

# SEES ASTORIA A GREAT CITY

## SPECIAL MAN PREDICTS RAPID GROWTH HEREAFTER.

### Portland Will Be Digging Channel While Coast Cities Ship.

Speaking of activities on the coast, a La Grande man who is interested below, draws this comparison:

The London Times devoted 54 pages to boosting the Western coast of North America. They figure that the opening of the Panama Canal is going to cause a rebirth of American commerce and of English commerce as well. Nearly every citizen of this section of the country has been dreaming on this phenomenal change in things and would decry any other opinion.

About the only wrangle there is in this word war of seeking advantage is the one between the cities on the coast. Portland has been putting up a big fight for the last ten years or more to attract commerce its way in spite of the fact that there are other cities on the coast which will without doubt get an increased share of it by reason of the fact that harbor facilities favor them. Astoria and Warrenton are going to be harbors of consequence. If James Hill had done nothing more than to say with certainty that he would build a terminal to Astoria, it would be the making of that city, for when the great empire builder says he will do a thing it is about certain that he has made up his mind to do it. He is known as a man of caution and of few words and much action. His lines terminate at the mouth of the Columbia and that is the biggest factor in favor of coast cities. For when it comes to getting an appropriation to deepen the channel from the bar to Portland things will be considered before any government or party of men commit themselves to a policy that means the expenditure of millions of money for no immediately visible purpose.

True, Portland by reason of her size and industrial activities will come into the reckoning. But the canal is about open to the commerce of the world and shippers will not hazard their bottoms on a shallow channel, when they can pick up great quantities of freight at Astoria. There is no getting away from that fact, and when all is said and done the economic philosophy of the whole problem will resolve itself in favor of the shipping point most favored by nature to accommodate shipping.

This community can have no immediate concern in the contest for supremacy between these points. We hazard the assertion that Astoria to-

gether with its sister city across the bay will make relative greater strides than most of the coast cities, including Portland.

The dairy business will, by reason of an eastern market, grow with leaps and bounds. Elevators will be built to handle the wheat crops of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Mills will make it their home, lumbering will take on a new spurt, for it will offer shipping facilities for export right at the factory.

Take it which ever way you will, Warrenton and Astoria are destined to be shipping points of no mean consequence. Oregon is favored. The globe trotter will not have to make a journey across the continent to board a fast ship, for they will be waiting for at the mouth of the Columbia, to take him to the Orient or to New York in almost the same time required to cross the great plains.

Eastern merchandise will unload at the docks of Warrenton and Astoria to waiting freight trains for distribution to towns as far as Cheyenne.

Portland will, by reason of her great volume of business make an everlasting fight for trade and will secure the appropriation to have the channel dug deeper, in time. No one will begrudge her this because she is topographically situated to take care of a great deal of commerce. But the coast cities have the edge on her as to time and will without any doubt be prepared to handle freight while Portland is waiting for the dredgers to begin work.

### ADDITIONAL PERSONALS

I. R. Snook went to Cove this noon on business connected with the Snook Bros. Produce company.

W. F. Hendricks of La Grande, went to Telocaset and North Powder this morning on business. He will be gone several days.

Mrs. Robbs and children who have been living on the Commonwealth ranch just sold by N. K. West, arrived in the city this morning to spend the winter.

Mrs. Cecil was in the city to visit with her son who has been in the hospital for some 28 days suffering with appendicitis and other complications. She states that he is now beginning to improve.

E. F. Sinclair and A. E. Olsen left this morning for San Diego, California, where they will begin to travel the state in the interest of Puncture Stop, a new invention manufactured for automobilists. He claims to have had phenomenal success in the sales of this patented device.

W. H. Miller of Salt Lake and his daughter Mrs. David Cook, of Garland, Utah, left La Grande this morning after spending several weeks in

### "SPRINGS" POET BUBBLING FORTH.

Hot Lake Springs, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Hot Lake Springs has had this week a counterpart of the biblical story of the three wise men who traveled to Bethlehem to see the new born King. The Springs has had three "wise" ones, but two of them were women, who crossed the "lake" in a "Skiff" to see the "King." They, however, had no time for adoration, for "E. A." was at the depot waiting for the coming train for Portland. Across the "Lake" it was a case of "Ran-lean," for "Smith" handled the oars. He did not like the work, but it was "Prest-on" him. The "Cunning" of the "Wise" ones was not, however, for the purpose of worship, but rather the alleviation of "Payne," the waters of the Springs being used for their healing and curative properties. Others came on the same train. Most of them walked, but "Van-ran" until she stumbled, and would have had a bad fall, had she not had a good "Holt" on her "Cain."

Despite the snow storm and "Hsie" atmosphere a number of birds of many "Hughes" sang several songs. Some were pure "White" while others were "Broughn." A "Martin" and several "Robbins" were particularly noticeable.

Manager Tasse, with his "Burnsides" met the party at the "Corner" with the exclamation "I Saw-yer get off the Carr." He then welcomed them to the "House of Elimination."

Just at this moment some one informed the doctor, who is also agent for the O. W. R. & N. Co., that hoboes were tearing up the track. "Never mind," he said, "Frank-el bring the Rails-back, then I'll have Mel-gard them from further depredations."

I'll just "Ad-e-line" because "Will-is" here, then quit.

and near La Grande with relatives. They will go to Portland and from there to Honolulu where they will spend the winter.

I. J. Williamson of Portland, who is in the city buying horses left today for Hot Lake where he will spend the afternoon. He is a frequent buyer in this section and anticipates getting some fine horses from this section.

Father Driscoll went to Baker this noon to make his annual report to the bishop. He read the financial standing of the parish to the members yesterday, according to which the congregation is nearing the day when building on the new edifice may begin.

Mrs. Bell White of Joseph, returned this morning from Portland where she was in attendance upon her daughter-in-law Mrs. Sam White, who had been in St. Vincent's hospital for treatment. Both Mrs. White and her son and daughter-in-law returned with her.

Marion Coverdale of Wallowa, passed through La Grande today returning from Milton where he attended the funeral of his mother who recently died at the age of 73 at that place. She was a native of Illinois

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The following are registered at the Sommer: G. E. Williams and wife, Portland; H. M. Lewis, Canlon, S. D.; H. Galloway, Kalispel, Mnot.; H. H. Schwartz and wife, Portland; C. W. Allen, Lostine; L. F. Allen, Wallowa; India Ault, Enterprise; Howard Mortensen, Perry; H. Mitchell, Portland; J. B. Everett, Seattle; Geo. P. Dow-ley, Portland; R. S. Morgan, Spo-kane; E. C. Skiles, Seattle; S. V. Dorin, J. H. Skippington, Mrs. E. A. Rose, L. B. Griffin, Chicago; Edith M. Bailey, Ontario; James Stewart and wife, C. M. Huntington; D. B. Fuller, Portland.

Little Babe Dies.  
Little Thomas N. Rogers died yesterday and this morning Henry &

Carr, undertakers, shipped the re-mains to Logan, Utah, where they will be interred by the side of the little one's mother who passed away in this city five weeks ago.

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