

COOS COUNTY.

As Seen by a "Pair of Independent" Hymnists.

Lying along the Oregon coast between Douglas and Curry, is the county of Coos. Current narrators record its history with more or less correctness up to the 16th of July, in the year of grace, A. D. 1883.

On the morning of that date a sad faced looking couple took passage on the six o'clock A. M. Roseburg and Coos Bay Stage Company's hack for the terminus at Coos City. Like a thing of life we sped over the hard road and farm-lined avenue until at ten o'clock we drew rein at Laird's, the station at the eastern base of the coast range, where the first change of horses is made.

After a hearty and relishable meal "Curt" brought out the eight-wheeled locomotive used for transportation over the range. In one hour and ten minutes we were at the summit. Without pausing to peer through the impenetrable mass of smoke which hid our view to the east, we commenced the easy and comfortable descent. Laird's, at the western base, was reached at 3 P. M., where we changed drivers, horses and hack.

With a (locomotive and tender) that had seen service on the O. & C. stage line, we successfully and pleasantly passed on down the East Fork of the Coquille to Dora, where the mail was changed and the journey resumed. At a few minutes past six o'clock we drew rein at Benham's, known in the department records as Fairview, Coos county, Oregon, on the North Fork of the Coquille.

"Nashy" was willing for the doucous to take us in for the night—ye tourists. Night changed into day rapidly as we snuggled ourselves under Mrs. B's comfortable bed-covering. The 17th dawned as usual. At 1 o'clock P. M., the Coquille and Fairview stage stood at the door and we were soon traveling leisurely toward Coquille City, which is reached from the R. & C. B. line by a road which diverges to the left ten miles east of Coos City, over the high land between the waters of the East Fork and Cunningham Creek. Down the east bank of this stream "Darby" and his equines soon was carrying us. At four o'clock we came within the limits of Coquille City, nestling among the grand sights of the Coquille river region. Drawing up at the door of the Olive House, Mrs. Snyder, the present chief de cuisine, welcomed us to her comfortable house.

The distance by stage road from Fairview is ten miles; the fare one dollar. The route is not particularly attractive above that region, save in the fact that the level uplands between the valleys of the East Fork and Cunningham Creek, give unmistakable evidence of adaptation to the wants of poor families seeking homes, being not more difficult to clear of timber than the farms now under a high state of cultivation in the adjacent region.

On Cunningham Creek we encountered the "Coquille wagon," which is used for a great deal of farm transportation. It is a sled, and must derive its name from the similarity of use, as snow scarcely ever falls in this immediate section.

On the 18th the "Humorists" joined themselves to a party of Roseburg capitalists en-route for Coos Bay. Proceeding down the Coquille river on the steamer Cores, Capt. Reed, eight and one-half miles, we debarked at the mouth of Beaver slough, where we took a skiff propelled by two men, to a point four miles from the Coquille river, where we transferred to a stout wagon and rode four miles and a half to the Isthmus slough, Coos Bay. Traveling by an open boat resembling a skiff of the "land lubber," we reached Uter City, in two and one-half miles. At this point we saw the first deep water anchorage for ocean steamers, and passed on board the bay steamer Myrtle, close to the huge coal bunkers, from which the steamer Arcata regularly carries Coos Bay coal to the San Francisco market. Our next stoppage was for the transfer of mail at Coos City, and reached Marshfield at five o'clock.

At 10 o'clock of the 19th morning of July, 1883, we rounded the point of land above Empire City and came in sight of the illimitable cloud-land resting over the offing of the harbor of Coos Bay. At twelve we ascended the bluff near Empire City and caught our first glimpse of the Pacific Ocean. With a glass we surveyed Point Argo and the light-house, while in the offing leisurely steamed the U. S. revenue cutter Shubrick.

After spending two days on the bay, viewing the wonderful things in machinery, hotel bills and great saw-logs, the senior member of the invalid corps alluded to in the opening chapter, returned with some reluctance to Coos City, the terminus of the R. & C. B. stage line, and gladly became the welcome guest of Hon. Lowry Watson, who is comfortably and happily domiciled there.

On Saturday at 1 o'clock P. M. we took conveyance with the veteran Brown, for home. At Laird's, at ten o'clock, we encamped ourselves in a wide bed for a rest. In the morning watch, ere the matin lays of the proverbial early bird had tiled all the forest with melody, we were ascending the western slope of the Coast range. The distance from Laird's to the summit is twelve miles and the grade is most easy. At six o'clock we had passed "Cape Horn"

and the dizzy places skirting the road on either side, and were awaiting a bountiful breakfast at Laird's, on the eastern side.

