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A Tribute in Rhyme to the Men Who Crossed the Plains.--Fate Of The Indians.

[For the New-Year HEADLIGHT, by R. R. Hays.]

Of all the climes beneath the sun
The acme of all is Oregon,
By valley, hill and mountain rent,
Nature's first beauties here she sent.

The former home of Indian brave
From the Cascade peaks to the briny wave
He hunted and fished without a care,
Of the white man's ways was not aware.

But trappers and sailors from afar
Crossed the mountains and Columbia bar.
Surprised they were, and glad I ween
To see the land in nature's green.

Doubly fair it seemed to them
After the dangers they had stemmed.
The trappers had through a wilderness passed,
And the sailors came through ocean's blast.

They came in quest of land the best
And found they here this haven of rest.
The land was owned by the Indian free,
For fashion's foibles cared not he.

Poor Lo was simple and not aware
These men had greed with faces fair.
Little he thought, ere many years
He'd be an object of gibes and jeers.

Used to his life of lowly ease,
He tried his visitors to please,
Welcomed the pale-faced man to his home,
Allowed him over the land to roam.

Showed him rivers, plains and wood,
And proud was he of hoary Hood.
Power had he, but not the will,
All of these travelers to kill.

But had he known they'd take his land
And bind him round with iron band,
None would have been left to tell the tale
That came by mountain or by sail.

But they were suffered to go in peace,
On their homeward journey to the east.
Again at home what tales they told,
They equaled Baron Munchausen of old.

Save and except their tales were true
For a wonder land they'd traveled through,
Told of timber that grew so high
The top to see would weary the eye.

Of miles of bunch-grass rich and fine
Like molten gold 'neath the sun did shine,
Rivers grand and cataracts rare,
Climate mild and breezes fair.

The beautiful valleys, hills and plains,
Not marred as yet by labor's stains,
Of the deep rich soil by nature prepared,
For use of man when plow has stirred.

And the streams were full of the finest fish,
They would make for a king a dainty dish,
The woods alive with bear, elk and deer,
Which the Indians killed with bow and spear.

Flowers rare and grass all green
A land of everlasting spring,
This they told and a great deal more.
And the pioneers started for Oregon's shore.

Few at first would dare to go.
The way was long and traveling slow.
They came with oxen, horses and mules,
All kinds of seed and working tools.

Brought their cows and sheep and hogs,
Chickens, ducks and cats and dogs.
Called them crazy, some one did,
But they recked not what people said.

Westward then they took their way,
And saw new country every day,
The time it took to us seems strange,
For with oxen we never crossed the plains.

The same hard work was done each day,
But with Oregon not so far away,
You know the hardships thro' which they passed
To reach Oregon, the goal at last.

They builded better than they knew,
On the shores of the Pacific blue
At the journey's end with means so small
Seems strange to us they lived at all.

But you of a later day can see
If you'll but list to your memory.
That the pioneers life was hard at best,
And he never had any time to rest.

How long he struggled 'gainst poverty,
To build his home and have it free,
How he begged of the government,
To send protection to the settlement.

For Britain claimed this land so fair
Had planted her flag and outposts there,
At last the glorious stars and stripes,
Came west to defend the pioneer's rights.

We cannot conceive how the pioneer felt,
How his heart with joyful tears did melt.
His grandest hope had at last come true,
He cheered till hoarse, the red, white and blue.

These to him were the happiest days,
And the hearth gave forth a ruddier blaze,
They celebrated with drum and fife,
The country seemed to take new life.

Prosperity now was sure to come,
Under the flag of Washington,
They welcomed all with voice and hand
Who chanced to come to this fair land.

The pioneer's ax and saw mill's hum
Made music from rise to set of sun,
The settlement grew and spread around,
From Rogue river north to Puget sound.

Oregon is surely the choice of the fates,
She has furnished material for two great States
Each larger and greater in its extent
Than all the English environment.

The work that was planned by the old pioneers,
Has grown and prospered for fifty years,
No better state on earth I ken
Than Oregon built by pioneer men.

Of those loyal men and women brave,
Most of them now are in the grave,
Fast they are moving to that shore,
Where the pioneer's working days are o'er.

We owe them more than we can pay.
They built the homes we own to day,
So give all honor this first of the year,
To the old OREGONIAN PIONEER.

