

GROWING! GROWING! GROWING!!!

North Bend Fast Forging to the Front
From Sunday's Daily.

If there lives a man whose observation is so blank as to not see that the town of North Bend is alive and fast walking to the front, he certainly must be a freak of some kind. In the past three months, during the extreme cold, rainy winter weather, this town has forged ahead. Building is rapidly going on as fast as lumber can be secured and men to do the work.

There are now over 20 new houses under way and orders are booked for about 60 more. The buildings are all of a substantial nature and would do credit to any country.

The new bank building is fast nearing completion. This, when finished will be the handsomest bank in Coos county. The vaults are now being incased in masonry. The finish in this building is unique and designed by a master hand. The office rooms on the second floor are all well lighted and finished in natural woods, and the wainscoting gives them a magnificent appearance.

The new planing mill is working hard on advance orders.

Mr. Loggie says the new mill is now swamped with work which will take several months to clear up.

All of the finishing for the new Masonic Temple at Marshfield is to be done by the mill at North Bend. Cedar and fir will be used and finished in oil. The railing and stair banisters are now being finished and will be beautiful in the natural finish.

The new dry kiln at the Sash & Door factory, which is capable of drying nearly 100,000 feet of green or wet lumber in one week, and dry it soft will be thoroughly seasoned, is working even better than the inventor of this new system anticipated. In small lots it is capable of thoroughly drying lumber in from 60 to 90 hours.

The large blower is being put in place now, and when it is completed will be able to convey all the dust and chippings from the various machines to the fire-box of the engines.

The new Sash & Door factory has not an equal on the Pacific coast for convenience, equipment or capacity to turn out large volumes of work.

A large new invincible sawyer is now on the dock at North Bend, for the Sash & Door factory.

The Woolen mill is now running with about 75 hands. A large amount of cloth is now ready for the finishing process and it is thought that next week the mill will be running at full capacity. The mill is now working a 12 1-2 hour day and it is expected that soon a double shift will be put on. The various machines are slowly being worked and limbered up and in the near future this institution will be in full blast.

W. S. Spoor is fitting up the large hotel building at the corner of Sherman Ave. opposite the bank. He has furnished the entire house and will do a general hotel business.

The unexpected growth of North Bend has brought to notice that more hotel facilities are needed and we are informed that a company is now formed that will in the near future begin the erection of a fine new hotel building.

In the new town there can be heard no knocking but that of knocking together boards and nails, and may it ever be thus.

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Only Way, Says F. P. Baumgartner by Which Portland can Expect to Extend Trade

(Journal)

From Wednesday's Daily.

"Many residents of this city seem surprised," says F. P. Baumgartner, local agent of the California & Oregon Coast Steamship company, "that several steamers are not plying regularly between Portland and the towns on Coos Bay. They argue that that section of the country is considerable closer to Portland than to San Francisco, and consequently is in a position to secure all the trade down that way.

"To one who does not understand the situation such reasoning may sound plausible. The facts of the matter are, however, that under the circumstances Portland is getting her fair share of the business, and will probably be unable to get more unless a sudden and great change comes over her citizens. Not one dollar of Portland capital is invested in the Coos Bay country, and local consumers do not buy a pound of produce from there. On the other hand, San Francisco capital has opened up and developed the country. Captain Simpson of the Bay City owns nearly all the sawmills and the sash and door factory. He also operates a fleet of vessels up and down the coast. The Spreckles own and work the coal mines; they also own the railroad which connects Marshfield and Myrtle Point. Californians have established creameries and many other enterprises there. The product of all these industries is shipped to southern points, because a ready market is found for them.

"San Francisco people use Coos Bay coal, and the merchants of the several towns on the bay patronize them in return. What has Portland done toward aiding in the development of that country? Absolutely nothing. A local business man the other day asked me what it would cost him to have a cargo of Coos Bay coal laid down in Portland. I replied that it would cost him \$5 a ton.

"Why," he answered, "I can get Puget sound coal for \$5.25." It is useless to argue with a man like that, and I said nothing. If he is willing to pay 25 cents more a ton for Puget coal, that is his business. The Coos Bay coal is fully as good a grade and is cheaper, but the Portland consumers seem to imagine that they ought to get it for nothing. That is one of the principal reasons why Portland does not enjoy a greater volume of trade with the Coos Bay towns.

"They get all their flour, mill-feed and such like from here, but we get practically nothing from them. I believe, however, it would be possible to induce Portland residents to use the Coos Bay coal if the matter was taken up in a systematic manner. If some one with a little capital would take hold of the proposition here, build bunkers and prepare properly for handling the business, I think he would do well at it. It is a business that would eventually pay.

When the consumers generally become convinced of the fact that the coal is cheaper and better than that procured at other places, they would soon begin to buy it in liberal quantities. North-bound business will create a southbound trade, and by using the coal the effects would soon be felt by the additional shipments made on the returning steamers. If we want their patronage, we will have to reciprocate.

"San Francisco will always have a big hold on the country, because it was opened up and the principal enterprises there are owned by her energetic citizens. This was done while Portland capital was lying idle, and now some people wonder why it is that the merchants of Coos Bay do not buy everything they need from business houses in this city.

"There are three steamers regularly plying between San Francisco and Coos Bay points. That makes about an aver-

age of seven steamers a month. In addition there is a small fleet of sailing vessels calling there at regular intervals from the Bay City. On the return trips the letter never take out anything but lumber.

"In the spring it is the intention of the company I represent to put on another steamer from Portland. She will run in connection with the Alliance, which will provide a service of about six steamers a month from here. It will then be up to the people of Portland to extend their commerce with Coos Bay. It can be done, but not by refusing to purchase anything produced in that section of the country."

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