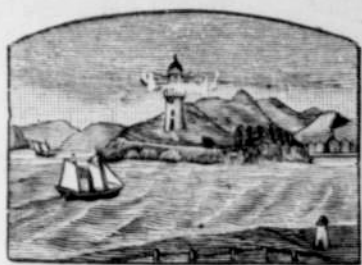


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NETARTS COUNTRY

THE FAVORED REGION BY THE SEA.

To do this section justice would take
a great deal of space as it extends a dis-
tance of twelve miles from Cape Meares
to Cape Lookout, and to follow the
coast line it would be at least twice that
far.

To begin at Cape Meares light house,
there is a picturesque short beach on
the south which terminates at the famous
sea lion rocks off Senator Maxwell's
place. This does not include the popu-
lar sand spit or Barnegat beach on the
north of the light house, which will re-
ceive attention in a separate article in
the near future.

The sea lion rocks are covered with
roaring sea lions every day in the year,
and hundreds of people go to see them
every summer. Boats are run to the
rocks and hardy adventurers who go
there can gather sea fowl eggs, or catch
various kinds of deep sea fish.

From the rocks south to the entrance
of the bay is a beautiful stretch of beach
four miles long, and here is located Happy
camp, with its restaurant, stables and
other accommodations. Mr. D. J. Hadley
has control of Happy camp, J. O. Campbell
running the restaurant, and they are doing
everything possible to make it a popular resort.

Mr. G. W. Phelps has a well filled
general merchandise store here, and al-
ways keeps campers supplies, boats, etc.

Netarts bay is a beautiful sheet
of water, nearly enclosed, and is separated
from the ocean by a low sand ridge
which is made firm by the underlying
reef of basaltic rock. The entrance of
the bay is safe for small vessels and
with a little improvement can be made
an important harbor.

The immense resources of timber,
agricultural lands and the oyster beds
will cause this bay eventually to become
quite a commercial center.

The bay receives very little fresh
water and is one of the few places on
the coast where oysters do well. All
that is needed is to develop the oyster
beds and there are fortunes in them for
many. Clams of all kinds are plentiful
in the bay and on the adjacent weather
beaches.

There are fine bodies of spruce timber
convenient to the bay, and the milling
interests will be important sometime in
the near future.

There are many fine ranches around
the bay, some of them very rich tide
lands. Among the ranches are those of
Mr. O'Hara, Con Desmond, Tim Mc-
Cormack, the Cap. Thompson ranch,
Clem Albert, A. M. Austin, P. Morgan,
E. West and Mr. Palmer.

At the head of the bay Sheriff Jackson
has a place of 320 acres, of which 200
is open tide land, of the richest kind,
and at great expense he has it dyked so
that the highest tides do not overflow it.
Mr. Jackson has the best farm in the
county for its size, and he can keep one
cow for every acre. He is building new
barns, and will soon erect a new house.

Robt. Jackson has a good place at the
base of Cape Lookout, and it will be a
fine resort for campers, as good water,
fine shelter and magnificent scenery are
right at hand, to say nothing about the
fine beach drive of eight miles, and
which can be extended four miles fur-
ther by driving on the bay beach inside
the sand spit. This beach has many
advantages and will soon become better
known to the coasters.

C. B. Wiley has a sheltered ranch on
the bay side of the spit and has good
improvements. He keeps lodgers and
several coasters are camped in the beau-
tiful grove near his house. No more
pleasant place can be found to put in the
summer months than at Mr. Wiley's.
His place and Mr. Jackson's place are
well sheltered from the coast breezes.
W. E. Page and E. Goodspeed have de-
sirable ranches on the sand spit.

The settlers of Netarts bay have shown
great enterprise in making a road con-
sidering the obstacles, and in a short
time will have a good road to their
homes. They all seem contented, well-
to-do, and realize they will soon see bet-
ter times than were impossible for them
when the old trails and boating across
the tide flats were their only method of
transportation.

Mr. E. Hobart who has a mill near the
mouth of the bay is working hard under
difficulties, and is turning out good
lumber. This mill is doing a great deal
to develop the country and has enabled
the settlers to make many improve-
ments, notably those at Happy camp,
and on Messrs. Desmond and Jackson's
place. Others have lumber on the
ground for new houses.

