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## The Tenmile Country

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TENMILE is located in the northern part of Coos County, the distance from the town hall or jail in the Coos Bay metropolis to Templeton Opera House, which is just about in the center of the settlement, is 18 miles. From May P. O. to Shuttles landing on the south fork the distance is 8 miles 3 feet and 4 inches, to J. P. Benson's landing on the east fork, about a mile further, and from Jarvis Landing on Coos Bay to Lake Creamery it is 15 miles and 6 inches. The territory bearing the above mentioned name embraces all of township 23 and fractions of several more adjoining, also about a dozen sections lying in Douglas county. A range of high hills surrounds it on three sides, while the Pacific ocean washes the west side for about 10 miles. The water from this territory is nearly all gathered into the lakes from which in turn it is emptied into the sea through an outlet known as Tenmile Creek.

The hills are highest and most abrupt in the eastern part, in fact some of that country stands pretty well on edge, probably so it will drain better, but the western side is more level with fine flats here and there.

Kel lake lies in the northwest corner, partly in Douglas county, and is surrounded by a heavy forest of fir, spruce, and cedar. As there is but little land adapted for agriculture in that section, the population consists chiefly of the Bear family.

On Tenmile proper we have North lake 5 and Tenmile or Johnson lake 6 miles in length respectively. Into these flow about a dozen creeks through as many

valleys of various sizes. Each of these valleys or creek bottoms contain from 1 to 7 or 8 farms, according to size (and greediness of owners.)

The soil is alluvial and very fertile producing in enormous quantities milk and the products thereof, beef, pork, mutton, wool, poultry, eggs etc. The hill or bench land makes fine sheep and goat pasture and have proven to be excellent for fruit growing, especially apples, and of these the Gravenstein variety reaches perfection. Tons of chittin bark are peeled annually and sold to the drug trade.

This community is fast being transformed from a wilderness and jungle of underbrush to a veritable garden, thanks to the industrious and persevering settlers who are building and have built their homes here. Some of the elderly and more affluent however are moving to town, becoming councilmen or entering politics, leaving most of their other ticks, excepting bedticks, on the farm, while others are contemplating journeys to Paris, Monaco, Egypt and various parts of the globe.

As there are no miasmatic swamps breeding fevers, ague and mosquitoes, the climate is as agreeable, healthful and salubrious as any in the world, the only disease known to the inhabitants here is laziness and the few cases that ever existed of that were imported from some other locality. Two physicians reside here, but get their practice elsewhere.

A general merchandise store has been doing business for several years and another will be in full blast by March 1, 1914.

There is one reverend or minister of the gospel here but no lawyers, courts, jails, criminals, gamblers, saloons, dance halls (save the Templeton opera house) or evil influences of any kind to debase character and corrupt the moral-

of either man, woman or beast.

Educational institutions on the other hand are in a flourishing state and are fostered with care. North Lake Academy on Big Creek, Templeton College on Johnson creek and Lake University on the sand near the creamery are all famous seats of learning. The last named institution is particularly fortunate in having a large campus with many evergreen shrubs, beautiful flowers, luscious berries and lactic fluid at the creamery wherewith a thirsty scholar may moisten the larynx.

This important part of the country was almost unknown to the world at large until 1874 when S. F. Johnson and his comrade N. Thompson explored it exhaustively and located permanently the following Spring. At a future date when Tenmile goes to celebrate a great world's fair it will be in honor and commemoration of these sturdy pioneers' exploration in the autumn of '74. Chas. T. Johnson the eminent foot racer and athlete was the first white child born in the new settlement, exactly at the tenth milepost counting from Coos Bay. Mr. J. is at present head man (beheader) in one of Marshfield's abattoirs and a splendid specimen of manhood illustrating what can be produced on a virgin soil under favorable conditions. But it is principally for those beautiful, enchanting and magnificent lakes that Tenmile has attained its greatest fame. It is here where the poet and artist can commune with nature, the professional and business man, the manufacturer, journalist or traveler rest in peace and recuperate all enjoying magnificent scenery and view the verdant hills that picturesquely enclose the still bodies of water where millions of water fowls swim and countless trouts jump in the summer evenings. Villas and summer hotels will be dotting the shores, while boats with fishing and pleasure parties will ply the lakes. This is no idle dream, but is daily becoming more and more of a reality, especially when the iron horse drives the stage coach out of business, several shrewd and farsighted men having already secured sites for the future summer homes.