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IMMIGRATION.

A Mighty Exodus in Progress.—Oregon outbidding California.—None and Sign for the Webfoot state.—The Oregon State Board of Immigration in San Francisco.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE ASTORIAN.]
 SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—A glance at the records of emigration for the past few months is enough to convince even the most unreflecting that there is something radically wrong with the older communities of the Atlantic slope. The eastern, the middle, and many of the so-called western states are becoming in a measure depopulated by the immense exodus from their borders. On the other hand, Kansas, Nebraska, Dakota and Colorado are being settled up with a rapidity unprecedented at any period in their history. During a recent trip through the western states, I had an opportunity of seeing the enormous volume of emigration. Every west-bound train and steamboat was literally loaded down with emigrants. The entire farming community seemed to be on the move, or preparing for flight from the hardships and misery, and destitution now so prevalent in the worn-out, tax-ridden, and insubstantial Atlantic states.

Upon my arrival in San Francisco, curiosity prompted me to ascertain what efforts were being put forth by the Pacific slope to secure its due share of this immense immigration. I was well aware that population is the one thing wanted to insure prosperity to the Occident; and I felt sure that the energetic enterprise of the Pacific would be equal to the task of securing it. I was only about half right in my surmise. I found that between five and six hundred immigrants arrive weekly in San Francisco, but I looked in vain for any organized effort on the part of Californians to give them any aid, direction or information. There is no Immigrant Bureau, nor any other agency at work either to induce immigration to California, or to receive the strangers who arrive adventurously. The utmost indifference is manifested here in this respect, and until I had further prosecuted my inquiries I could not understand how it was that so many settlers continued to come. A visit to the

OREGON BOARD OF IMMIGRATION. In this city explained the matter. The vast majority of the immigrants landing in San Francisco are en route to Oregon. If California shows apathy, Oregon evinces the most untiring activity. At the office, 504 Battery street, opposite the post-office, I had an excellent opportunity to convince myself to this fact. There the machinery of immigration is to be seen in its perfection. I found the agent, Mr. J. E. Shepherd at his post and not only willing, but anxious, to give the fullest information. Mr. Shepherd is an old resident of Oregon, an affable, genial, intelligent gentleman, and thoroughly informed concerning the climate, soil and topography of the state he so ably represents. The office is located in the business center of the city and convenient to the hotels usually patronized by immigrants. It is filled to overflowing with the marvelous agricultural, mineral and mechanical products of Oregon. Magnificent sheafs of grain—wheat, oats, barley, rye, etc., line the walls; the shelves are loaded down with manufactured, agricultural and animal products, consisting of dried fruit of all kinds, threshed grain, compressed meats, canned salmon, fish-gelatin, dog-fish oil, hops, flour, wool and dozens of other articles, all neatly arranged for exhibition and provided with plain labels giving the locality of culture or manufacture, the yield, and other information, by which the exposition may be intelligently studied. Fine specimens of Oregon wood—maple, ash, myrtle, cedar, pine, oak, etc., beautifully polished and in the rough, are shown as evidences of Oregon's enormous and varied lumber resources. Of minerals there are specimens of coal, iron, gold-bearing quartz, building-stone, copper, silver, and other ores, sufficient to prove that Oregon's products of this nature are second to none in the world. It would be impossible to enumerate the products displayed here—suffice it to say that the office is a complete epitome of Oregon enterprise and industry, and that short of a visit to the state, nothing can give a better idea of Oregon, than a call at this bureau, and an hour's conversation with Mr. Shepherd.

The travel from this port to Oregon, is astonishing. Mr. Shepherd informed me that upwards of twelve hundred passengers went up last week. A fair proportion of these were newcomers to the Pacific coast, but the majority were dissatisfied Californians, either old residents of this state, or settlers of one or two years' standing. Just now California appears to be a good place to get away from.

OUR WONDERFUL CLIMATE
 Has given us three years of short crops, and ruined thousands of short-

working agriculturists. Mercantile failures are becoming so common, as to elicit little or no interest, except in those immediately concerned. In walking up Market street the other day, I noticed the ominous sheriff's lock on five stores, in two blocks, that is to say from Kearney to Stockton, north side. The agricultural and mining disasters of the past three years are culminating. Prosperity cannot long be maintained in a state where agriculture is at the mercy of a capricious climate, where the most productive tracts of land are held in enormous parcels under Spanish grants, where titles are insecure and farming a game of chance for lack of rain. So little taste have Californians for agricultural pursuits, that two-thirds of the population of the state, or

SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE, Are residents of towns and cities, all of whom are supported in one way or another by the labor of the insufficient rural population. The mining interests of the state have been so manipulated as to become a mere vehicle of open plunder and systematized fraud, sucking the last drop of blood from an already impoverished community. California has magnificent natural resources, but anything worth having has long since been gobbled up by AVARICIOUS ADVENTURERS. And probably no state now bidding for immigration has less substantial inducements to offer the industrious immigrant. On the other hand, Oregon has millions of acres of good land to be had for the asking, or to be purchased from the railroad company at a nominal price. Mr. Shepherd tells me that in eastern Oregon alone there is room for two hundred thousand families on now vacant government land, and that the railroad company has upwards of five million acres of arable land in the market. Crops, he says, are assured, for rain falls at all seasons.