People are bound to come to Tillamook every summer on pleasure trips whether we have a railroad or not. Just think what a summer resort it will be when the railroad is build.

Piscatorial artists can find amusement in their line, and with their rod and line, on any of the numerous streams in the county. The brooks and rivers are fairly alive with fish, such as mountain trout, brook trout and sea trout. Rock cod, flounders, sea-bass and other fish can be caught on the beach.

Camping out doors can be enjoyed nearly the whole season, and at present hundreds of wagons loaded with campers from the Willamette valley visit the coast in this county every year and refresh themselves by camping on the beach, digging clams and bathing, or amuse themselves by hunting and fishing on the streams.

The county is being fast supplied with churches. The Methodists have a good church building in Tillamook, and the Catholics have just completed a church building in the same place, and will establish a school in connection and erect more extensive buildings in the near future. The Presbyterians have a neat church in Bay City. The Christians will probably build a church in Tillamook this year, and the Methodists will do likewise in Bay City. In the country the school houses are used for religious purposes.

Tillamook county is the sportsman's paradise. Elk are still to be found, black bears are plentyful, the hills abound in deer, and grouse, pheasants and quail are found. Ducks and geese are so common and so easily secured that settlers often have barrels of them salted away.

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TILLAMOOK.

COUNTY AND CITY.

Climatic Advantages--Resources and Industries--Harbors and Rivers--Timber.

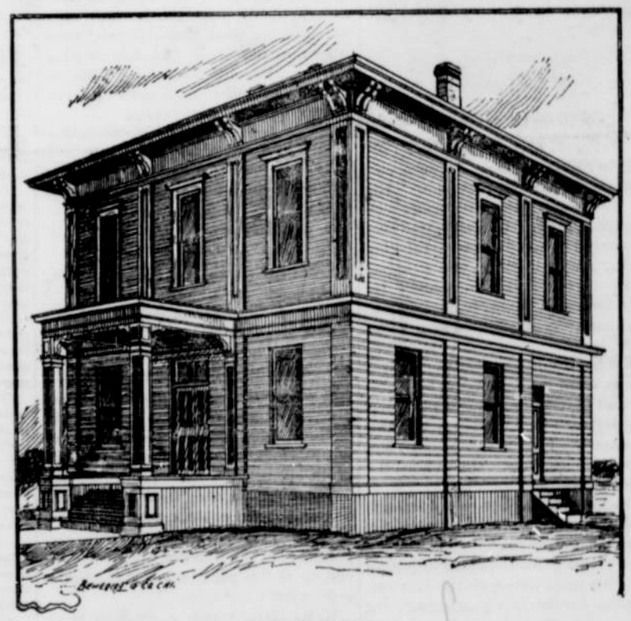
TILLAMOOK COUNTY is in the north-western part of Oregon, on the coast, and is the second county south of the mouth of the Columbia river. It has nearly ninety miles of coast line, and the Coast range of mountains forms its eastern boundary. Clatsop county adjoins it on the north, Benton county on the south, and Columbia, Washington, Yamhill and Polk on the east. Tillamook is in about the same latitude as St. Paul, Minnesota or Eastport, Maine, and is about as far west as it is possible to get in the United States.

TILLAMOOK PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING.

Several vessels of different sizes ply between Tillamook bay and Portland or San Francisco. The steamer Truckee makes regular trips every two weeks to San Francisco, and during a part of the season other ocean steamers are put on this line. The boats stop only at one way port, Port Orford, as most all their loads are secured here. The steam schooner Louis Olsen makes regular trips to Portland and Astoria, and is owned by Wm. Olsen, a merchant of this place. The steam schooner Augusta also makes regular trips to Portland and Astoria. These boats often call at Nehalem and Nestucca. Several other steamers make occasional calls here. The Augusta and Louis Olsen ascend Hoquarton slough to Tillamook city.

The county is 75 miles in length and about 30 miless in breadth at the widest part, and contains nearly 2000 square miles or sections of land, being larger than the state of Delaware and twice the size of Rhode Island.

Much of the land is mountainous or hilly, but a great part of it is comparatively level, or consisting of low hills, and that which is no tillable can mostly be utilized for grazing or is valuable for the timber that grows upon it. There are several valleys that are quite extensive, but most of them are narrow and are confined to the rivers which take their source in the Coast range. Bold spurs or promontories rise on the capes, and a view from the coasting steamers, gives the country a very rugged appearance, though a few miles into the interior, good passes for a wagon road, without much elevation, are found from one valley to another throughout the length of the county.



