southwestern Motor Co. 7—Grimes block, occupied by post-office, Cow Bell Dairy. Geo. Unsoeld, Rackleff Pharmacy and V. R. Wilson, jeweler. 8—Laird building with Ideal Bakery and Thrift Grocery on first floor, and offices of Dr. J. R. Bunch, dentist, Dr. T. De La Rhue, optometrist, and LeMille studio on second floor. 9—Gould block, occupied by Gould Furniture Co., Slater's Variety Store and J. C. Penney Co. 10—Hersey block with occupancy

by Hand Shoe Store, Broders Jewelry and Hermann Men's Store. 11—Henry Lorenz store. 12—Shelley block, occupied by Siver Variety, Economy Cash Market and Safeway facing on First street and Green Nook cafe at rear on Hall street. 13—Coquille Hotel building. 14—Machon building, occupied by Bill's Place and O. K. barber shop on ground floor, and Tourist Hotel on upper floor. 15—Folsom Grocery and Hotel. 16—Stevens Hardware and People's Market.