TAXATION IN OREGON
 Is only one-half that of California. The markets are at least as good, having direct communication with Europe. It is, therefore, no wonder that the Oregon immigration office here is over run with business, or that even the magnificent accommodations of the

OREGON STEAMSHIP COMPANY Are taxed to their utmost to provide transportation for the rush to the Webfoot state. During the five years of its establishment Mr. Shepherd does not remember a period of greater activity at his office than the present. The advent of thousands of hard-fisted toilers to Oregon must soon begin to tell upon its material advancement. Too long has Oregon been content to hide its light under a bushel; but now she evidently means business. Hundreds of thousands of circulars, maps, pamphlets and other printed information are distributed broadcast by the State Board of Immigration, and its branches in

SAN FRANCISCO, BOSTON AND NEW YORK. Immigrants arriving in San Francisco are received by Mr. Shepherd and given such advice and information as may be necessary to assist them in locating. While in the city they are, so to speak, under his guidance and protection. He sees that they are not imposed upon; he procures them tickets to Oregon, and gives them tickets entitling them to half-fare transportation to their destination. He does many other good offices for them, and his position is by no means a sinecure; but his heart seems to be in the work and his success is in proportion to his restless activity. No doubt the readers of THE ASTORIAN will rejoice to hear that the interests of Oregon are so ably looked after.

YOUR MAGNIFICENT PORT
 Is the gateway of the northwest, and will reap lasting and substantial benefits from this marvelous movement of population. Your articles on "The Future of Astoria" are as hopeful as they are instructive. I trust the grand destiny which they predict will soon be realized in all their fullness. Oregon has become

THE MECCA OF THE IMMIGRANT—
 The one place

where a man is a man if he's willing to toil, and the luckiest may gather the fruits of the soil.
 A visit to the Oregon State Board's office here, a view of Oregon's magnificent productions, a careful reading of THE ASTORIAN, on file here, and other papers and pamphlets, and an interview with Mr. Shepherd, have determined me. I have decided to cast my lot with the young community of the new northwest, and shall leave for Oregon as soon as I can put my house in order. JOSEPH CARROLL.

—If the business men of the United States were asked to appoint a time for the meeting of congress, very many of them would be inclined to name the day after never. Nothing is more dreaded by the commercial classes than the coming together of the law-makers of the nation; and with good reason. After the senate and the house have got in full swing, nobody knows what a day may bring forth. Very surely, toward the end of the session, no man can guess what the night will result in.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON
EAST OF THE MOUNTAINS.

—The steamers R. R. Thompson and Mountain Queen will both be put in commission whenever the supply of freight exceeds 300 tons per day, between The Dalles and Cascades.

—At last the frame of the new steam ferry boat at The Dalles is in position, and work is going on with rapidity. Her completion will be a convenience to the Yakima and Dalles people. It will have the effect of reducing freight to a better living rate, and the teams which now go to Columbus for freight will be apt to go to The Dalles, the Empire thinks.

—The steamer Spokane, having received a new boiler and having been fitted with sixteen-inch cylinders, was launched on the 4th at Celilo, and will be ready to run whenever her wheel is filled. She will be kept for a freight boat in low water, and it is quite probable that she will be idle until September. Another new boat, not yet named, is still on the stocks, receiving the finishing touches. Her upper works will be similar to those of the S. G. Reed, while her hull is somewhat like the Faxon.

—At The Dalles the Columbia begins to feel the effects of the recent rise in Snake river, and was, on the 5th, coming up at the rate of two feet per day. The wharf-boat now lies at the same place as it did in May last, and that has necessitated the removal of the steamer Mountain Queen and barge Hmtress over to the "winter quarters" where they lay during the hard freeze of last January. Owing to this condition of affairs, and the rapid increase of Snake river freight, the splendid new steamer Harvest Queen has started in the trade for Lewiston. She is the largest boat, by 35 feet, that ever went up Snake river, and the good people of Lewiston will see a floating palace when she moors on the bar at the mouth of the Clearwater.

—The Pendleton Independent truthfully says that there is no rural part of the Pacific slope that shows more substantial and permanently tangible evidence of the march of progress than Umatilla county. Its population, numbering, as it does, quite 8,000 souls, have chosen the two first avocations vouchsafed to man—agriculture and stock-raising. A country adapted to these pursuits has always been the most prosperous and permanently happy, as witness the lands of ancient beauty and strength, the valleys of the Nile and the Po, as well as the beautiful hills of Palestine. To read of the splendors of those lands, and not see in the climate and immeasurably rich and fertile lands of this section of Oregon a permanent, prosperous, and we might add brilliant future, is to evince an inexcusable short-sightedness into the future.

—Many men of undoubted integrity, who have resided in this county for years, have informed us, says the Walla Walla Union, upon return from a visit to their old homes in Kansas, and other parts of the east, that their relatives and friends looked and acted as though they were being lied to when the Walla Walla man related his own farming experiences in this valley. There is no country on the face of the earth where the farmer can raise more grain to the acre than in eastern Washington and Oregon. There are hundreds of thousands of acres of virgin land in this country, which only require to be tilled with a gang plow and trotted over with a header, to yield annually from 25 to 50 bushels of wheat per acre. This land can be had for taking. Remoteness from market is the only drawback to the country. That drawback will be remedied in a few short years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Fishermen Attention!

AT A MEETING HELD AT UPPER ASTORIA on April 8th, at 2:30 p. m., it was moved that a meeting be called at Astoria on

APRIL 9TH, AT 7:30 P. M.,

AT METROPOLITAN HALL,
 To establish the price for which we will take Salmon from the Columbia river and its tributaries, and such other business as may be brought up. J. G. ROBERTSON, President.

To Whom it May Concern.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons, that S. W. Tallman's wharf is for the steamers use only, and all other persons are forbid coming on to the wharf after night or building fires on the cleared land nearer than 100 feet of the wharf, or trespassing on his cord wood; and no ropes attached to rafts to be lashed to the spikes. S. W. TALLMAN.
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 This is the only place in the city of Astoria where you can buy the Genuine Carters Cape Ann Oil Skins, and all kinds of Rubber Boots.
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 Cancer cured by a new and painless method.
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