



important to the evolution of the town...for the first time, Coburg farmers and lumbermen could get their excess wheat, corn, rye and lumber to other markets and they could buy goods and services not locally available.

- 1881 The Oregon Railway Limited sells Coburg Line to Southern Pacific. Narrow rails are removed and standard line is built...a bridge from the Snake River is installed across the McKenzie River and the line continues into Springfield.
- Johnny Diamond donates his land donation claim to form the City of Coburg...Isaac Van Duyn plats the new city on a grid pattern.
- 1893 Coburg Incorporated under the Home Rule Charter (Either Feb 10 or Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1893 have forgotten!) in order to hire a night watchman
- 1894 New schoolhouse built; 4 rooms across from the present day firehouse
- 1898 Booth-Kelly leases a small mill in the center of town, previously owned by J.C. Goodale
- 1900 Booth-Kelly buys the mill: increases mill from one to five stacker, employs 300 men working round the clock. 4 trains come into Coburg each day...3 to take finished lumber to other markets, one passenger train...it was called the skunk because it was a steam locomotive...black train with white plume...looked like a skunk!...Rumor has it that the entire town turned out each day at 10:00 to see who came in on the Skunk!
- 1903 Booth-Kelly employs a company Doctor, Dr. Milton Emerson Jarnagin starts up practice in Coburg
- 1906 On June 6, 1906 the city voted George A Drury as the first Mayor of Coburg...city council was formed and water bills were issued!!!
- 1906 Glass Factory starts up...skunk farming too!
- 1908 Glass Factory closes...skunk farming too!
- 1911 Springfield dams the McKenzie for hydro-electric energy, effectively eliminating river logging to Coburg.
- 1911 New School for Coburg...3 stories...includes high school...cafeteria in basement...was built where the current fire hall is
- 1912 Fire at Springfield Booth-Kelly plant causes management to dismantle Coburg plant and reassemble it to Springfield location. Within 3 weeks, 300 people were without work...folks went to Mable, Wendling, Springfield, Marcola, Vaughn to find work...others moved their houses onto bottom land and returned to their farming pioneer roots.
- 1914 Mint planted for the 1st time...has been planted every year since!
- 1915 Fire destroys 4 blocks of downtown Coburg...
- 1920 Census places Coburg at 291
- 1938 Fire destroys IOOF Hall.
- 1941 IOOF Hall fund raisers provide enough money to complete hall rebuild

- 1962 Coburg annexes into School District 4J...new school built for grades 1-6...older students bussed to Cal Young and Sheldon
- 1979 Heritage Committee formed
- 1983 August (I think!) Comprehensive Plan accepted by State of Oregon
- 1986 January 12, 1986 Coburg receives National Historic District Status