The opening of the road from Tilla-
mook west to the river, and the improve-

ment of the roads to Netarts will give
everybody in Tillamook a good chance
to enjoy the sea breeze every Sunday,
and make it much more pleasant and
convenient for the campers.

Clippings From Exchanges.

Hillsboro Independent:

Last week a well-dressed hobo visited
town. With Pastor Dick he was a Con-
gregationalist, but poverty lingering
about that church, he went over to Pas-
tor Shelly, where he was a Christian,
but some way he thought it best to be a
Baptist, and called on Host Wagner.
There he ate and was met by Elder
Shelly's brother, who is one of those
"wicked drummers," who soon spoiled
the little game of Mr. Confidence Man.

The timber on the mountains north
and west of Dilley is on fire, and great
damage is resulting. Several home-
steaders have already been burned out
and more are threatened, though no loss
of life is yet reported. Wild animals
have been driven into the settlements,
and crows are, like singed cats, seek-
ing food and shelter near their mortal
enemy, man.

Several mining claims have been taken
up at the mouth of the Salmon river.
The diggings are said to be similar to
those at Gold Beach, Coos county.

Forest Grove Times:

Mr. and Mrs. Hamor, Mr. and Mrs.
Newell Macrum and Garfield Macrum
started Tuesday for Netarts where they
will camp for a while.

A rattlesnake having thirteen rattles
was killed in Watt's field near Anity a
few days ago by a man who was hauling
hay. Rattlesnakes are seldom seen
anywhere in Western Oregon.

Rev. Daniel Staver, of Astoria, has
been in the city several days and is
stopping with Mr. John Striplin. He
is reshingling his house and barn, and
is repainting his house giving it two
good coats and greatly improving its
appearance. Mrs. Staver is camping at
Garibaldi with some Astoria friends.

I. W. Patterson, foreman at the Times
office with his family, Mrs. Lizzie Grif-
fin, Miles Watrous and Ed Bowen, of
Hillsboro, started for Tillamook by way
of Wilson river road Wednesday morn-
ing on a ten days' trip. Wm. Leach
and family went at the same time in a
separate conveyance. They expect to
camp on Netarts or Nehalem beach.

Forest Grove Hatchet:

Dr. Stanford's family, accompanied by
friends from Molalla, have gone to Ne-
tarts for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Foster, poundmaster of Portland,
accompanied by his family passed
here this morning bound for Tillamook.

The bridge on Wilson river road be-
yond Deyo creek was burned Thursday.
A road around was arranged so the Tilla-
mook stage could pass.

The three weeks tent meeting held
by Mr. Anderson of the Advent faith
closed Sunday with fifty baptised and
many others by change of faith.

The Tillamook stage was delayed two
hours Monday by having to wait to pass
the U. S. troops on the grade. There
were five passengers for Portland aboard
who missed the train.

The soldiers beat their way through
the toll gate and the keeper chased them
half way to Tillamook in a vain endeavor
to collect his money. The last heard
of them they were at Walt Smith's.
They have a boss poker player, a cham-
pion fero man and a slick racer and the
city of clams had better keep its eye on
them during their stay there.

Yamhill Reporter:

T. A. Reed has gone to Tillamook to
put in a bid on a big logging contract
soon to be let.

Mrs. Ella Gates returned from Tilla-
mook last Sunday. She reports a very
pleasant outing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gault left Wed-
nesday morning for a stay of three
weeks. Mr. Gault will combine business
with pleasure having a job of framing a
barn for a resident over there.

Some rules laid down in bicycle eti-
quette are: The gentleman should ride
on the left side of the lady; allow the
lady to go first on narrow track; in pass-
ing vehicle or bicycle going in same di-
rection go to left after ringing bell.

P. J. Sharp and Ira Nelson will go to
the coast next week for a protracted
stay. Mr. Sharp is threatened with
failing eyesight and will take an extend-
ed vacation from business. Mr. Gilson
will fill his place in the barber shop.

