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The Coast line is a straight Sand Beach which varies in character. At times it is broad, hard, and smooth; while at other times it becomes steep, rugged and soft, making it nearly impassable for wagons. This beach is used as the stage road between the Umpquah River and Koos Bay, the stage going up one day and coming back the next (except on Sunday); and generally times itself so as to reach and leave the Mouth of Umpquah River at slack water as that is the best time for transferring passengers and baggage to the river boat.

About 100 yards back of the ordinary high water mark, and running parallel with it, is a low ridge of sand varying from 10 to 20 feet in height; this is formed by the drift wood and logs lodged here during the heavy storms of winter. Around this drift wood the sand collects forming the low ridge. Back of the beach is a Sand belt which averages about a mile in width, and consists of loose drifting sand dunes of all shapes and sizes which are continually changing; the general drift being from N.W. to S.E. Within

this Sand belt are numerous clumps of pine and fir trees, and heavy underbrush. The woodland is generally swampy; there are also a number of grassy spots: the grass is of a coarse bunchy character, and the cattle seem to be very fond of it. There are also several fresh water ponds caused by the seepage from the sand hills and back ridges. Although some of the ponds are quite large and deep, I could see no signs of fish in them. Back of this sand belt the country consists of broken ridges generally heavily wooded.

Ten Mile Creek is the outlet of a lake of the same name, which is estimated to be about 4 miles back from the coast. There are a number of settlers around the lake where there is some good bottom land which is being rapidly cleared and improved. There is no wagon road at present into the lake, and supplies of all kinds are transported by pack animals from Koos Bay. Both the lake and creek abound in fine Salmon and Trout.

North Slough is a branch or arm of Koos Bay; the water is very shoal and can be navigated only by small boats at high tide. There are a number of settlers on the upper part of the slough.

Respectfully submitted
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