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red Thousand Dollars---Apples
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NORTH BEND, Ore., May 9, '06.
Friends Truax & Colcord:

In my last letter I think I finished with my arrival at Seattle where I spent several days very pleasantly visiting old friends from Grand Forks. Seattle is certainly a hummer. It almost beats Minot. Store rents are from anywhere up to five hundred dollars per month for a 25 foot room, and some lots which during the panic could be, and were bought for ten or fifteen thousand dollars are now selling at from a hundred to a hundred and fifty thousand. Talking with a man who pays \$75 per month rent for a space between two buildings about 20 feet deep and the width of a single door. Tacoma and Portland run somewhat lower than Seattle especially the former. Living expenses are if anything a little cheaper in the cities and, especially so in smaller towns on the Pacific coast than in North Dakota. House rents are quite reasonable as a rule and will probably not average over half of what they are in Minot. Here in North Bend they can perhaps be estimated at about two dollars per room, then counting cheap fuel (a wagon box full of mill wood delivered at your door for from \$1.10 to \$1.50) and the fact that but little of it is needed. Cheap fruit, as far as native varieties are concerned. Have been told that if one picks them himself he can buy apples in the fall for 25 cents per bushel and sometimes less. Meat is also, if anything, a little cheaper, flour about the same. That from soft wheat can be had for \$2.20 and hard wheat flour costs \$2.80. On the other hand there is butter and eggs which are usually higher, so are potatoes and probably other vegetables although this particular locality (Coos Bay) is reputed to produce abundant quantities of these very products, but there being a good market in San Francisco and other large coast cities and transportation by

ocean being comparatively cheap the local prices are, to a great extent, governed by outside conditions.

At the present time things are very quiet on Coos Bay in a business way. Even the saloon keepers, of which there are six in the village of North Bend, complain of dull times. The only thing which seems to keep up is prices on real estate which are kiting skyward. One firm, at the present time, is plating several sections located in the densest forest between North Bend and Marshfield and about a mile or more from either place and selling (or trying to sell) the lots at from \$300 to \$1,000 each, 25x100 feet. They are now opening a street through from North Bend to this land and the way they cut the timber down and burn it or dump it into gulches to serve as filling is enough to make a poor fellow from the prairies sick at heart. The townsites, too, will dump more and better lumber on the scrap pile, which is kept continually burning, than many a small lumber yard in North Dakota sells altogether.

As to climate conditions, I am told that summers here on Coos Bay are very cool and very windy. The differences between the average mean temperatures taken from statistics of several years are said to be less than five degrees, and they say that many a time it is actually warmer in winter than in summer and the chilliness these two days, that I have spent here, certainly goes to bear anyone in that statement. But for wind and dust (the whole townsites being underlaid with sand) I have been told by former residents of Dakota that one need not quit that country and come to Coos Bay and expect to better himself in that respect.

In my next letter I shall endeavor to give some account of industries and business enterprises on the Bay here as I find them and for the present shall have to close as it is now a time when all men who have learned to divide the 24 hours into three equal parts, should be asleep.

With best wishes for yourselves and friends,
I am,
Sincerely Yours
J. W. RODE

Lord & Horton recently bought a fine team of match grays from Granville to use in their contracting work.

The Soo has a number of teams at work grading for a new passing track east of the depot. Other tracks will be laid.

Barney A. and Buster, two well known race horses recently arrived at the race tracks and are getting in good condition for the July races.

The Meyer Lumber Co. recently bought a house and lot from Henry Auslander in order to secure more room. The company is building extensive sheds.

Since opening their house less than a year ago, Andersh Bros. have bought more than \$100,000 worth of hides and furs from the farmers. Quite a bunch of money to distribute among the people.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herzig left recently for their old home in Southern Germany which they left fifteen years ago. They will be absent five months. They are among the thriest of Tasker's farmers.

Lewis & Bach have arranged to handle the business of the Michigan Commercial Insurance Co. in this city. This concern had no losses in the San Francisco fire, and its financial condition is the very best.

The J. I. Case Co. is completing a new building along the Soo in which they will carry threshers and repairs. Mr. Bull, son of the president of the company, will soon arrive from Duluth to manage the Minot business.

Maloney & Roise will soon begin distributing High Prairie Spring Water about the city. The water comes from Maloney's spring a short distance from the city. The water has been examined by the state chemist who pronounces it excellent.

The Minot Bottling Works is able to deliver water at your homes in the city for less than 7 cents a half gallon bottle. The company gets the water 500 miles away, at the Osceola Springs and the water arrives in the company's own 3000 tank, being perfectly pure. The concern has spent a good deal of money in order to get the water here in such good condition, and the people should appreciate this fact and patronize it.

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