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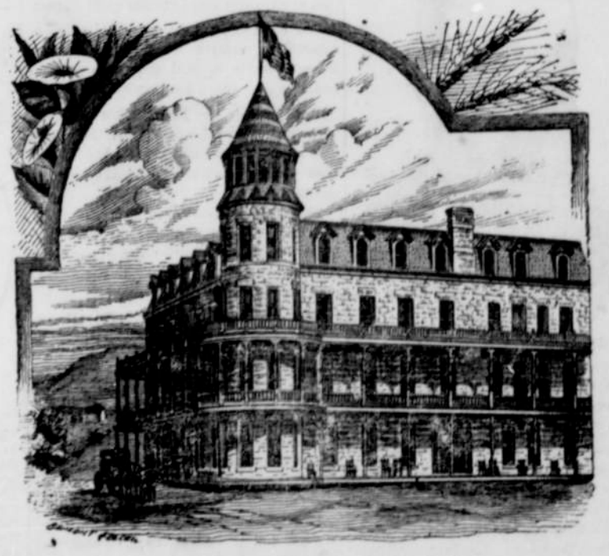
RIVERS.

The county is well supplied with rivers. The Nehalem, the largest, which is navigable for several miles, flows into Nehalem bay at the north. Five streams, the Miami, Kilchis, Wilson, Trask and Tillamook rivers empty into Tillamook bay. The Big Nestucca and Little Nestucca unite to form Nestucca bay in the south part of the county, and still further south, the Salmon and Siletz make their exit into the ocean. These rivers are most all navigable for small craft as far inland as tide-water extends, are fine streams and have many tributaries. They will always be of great service in getting logs out of the forests and there is much fine water-power going to waste. Fresh, cold springs of pure water abound everywhere, and keep the small rivulets supplied during the summer months.



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There is a great deal of hemlock timber growing near and on the coast, but it is not marketable yet. The bark is valuable for tanning and the wood is good for rough lumber. This timber will soon become valuable.

Along the banks of the streams grows a great deal of alder, some of the trees beeing two feet in diameter. This timber will soon be prized for furniture as it takes a good polish, resembling oak, and is easily worked.

The yellow fir, more properly called Douglas spruce, is the most common forest tree and owing to the large quantity of it heads the list for commercial value. The lumber from this tree is known in California and the East as Oregon pine and is always in good demand.

HARBORS.

Nehalem bay can be entered by vessels and schooners, and with a little improvement to the [illegible] destined to become an important harbor. The bar at Nestucca is unreliable, though small craft enter that bay frequently. Netarts bay is shoal and is noted chiefly for its oysters and clams, though there are fine bodies of agricultural and timber lands on Netarts bay and the harbor will be much frequented by small coasting schooners in the future.

Tillamook Bay is a fine body of water, eight miles wide and twelve miles long and is one of the best harbors on the coast north of San Francisco. A little money expended here judiciously by the Government, would make Tillamook bay an important commercial center, as it is surrounded by a good country and is the outlet of several rivers that tap regions rich in lumber resources. The work of harbor improvements is commenced, but has not progressed very far at present. The work that has been done, so far to improve the bay has been productive of little good, but further appropriations are recommended by the River and Harbor committee of the present Congress, and no doubt will be made. A $10,000 life-saving service is to be established, though wrecks are almost unknown on Tillamook bar. An excellent and expensive light-house has been built on Cape Meares near the entrance to the bay.

CLIMATE.

One of the most attractive features of Tillamook county is the climate. The summers are simply delightful, being reasonably dry and free from cold winds and disagreeable fogs. No hot, sultry days. The winters are unusually mild and equable, snow seldom falling, and the temperature rarely registering lower than twenty-five degrees above zero. The rainfall in winter is quite copious, but is not so disagreeable as cold weather or blizzards. Those used to the rains do not seem to mind them at all and the rainy season is the healthiest part of the year. There is no healthier locality, however, than this, taking it all the year round.

TIMBER RESOURCES.

