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California Writer Tells of Impression Coos County Made When He Visited Here.

(From the Lamanda Park Herald)
The Coos Bay district of southwestern Oregon is comprised of Siuslaw Bay district, the Umpqua river district, the Coos Bay district and the Coquille river district, and has infinite variety, and is a land of most wonderful beauty and charm to the person who had never seen anything of the kind. Not only has it rare scenic beauty, but it has a wealth of fertility and resources that have but to be utilized and developed to make it among the richest localities in the world, and will assure the greatest of prosperity regardless of what exists elsewhere.
Everything here is different from what you or I are used to—the scenery, the climate and all the surroundings are so wonderfully different that they are a marvel to the visitor. To the sportsman the field is practically unlimited and for a vacation it cannot be excelled.
Fifteen months ago marked the greatest change that has come to this wonderful locality, for that was the time of the completion of the railroad that had been waited for so long and which marked the end of their isolation from the outside world, for up to this time it had been almost impossible to get the products of their industry to market except by steamer. On this account the wonderful resources are yet in their virgin state as far as development is concerned.
The lumbering industry is the largest, we think, and the dairy and stock raising is by far the nearest competitor. In the several different harbors and bays there are many ship building plants that are at the present time running full blast and there are no idle people in the towns along the water fronts. The largest lumber mill in the world is at Marshfield, which town, by the way, is the metropolis of the Coos Bay district.
Marshfield is situated on the south shore of the great bay about fifteen miles from the ocean and has a population of about 4000. It is a very modern and progressive community, with many paved streets, good schools, churches, water, sewer system, electric lights, etc. North Bend, where one

of our brethren lives, is quite a large city, which is really a suburb of Marshfield, and here there are many more ship yards, and all sea-going vessels dock here. Near here is "Shore Acres," the home of L. J. Simpson, of the Simpson Fruit Company, well known in Southern California.
The northern part of the Coos Bay district abounds in lakes of wonderful scenic beauty. Lakes that line the railroads and highways for miles and miles; one lake in particular is ten miles long and is called Ten-mile lake. The scenery all along the way through this district is delightful, and all these things together will make this one of the pleasure resorts of the Pacific coast in a very few years.
Coos Bay is a "land-locked bay with harbor deep and wide," and all sea-going vessels make this port of call and have no difficulty in going into the harbor, because the water all the way to Marshfield is at least twenty-five feet deep at low tide. The Southern Pacific trains cross this bay over a bridge a mile long and with the very latest improvements in draw bridge and lock signals.
The country in Curry county, Oregon, is said to be wilder and most inaccessible in the state and abounds with wild game such as deer, bear and cougar, making it the sportsman's paradise. It is estimated that there are at least 35,000 deer in this county alone, and of the nearly million acres in the county only four thousand are in cultivation, with a population of only 2,000.
The Coos Bay country today offers better opportunities to the homemaker than almost any other section of the West because the price of land is reasonable and with the advent of the railroad came the opportunity of raising and marketing profitable products. Strawberries, loganberries and cranberries bear mention, and it will not be long before Coos county's cranberry bogs will be as prolific and cranberries will be one of the exports of the county. Unwashed apples do particularly well along the southwestern coast of Oregon, and they ripen earlier here than elsewhere, thus permitting them to get into the Alaskan market ahead of all other varieties of apples.
Beets, cabbages, turnips, rutabagas, and potatoes yield heavily in the bottom lands and do fairly well on the hillside benches. Much land and legend of land can be purchased at from \$10 to \$15 an acre, and by putting an

gora goats on it for a season or two the brush will be cleared off, enabling the settler to sow it to Kentucky blue grass or clover and thus secure pasture for a dairy herd.
Grass is green every day in the year and the climate is so mild that cattle do not require to be kept in barns and fed, as is the case in the middle western and eastern states. The Coos Bay country is ideally adapted to the dairy industry not only on account of its mildness but because on the bottom lands which are overflowed each year. Wonderful crops of hay are produced as well as carrots, turnips, rutabagas and other root crops that help to increase the size of the monthly cream check.
Long before Portland, the metropolis of Oregon, began to rear her fifteen story skyscrapers of concrete and structural steel, Coos, Curry, Lane and Douglas counties had countless thousands of "all wood" skyscrapers—lofty Douglas firs from fifteen to thirty feet in girth and 300 feet or more high. Stately Port Orford cedars, spruce, hemlock, maple, and man bay trees and myrtle and many other varieties are to be found here. The myrtle is a unique and distinctive tree and is not found outside of Coos and Curry counties. It is hard, fine-grained, richly tinted and takes a satiny polish that makes it of value in the manufacture of high grade furniture and art novelties.
The United States Geological Survey have established the fact that a district of not less than 250 miles square around Coos Bay is underlain with coal. One mine near Marshfield has been a continuous producer of coal for more than fifty years. The coal is a soft domestic coal and much of it can be taken from the mines at tide level, thus simplifying the question of transportation.
There is no good reason why the Coos Bay country should not go into the fishery business extensively. Not only do they have the salmon as the basis of the industry, but not far away are extensive halibut banks so that a large business should and could be developed in supplying fresh fish to the markets of the inland cities.
If the Coos Bay country had no other resources than her timber, her coal, and her water power, she would have the foundation of perpetual prosperity as an exporter of lumber, coal and manufactured products. There are but three of her many assets, but these three will keep her population busy for the next century or so. It is true

