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Our Astronomer-General begs to report
That he gaz'd at the stars from the old witches' court:
And he read in their brilliance, retulgent and clear,
The things that will happen this ensuing year:
For the sunset of life gives him mystical lore.
In One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nought and a Four.

First among the gay scenes that encountered him there
Were the lights and the surge of the St. Louis Fair:
There the millions of mankind will haste to display
The twentieth century's proudest array
Of marvels; for wonders will grow more and more.
In One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nought and a Four.

There will be an election and with eloquence grand
Politicians will stalk through this opulent land,
Bulldozing, inducing, whitewashing, applying
All the arts of persuasion, with some little lying;
And candidates promise, as they promis'd before,
In One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nought and a Four.

There'll be railroads and railroads; they're coming a-main;
And surveyors are streaming from Roseburg and Drain;
The cow-catchers rushing right into our town
Will knock down the knockers, if they don't get aroun';
And a new depot stand at our own cabin door
In One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nought and a Four.

We'll have ships of large tonnage—they'll come from afar;
Appropriations will sweep all the sand from our bar;
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Stephen Rogers will race without meeting a snag;
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And look at our neighbor! Our sister community!
About whom knockers coin'd the expression "Too-soonity"!
North Bend is progressing by leaps and by bounds,
With a big census, dances, and merry-go-rounds.
She'll have hospitals, schools, and the deuce knows what more
In One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nought and a Four.

The Fourteenth of February will have a big mail,
And the Seventeenth of March will turn green, without fail;
The "Star Spangled" be played on the Fourth of July;
On election day whiskey'll be sold on the sly;
November's last Thursday will cause a great slaughter
Of turkeys; some folks will drink ' stronger than water';
And in some cases things will be just as before.
In One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nought and a Four.

Alas! as I gaze upon you fiery star
A dread word is whisper'd unto me—'tis War!
Not to us, peaceful friends, will this turbulence come,
Yet grim death will drag some of our friends from their home;
But new eyes will g'adden sweet mamma's galore
In One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nought and a Four

So it comes, so it goes! Don't forget it—We're great!
Drop your "its" and come purchase some real estate:
Sengstacken's your mayor—he will sell you some, sure—
If it's true what he says, why, you'll never be poor
Come and live within sound of the great ocean's roar
In One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nought and a Four.

And I'll tell you just one thing, and that is not two
And I'll make it no secret for me or for you,
That the the knockers are dead, that their lamp's out of trim,
For Coos Bay is a-booming, and we're in the swim;
So, sound the loud timbrel from shore unto shore
In One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nought and a Four

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INTRODUCTION

In a folder like this, space will not allow an elaborate discussion of the subject in hand, so we will attempt to give only such facts as will answer questions likely to be propounded by those who contemplate a change of conditions, and who are seeking homes in a new and desirable location, or places for investments which will bring satisfactory returns.

There is perhaps no place on the globe which, in all of its features, is absolutely perfect, yet it must be admitted that some sec-

ions of this country possess features and offer advantages not found in others. Because of its resources, and natural advantages generally, the Pacific Coast country is attracting much attention from men of both large and small means, and we feel certain that when once the people of the states further East become familiar with the inducements and benefits offered by the great state of Oregon, there will be a rush to her borders that will soon bring it to the front as one of the leading states of the Union.

Coos County is richer in natural resources than any county in this commonwealth, and to those who are seeking information, either with a view of building up a home or making investments, this folder is respectfully dedicated.

COOS BAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.