

The Coast Mail.

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Curry County and Its Development.

A stranger, accustomed to the active scenes of a more thickly populated region, on visiting Curry county, is naturally impressed with the idea that its resources are limited, its population sparse and poverty-stricken, and its prospect in the future anything but encouraging. Such are the views which we have heard expressed in past years, and only a somewhat familiar acquaintance with its territory and its citizens has had the effect to dispel this error, and enable us to form a just and correct opinion on the subject.

In the earlier years of the history of the county, mining formed the leading productive industry of its people, while a few years later, stock raising assumed a prominence which it still maintains. There is no better sheep and cattle range in the world than the rolling prairies and grass covered hills which are found on Rogue river near its mouth, and also on Sixes and Flora's creek. There are also some excellent stock farms south of Ellensburg as far as Chetco. Many of the "sheep men" of that county have been prosperous and are "well to do."

Some three years ago, the value of the salmon fisheries of Rogue river and Chetco became more apparent than formerly, and R. D. Hume constructed the large canning establishment at Ellensburg, where the business of canning fish in all its details is done to the greatest perfection and with the most perfect machinery known to the trade. The product of this business as carried on in Curry county aggregates a large sum annually, and, during the season, furnishes employment to a large number of men. Mr. Hume has, at great expense, secured lands along both banks of the river for some distance above Ellensburg, thereby protecting his business from being at any time restricted or cut off by riparian owners. Mr. Miller, an old settler at the mouth of Chetco, and a California corporation styled the "Occidental and Oriental Company," are the principal parties interested in fishing in that stream, and the product of their fisheries is put up for market in barrels. Should the market for these fish appreciate to the standard of four years ago, there would soon be a cannery established there.

MINING INTERESTS.
For nearly thirty years the mining of gold has formed a leading branch of industry in Curry county, and although the beach claims are not as productive as they were in 1856, considerable quantities of gold dust are annually bartered for necessities by the residents. Many of the old claims still pay tolerably well in the winter, but some are worked out. The river claims on the Sixes, that turned out a large amount of gold in earlier days, have only supported about forty miners during the past year, though there is a probability of business being revived in that district the coming summer.

There is a lead of gold-bearing sand about six miles north of Port Orford and several miles from the beach, which was prospected some six years ago, and upon which some mining has been since carried on by C. Madden, Esq. The principal owners are Madden and the Cox brothers; the former, who owns a large tract of mining ground, is taking out some gold at the present time, and, with means to open these claims properly, and work them on a large scale, we do not doubt the property would prove valuable.

LUMBER.
The business of manufacturing and shipping white cedar lumber from Port Orford was inaugurated nearly twenty years ago, and for some years was very profitable, but the decline in the market for that timber and the difficulty of shipping regularly from that port, has had the effect to suspend the business. There is a mill of capacity for 15 or 20 thousand feet per day at Port Orford, owned by a company known as the Port Orford Cedar Company, who are also owners of a large tract of land containing cedar timber, but the company are somewhat involved and it is doubtful (unless the harbor of refuge should be located there) if it will ever be resumed.

Some ten years ago, Geo. M. Scudder, associated with other gentlemen, built a saw mill at Ellensburg with the view to the manufacture of sugar pine lumber, the logs for which they expected to obtain from miles up the Rogue river. The business failed on account of the impracticability of obtaining logs. Hume now owns the mill, and it cuts only a little lumber for his own use, and to supply the local demand.

GENERAL FARMING.
This branch of industry has been carried on only to a very limited extent in Curry county; but little grain has been raised, and we believe there is not a grist mill in the county. Some few men are turning their attention to variety farming with good success. Among these may be mentioned Hon. Harry Blake of Chetco, and Judge Woodruff of Uca creek.

The latter has been at great expense in fitting up his farm, and now begins to realize a return for this outlay. Last week he was killing his hogs; he had about forty of these, which were all in splendid condition. He will find a ready market for this product at good prices at home; and the amount realized from this item alone will be considerable. He has taken pains to get the Essex breed, which he thinks better adapted to this climate than any other, and they were fattened mainly on peas. This is the leading move in that line of farming in the county, but the country has resources to justify making it more general, and we expect that the success which has attended Mr. Woodruff's experiment, will induce others to engage in it. Judge Woodruff has also realized handsomely from his small dairy the present year. The dairy farms of Patrick Hughes of the mouth of Sixes, and of Chris. Long of Flora's creek, however, take the lead in that branch of agriculture. These farmers keep from sixty to one hundred head of cows each, and realize handsome incomes from the same.

OTHER RESOURCES.
There are other resources in this county which are not developed, among which may be mentioned Coal—of this we have not time to speak; but not far from Port Orford is said to be a large vein of coal of a very superior quality. It is similar in character to that found on the middle fork of Coquille, and will some day be shipped by the thousand tons. We shall notice the resources of this county again at a future time.

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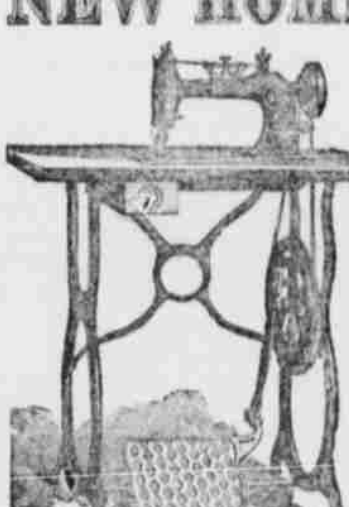
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