that her forests and her coal deposits have been there for countless centuries, but now that transportation is available there should be immediate and continuous activity in getting the coal mined and the trees converted into lumber and put in the hands of the consumer. With transportation there is no longer excuse for the retarding of the Coos Bay country's activities and her consequent prosperity.
Going hand in hand with the development of these industries there should be increased activity along all lines such as mining, the canning of salmon, the manufacture of furniture, boat building, cheese making, condensing milk, the making of butter and the production of wool. Fruit raising and general farming should also add their quota to the general wealth of the district.
Gravel Ford Academy.
Miss Hazel Radsbaugh, who has been teaching the Bald Hill school, will finish Miss Marks term at the Gravel Ford public school and will board at the dormitory.
Mr. Steven Culbertson made a business trip to Myrtle Point one day last week.
Rolland Weekley was a Sunday visitor at the Iverson home.
Sunday was a day of great activity in Gravel Ford for breaking of log jams and sawing of wood. The wood is for the Gravel Ford Academy.
T. G. Summerlin is at present hauling the Gravel Ford cream to Norway.
Clarence Wankee, of this place, left for Portland Saturday. He has for the past two years been living on a homestead up Weekley's creek.
Owing to a few showers the river has risen and to a considerable extent covered the bottom lands.
R. L. Weekley has rented his ranch to Dave Lakey, of Marshfield, the latter will take possession immediately.
Gravel Ford is talking or organizing a basket ball team. Come on ye sports.
Fred Moser has recently purchased the old Robert Muir place up Wild Cat canyon.
Tom Culbertson has injured his hand as a result of handling a high powered gun.
Peggy, the wonderful girl of our Student Body—does any body know the rest? W. O. W.
Steven Culbertson, as a result of walking in his sleep, bumped his head on the bed post. What's the matter Steve been out late?
Melden Baker, of Sandon, enrolled

as a student at the Academy Tuesday. Mr. Baker will stay at Jim Bright's.
A road meeting was held at Fred Moser's on Nov. 30th. They voted a 10-mill tax, this is for graveling of the road from Gravel Ford to Myrtle Point.
The Weekley brothers, Rolland and Glenn, have rented a house from J. D. Bennett and are going to batch and go to school at the Academy. Last night the Gravel Ford Orchestra met and initiated the house.
East Fork Items.
Jap Yoakam and Mrs. Yoakam, of the Smith-Powers ranch, and Mrs. M. J. Krantz, mother of Mrs. Yoakam, made a trip to Brewster Valley Monday in his Oakland car.
Joe Harry, of Bridge, went up to Brewster Valley Monday to see his relatives before enlisting in the army or navy.
The men who are driving logs for Geo. Mathewson used the high water to good advantage and made a clean sweep of the logs from the dumps.
Ezra Watson reports that his brother Glenn, who is in the cavalry, is a sergeant.
Henry Vogel, who is engineer at the rock quarry near Coquille, made a visit home last week.
Thanksgiving day Americans could be thankful that we are Americans, United States of America Americans, and that we are in the fight not for money or for land but to make sure that the divine right of man shall not perish from the earth. "When Freedom's banner" was "unfurled" it was nailed to the mast.
The Pathfinder says "hoen means high," and "zoler means taxes." The Germans ought to learn their lesson that if they have Billie 2 or any other Hohenzolern they have high taxes. The thing for the Germans to do is to wipe Billie 2 and all their Hohenzolerns from the face of the earth, for the longer they keep them the higher their taxes.
Those who attended the surprise party at W. T. Culbertson's Saturday night had a good time.
R. A. Easton.
Ship Knee Camps Numerous.
Twenty camps where ship knees are being cut are located in the Coquille Valley near Myrtle Point and five about the Bay, J. W. Flanagan who has a contract to supply for government ship building 2000 ship knees, tells the Coos Bay Times. Others will probably be added to this total bring-

ing the number to 30. The first car load of ship knees will be sent east next week and will include about 130. Mr. Flanagan is in Myrtle Point looking after the camps in that district.
\$35,000 Involved in Suit.
In the Edwin Reed vs. Fred Hollister case, involving the disposition of approximately \$35,000, the motion by the defendant to dismiss the case on the pleadings was neither granted nor withheld, but one week was allowed the plaintiff according to his request. Mr. Reed is administrator for the estate of Mrs. Frances Furry, sister of Mr. Hollister, in favor of whom the California court gave a decree of \$30,587.
A case involving similar circumstances had been previously decided by Judge Coks in favor of Fred Hollister, and this judgment sustained by a higher court. The Reed vs. Hollister case was practically the transfer of the California decree to Oregon for the purpose of enforcement. Attorney Parsons, of Eugene, was here relative to this suit.—Coos Bay Times.
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