Newberg Graphic:

Thomas and Samuel Terrell, with
their families left the first of the week
for Netarts bay to get a whiff of salt sea
air. They will probably be gone about
a week.

FREE DISCUSSION

On all topics in this paper,
no matter what's your re-
ligion, politics, color or pres-
ent condition of poverty.

NEHALEM COAL

WILL BE TAKEN OUT BY A
RAILROAD SOON.

Yesterday morning about 2 o'clock the
steamer North Pacific went to Tanzy
Point with a horse and rider says the
Astoria Budget of August 2. As soon
as the man and horse were ashore, he
mounted the animal and started post-
haste for Seaside. The messenger had
a dispatch for Receiver McNeill, of the
O. R. & N. and it was necessary that he
should receive it in time to catch the
early morning train from that place to
connect with the Portland boat. Mr.
McNeill with a couple of coal experts
has been down in the Nehalem country
looking over the coal deposits back of
Arch Cape and Cannon beach. They
started with horses from Forest Grove,
going straight through to Tillamook.
From that place they followed the coast
up to Seaside. When they reached the
Cannon beach hotel they were so sore
from riding horseback, that it was de-
cided to take the stage from there out.

Just what Mr. McNeill's object is, in
inspecting the Nehalem coal fields, can-
not now be learned, but it is believed by
many to have some connection with the
present railroad scheme in which Mr.
Hammond is interested. Mr. McNeill,
however, is not the first railroad man,
who has investigated those coal fields,
for no man is better posted on the quan-
tity and quality of this coal than C. P.
Huntington. He has on several occa-
sions sent experts into that country, and
from samples taken out and tested he
has pronounced it equal to any coal on
the coast.

As much as has been said about the
Nehalem coal fields, but little is really
known of the actual deposit. Enough
has been uncovered though, to make it
almost certain that the whole south-
western part of Clatsop county is under-
laid with valuable coal deposits. The
country is densely wooded and there is
absolutely no way of getting the product
of the mines out until a railroad is con-
structed into that territory. From the
terminus of the Seaside road to the
present located prospect it is but 16
miles, a practically easy country to
build through.

The finest timber belt in the world
would be tapped by a railroad to the
lower Nehalem, and it would pass along
the most beautiful beach on the whole
Pacific coast—from Elk Creek to Arch
Cape.

It is understood that Messrs. Ham-
mond, Eddy and Mayor Kinney will
make a trip into this country sometime
in August, ostensibly for the purpose of
recreation, but really to take a look at
the lay of the territory along the coast
with a view of making an early exten-
sion of the Seaside road to Nehalem,
and probably through to Tillamook.

Tillamook Rock Cable Laid.

Capt. Gregory, of the Manzanita, who
returned today from Tillamook Rock,
reports that the laying of the cable be-
tween the light house on Tillamook
rock and Lewis & Flanders place, at
North Elk creek, was successfully ac-
complished. The lifeboat from Point
Adams took one end of the cable on
board their prow, to which was attach-
ed a line, while the cable itself was on
the reels on board the Manzanita. The
lifeboat pulled to the shore, when the
line was attached to a team of horses,
and the cable was thus pulled in. As
the end of the cable reached the shore,
the campers and guests of the hotels
gave a hearty cheer. Photographs were
taken of the scene. There is much sat-
isfaction that at last communication
may be had by wire between Astoria
and the dangerous and isolated station
on Tillamook rock. The work was car-
ried on under the supervision of Mr.
Brownlee, superintendent of construc-
tion, and Captain Gregory, of the Man-
zanita. The crew of the Point Adams
life saving station are entitled to much
credit for their efficient work. Astoria
will now be enabled to receive by tele-
phone the earliest and latest reports of
vessels approaching this coast or pas-
sing in and out of the harbor.

With this issue of the HEADLIGHT we
publish the circuit court docket, so far
as the cases are filed, but as there are
still being new cases filed every day it
may be by the time court convenes the
docket will show about one hundred
cases which will be the largest docket
that has ever been before the court at
any one term before.

The government is making some sub-
stantial improvements at the Cape
Meares light house.