#### CLATSOP COUNTY

Clatsop county is most advantageously situated for the stock-raiser or farmer. has an area of 1,491 miles, a population of 1,546, and property to the value of \$600,000. The number of acres under cultivation during the past year were 3,568, and the entire products of the county were as follows: bushels oats, 5,250; do. potatoes, 3,200; do apples, 6,430; tons of hay 1,091; pounds wool, 4,730; bushels corn, 10; cases salmon, 80,000; feet lumber, 1,500,000; barrels salmon, 700; pounds cheese, 200; do. butter, 15,400. There are also 1,100 sheep; 111 hogs; 77 horse and 947 cattle. Game, embracing elk, deer, bear and kindred animals, besides immense flocks of birds of all kinds, is very abundant throughout this region.

The scenery is wild and rugged, but always grand; and any one taking the to ascend the highlands back of Astoria will be fully convinced of this and well repaid for the trouble in making the

Timber of the finest quality abounds everywhere, with numerous streams to float it to market, making this a most desirable locality for lumbering.

Several very fine valleys, of which the Nehalem is the principal one, are found in this county. They are well watered, and the soil along the water-courses, is a deep and rich alluvial deposit.

Owing to its close proximity to the Pacific Ocean (the western portion being washed by it), the climate is very equable. The difference between summer and winter is only a few degrees. The salt sea breezes keep the air pure at all times, making it not only a desirable locality for the farmer and stock-raiser, but most excellent for a place of residence.

Continual discoveries of iron, coal, ce ment and porcelain rock prove that the county possesses minerals of all kinds which only need capital to develop them.

The principal town and county seat is

ASTORIA.

This is the oldest town in Oregon, and is named after John Jacob Astor, who in located it, and from here shipped furs, peltries, etc. The growth of the place, owing to the shortsightedness of ome of its town-site owners, had been very slow until two years ago, when a new ele a new population-came in, who are bound to make Astoria what it should be by rights-one of the principal commercial and shipping towns on the coast.

The population and business of Astoria
has more than doubled within the past two years, and most of this prosperity is un-doubtedly owing to the live and newsy county paper, the Astorian. Mr. Ireland, the editor, has made many a hard fight for the town, which is now beginning to tell in its favor, although there are people in Astoria to-day who will not acknowledge it. A short time ago we had a conversation with one of Astoria's "old fogy" merchants, whose place of business is not over a hundred miles from the Occident Hotel, and he actually stated that since the Astorian is published there, the town is so well known abroad, so many people have come in, and so many new stores started, that he couldn't make the profits now that he used to. "But," said we, "don't you sell more goods than formerly?" "Oh, yes; but if the population had increased, and the Arn hadn't started, advertised the town, and brought in so many new merchants to compete with me, why my profits every year would have been more." "Here," the added, "I'd give \$200 to-day if the Asterion would quit. Fortunately, Astoria hasn't many of these old fogies left, and therefore its progress is sure to be onward, and the day is not far distant when a con-tinuous line of wharves will be seen from Trallinger's mill to Upper Astoria.

The town at present is a stirring place of 1,200 inhabitants, having many neat churches and schools, three good hotels, respectively the Occident (Messra, Wright

& Megler, proprietors), the Globe (Mr. Koefoed, proprietor), and the Parker House (kept by C. B. Farleman). Capt. M. Rogers' private boarding-house is a favorite place with the traveling public, Mr. I. W. Case, who is the mayor and principal merchant in the town, a short ne ago completed and moved into the handsomest business house in Astoria. The establishment is a credit to the place.

the centre of the city is located the postoffice and custom-house, built entirely of stone, and completed in 1873 at an expense of \$100,000. It is a beautiful and substantial edifice. An engraving of it appeared in our October number. W. D. Hare is the collector of customs for this port.

An establishment worthy of men and one of the largest fisheries in the world, is located at Upper Astoria, and owned by Booth & Co. A more extensive description of it will appear in one of our future numbers

J. W. Gearhart, a pioneer and live business man, is engaged in the grocery, feed nd grain business, supplies most of the shipping, and has an extensive trade with the surrounding country.

B. Hamburger, formerly of this city, has a nice establishment, and does the principal dry goods trade in the town. His son Dave is still with him, and popular as

In the drug line Mr. A. Wandory supplies the community.

A. L. Mendelson & Bros. have a fashionable stock of clothing; in fact, theirs is the only exclusive clothing house in the

C. E. Jackins & Co., also formerly of Portland, have a full stock of stoves and

Nathan Loeb has a large supply of general merchandise.

E. S. Larsen, formerly with Fishel & Roberts, of this city, has a next store stocked with groceries, provisions and

With markets the town is well supplied, having three, kept by I. Bergman & Co., J. S. Mayer and Hobson & Warren.

The place has two good sawmills, one owned by F. Ferrell and the other (a new one) owned by J. C. Trullinger, a thorough business man, who, besides the mill, has a general merchandise store in Astoria, is proprietor of the flouring mills at Centreville, and is an extensive breeder of Berk shire pigs.

There are two restaurants-one, the Altona Chop House, by Thomas Bramel; and the other by E. C. Holden, who also keeps fruits and confectionery

A neat barber shop and bath-house is

kept by Jacob Niederauer.

Job Ross, a pioneer—and, by the way, the possessor of a very intelligent dog-deals in fruits and Yankee notions.

Otto Dufner, a watchmaker and most excellent workman, does a good business and gives general satisfaction.

e Oregon Bakery, kept by Mrs. S. Binder, supplies the town with a good article of bread and cakes of various kinds.

In the tailoring line we find Mr. Peter Fox supplying, not only the town, but the surrounding country as well.

Mr. Chas. Stevens has a book and stationery establishment—the only one be-tweeen Astoria and Portland—and does a

Mr. Chas. Stoll manufactures furniture of all kinds, and keeps a supply of readymade on hand at all times.

J. Q. A. Bowlby is an attorney at law of everal years' residence here, and popular. J. N. Armstrong, an excellent photogra-

ner, does a good business.

Of contractors and builders, we find W. Doyle; also C. H. Bain.

Mr. Wm. Knemeyer has an extensive

soperage. Geo. McLean does a good share of busi-

Henry Berendes turns out as fashion-

able a boot as any shoemaker in the State. The town is well supplied with saloons. The principal ones are kept by H. R. Parker, Wright & Hubbard, Papmahl & Bock, Marion & Carr, Rudolph Barthe & Co.; T. Corbett and H. G. Segar.

There are other business houses in As toria, but the above will give one a fair idea of what business is done in the place.

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