Over half the area of the county is covered with fine timber, mostly fir and spruce, which is very valuable and finds a ready market in California and elsewhere. A conservative estimate puts the timber at twenty billions of feet, and its value can hardly be estimated, to say nothing of the industries and [illegible] will come as it is being cut into [illegible] eral mills are already in operation [illegible] Hobsonville on Tillamook bay cuts 60,000 lumber per day. The whole out-put of this mill is manufactured into boxes by one firm in San Francisco, and two vessels are kept busily engaged carrying the lumber. There are other good mills but their product is mostly consumed by the local demand, but there is an excellent opportunity for others to engage in the lumbering business. The lumbering and logging business and connected industries are sure to become the most important factors in Tillamook's prosperity for many years to come, and it can be readily seen what effect this will have on other branches of trade and industry. The farmer stock-raiser, dairy-man and fruit-grower will all have excellent markets for their products right at home, and the merchants will be prosperous.

Over ten million feet of lumber was shipped from the mill at Hobsonville during the past year.

COAL.

A good quality of coal is found [illegible] ities on the Nehalem, and will soon as the rail-road is comp[leted]

DAIRYING AND STOCK-RAISING.

Tillamook is pre-eminently a dairying and and stock-raising country. Several kinds of grasses grow luxuriantly for the greater part of the year, and stock requires but little feed in the winter.

Dairying is an important occupation and owing to the uniformly cool temperature, the butter made is of superior quality. Cheese-making will no doubt prove successful. Shipping facilities is all that is needed to make dairying a success. Much butter is shipped at present, but as the boats are depended upon for transportation the butter is salted and packed instead of being shipped fresh.

FARMING AND FRUIT-[illegible]

General farming is carried on [illegible] barley, hay, potatoes, and vegetables in a prolific manner, especially on the [illegible] Fruit, such as apples, pears, prunes and all kinds of small fruits and berries reach perfection here and yield abundantly.

BEE-KEEPING.

This industry is very profitable and Nestucca honey is gaining quite a reputation. The honey produced here excels in flavor.

FISHING.

Salmon fishing is carried on in season, and there are large canneries at Nehalem, Nestucca and two on Tillamook bay. Thousands of dollars are invested in the canneries and fishing outfits, and from $100,000 to $200,000 worth of canned and salt salmon are shipped each year. 10,000 cases of salmon were shipped from one cannery alone on Tillamook bay last season.

Trout are plentiful and easy to hook. Crabs and several varieties of clams and oysters are easily secured on the beach.

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION.

Trade is carried on mostly by small coast steam schooners that enter Tillamook bay, occasionally Nehalem and Nestucca. Also, by the lumber vessels that ply between this place and San Francisco. Much of the passenger travel is by these boats. A small amount of freight is carried over the [illegible] wagons, and most of the pas[illegible] that way. A rail-road is bei[illegible] no doubt will be speedily co[illegible] connect Tillamook with As[illegible] Willamette valley. A stage line is in operation between Tillamook and North Yamhill, and most travelers bound for Tillamook take the S. P. R. R. from Portland to North Yamhill, and make the balance of the journey, 45 miles, by stage. There is also a good wagon road via Nestucca and Sheridan, over which there is a great deal of travel by campers in the summer. There is a trail up the beach to Astoria, over which many cattle are driven to market. A wagon-road will soon be open to Astoria, and a good road is being built up Wilson river to Forest Grove. The county is well supplied with roads, the Maxwell road extending from north to south almost the entire length of the county. This road was built by a state appropriation, through the efforts of Representative J. W. Maxwell and cost over $6,000.

TILLAMOOK AS A PLEASURE [illegible]

The climate makes out-door [illegible] ful, either in the mountains or on the [illegible] Fishing is excellent in all the streams, [illegible] ing plentiful, and clam digging on the beach is a favorite pastime. Game, such as deer, elk, bear, pheasants, grouse, quail, duck and geese, is plentiful.

As soon as good hotels are built on the beach Tillamook will become a popular summer resort. The beaches at Nestucca, Netarts and and Garibaldi are much frequented at present.

The fishing interests of this county are [illegible] underestimated. The export of canned salt salmon from this county amounts to much in value as the leading cereal crops of the interior counties. This industry gives employment to many people in this county during the fishing season.

There will always be a market for our lumber in California, and when the Nicaragua canal is opened, all the lumber on this coast will be much more valuable. The ports of Mexico and the South are becoming populated, and the road will be opened up to [illegible]