At Cape Horn we saw how Mr. Glover, the kind Superintendent of the line, had successfully solved the difficulties which heretofore had almost blocked travel on this long used route of communication between the coast and the interior. Great stories are told of the danger of this point before Messrs. Salisbury, Hailey & Co. acquired their present franchise for operating a toll road over that part of their stage line between Laird's on the east, and Coos City. Now one sees only a good grade, hewn out with giant powder, around a point commencing in appearance, in comparison with other points of interest on this line.

The Roseburg capitalists alluded to above, were Mr. Baker, of the Roseburg bank, his son-in-law, W. S. Humphrey, and Hon. B. Hermann. To these gentlemen, particularly the latter, are we indebted for the display of that hearty kindness, which is his striking peculiarity at home and abroad.

To the entire people with whom we came in contact throughout our journey we have to record only kindness most marked and undemonstrative.

At 11:25 of Saturday, July 21st, we were at home, having come from Coos City in 16 hours, actual travel. Mr. Glover is constantly on the route, and has made continuous improvements ever since the winter rains ceased.

At Dora a wagon road leads down the East Coquille to Myrtle Point, where travelers take tide steamer for Bandon. This route is preferred by all who prefer it.

Incidents of interest during the trip are numerous: Carter, who drives from West Laird to Coos City is an expert with mustangs. During the trip over, the hostler at Middle Creek Station had to secure his assistance in quieting a glass-eyed cayuse that had taken the stable. Once subdued he appeared very lamb-like. "Old Charley," a horse well known by travelers on the overland line, has constantly to be watched, as he never misses an opportunity to shy if there is a chance to break something by getting out of the road. It is needless to say he has found work where there is no chance to throw the stage down the grade.

At Coquille City—moving naturally from a horse to an editor—we met Dean of the "Coquille Herald." His rotund form is entirely too "plump" for this age of "lean" type, and so we are just mean enough to tell a story we heard about him. His wife secured his services in constructing a "clothes press." In nailing the various pieces together he found that they did not match, so he just put his "form," weighing 250 pounds, where it would do the most good in bringing the pieces together. There was a load crash in the garret just then. His wife came upon the scene and found not only a wreck of the "clothes press," but her husband in a state of chaos, with his feet in the air and a very painful rent in his back six inches long. The article will be restored in time, but the garments which covered that part of his anatomy between the shoulder-blades will have to be discarded as no man is luxurious enough in his tastes to desire a shirt open before and behind.

At the Commercial Hotel in Marshfield we saw Siglin, Lane and other lights of the Democratic fold. We judge from the way they munched the ends of their fragrant havanas, that the chances for Democratic ascendancy are considered good in Coos.

Both papers at Marshfield seem to be prosperous. This is the more surprising if we take into account the amount of "moss" on their managerial backs.

At Empire we met Mr. S. Campbell, formerly residing here, J. A. Gray, a new attorney from Portland, and the irrepressible Watson, collector of the port of Coos Bay. Miss Bilger, Mrs. Chitwood and Miss Dowell, of Jackson county, are spending the summer months there. The other fellow of the "pair" returns thanks to Mrs. Tenbrink for shells and curious marine plants. Mrs. T. is making the Lockhart House a very popular hotel. The short-haired poet could hardly close this account of a pleasant trip without saying a word in favor of the Central Hotel in Marshfield. It is as well conducted as could be desired, and is a welcome home to travelers on the Bay.

The Last Strike.

At precisely noon, Washington time, on July 20, the telegraph operators throughout the whole United States, dropped their keys and refused to work. The effect of this action was startling to the business community, although previous information has been received that such an event might occur. The public, and especially the commercial world, has been so long accustomed to rely upon the telegraph, that the post and express services were entirely unprepared to be relegated to the manner of doing business twenty years ago, still such must be the case unless some compromise be effected. This strike is, says the Brotherhood of telegraphers, the result of the tyranny and unjust treatment meted out to them during the past ten years, during which time three general reductions in wages have been made. The present average for commercial operators in this state is \$54.43 per month, and the average of railroad operators is \$39.50; besides, operators are not allowed extra compensation for Sunday work, and railroad operators at stations where but one man is employed are required to work from four-teen to sixteen hours a day. They say that the members of the Brotherhood

feel that they are strong enough to warrant them in demanding of the various telegraph companies a partial restoration to the standard of salaries paid before the merciless and systematic squeezes were made. In explanation of the demand for a general increase of fifteen per cent, it is only necessary to call attention to the frequent reductions that have been made, notwithstanding the net profits of handling messages are much greater than in former years, occasioned by improved machinery and the more skillful labor now employed.

Our sympathy is with the strikers. The telegraph corporations, not satisfied with the large dividends made and which were constantly increasing, attempted to swell them by cutting down the wages of the employees, or as they express it, "squeezing" them. The demand of the strikers was just and should have been acceded to at once. They only asked a fair days wages for a fair days work.

HUBBARD Creek Mills! CLARK & BAKER PROPS.

HAVING PURCHASED THE ABOVE NAMED mills of E. Stephens and Co., we are now prepared to furnish any amount of the best quality of LUMBER over offered to the public in Douglas county. We will furnish at the mill at the following prices: No. 1 rough lumber, \$12 per M. No. 1 flooring, 9-inch, \$24 per M. No. 1 flooring, 4-inch, \$26 per M. No. 1 finishing lumber, \$20 per M. No. 1 finishing lumber, dressed on 4 sides, \$24 per M. No. 1 finishing lumber dressed on 4 sides, \$26 per M. CLARKE & BAKER.

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U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, OREGON, May 26, 1883. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, IN PURSUANCE of an Act of Congress of June 8, 1878, for the sale of Tracts of land in the States of California, Oregon and Washington Territory, that David Green has applied to purchase the Northwest quarter of Section twenty-four, Township twenty-seven south of Range seven west of Willamette meridian. Any and all persons claiming adversely any of the above described lands must file their claims with the Register of the Land Office during the sixty days publication hereof, and failing to do so their rights will be barred by statute. W. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

FARMS FOR SALE.

The undersigned has for sale the following Real Property in Douglas County, State of Oregon:

A FIRST-CLASS GRAIN FARM NEAR THE Town of Wilbur, containing 314 acres. Has a good dwelling house and out-buildings, and a fine orchard, all well fenced and watered; 250 acres in grain. A desirable home and very cheap.

ONE FARM CONTAINING 352 acres, 125 of which is plow land in cultivation, balance pasture, all fenced; well watered; good improvements and orchard.

ONE SECTION OF LAND NEAR THE TOWN of Scottsburg, 89 acres river bottom, balance hill and timber land.

A FARM NEAR WILBUR, CONTAINING 925 acres; 125 acres in grain, the balance splendidly grazing land. About 200 acres level, well watered and well improved. The crop and 600 head of sheep will be sold with the land if desired by purchaser, at a bargain.

A FINE STOCK FARM CONTAINING 640 ACRES, 12 miles from Roseburg; 125 acres of good grain land, at a bargain.

A LARGE STOCK AND GRAIN FARM NEAR Oakland, containing 1000 acres, well watered, well fenced and well improved.

A STREAM SAWMILL AT DEAN STATION ON Railroad.

A FLOURING MILL AT SCOTTSBURG.

A NO. ONE FLOURING MILL FOUR MILES from Oakland, on Calipool creek.

A NUMBER OF TOWN LOTS IN THE CITY of Oakland.

I will sell the above real property on reasonable terms. For full particulars enquire of J. C. HUTCHINSON, Oakland, Douglas County, Oregon.

Administrator's Notice. SALE OF REAL ESTATE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN PURSUANCE of an order of the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, entered thereon on the second day of April, 1883, the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Woodson Patterson, deceased, will, on Saturday, the 11th day of August 1883, at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day sell on the premises to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate: A certain lot of land, situated in the north half of the donation land claim of Abraham Patterson and wife, being claim No. 40, in township No. 29, south of range 8 west of the Willamette meridian, situated in Douglas county, Oregon, containing 100.46 acres, excepting therefrom one acre of the north-west corner said land. A few simple title guaranteed and possession given after harvest.

J. A. KIRKENDALL, administrator. Herman & Hall, attys, for estate. June 23, 1883.

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Brooks' Cots and Clark's spool cotton, 60 cents per doz.

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Ladies' Cloth Balmorals, \$1 50 each.

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