

of the Columbia cannot be considered complete unless it is continued to the mouth of the Columbia river. This they consider only a rational belief on their part, for it is not the policy of Portland to throw, they say, any trade in the direction of Puget Sound. The building of a railroad is also liberally encouraged by the munificent land grant, and the route of road lies through the Nehalem valley, which must become populated and highly appreciated as soon as it is penetrated by a railroad. With railroad connection established to Portland, and so with the Willamette Valley and the great upper country, Astoria counts upon being able to benefit itself in various ways. Whatever advantage such connection can give they will certainly make the most of, and they expect to draw a great part of the wheat of this valley directly to that point. We present their case from their own stand-point, and the reader will see that they are not standing on nothing.

We have shown now that Astorians have great expectations by land and ocean, and we must not forget that they look ultimately to see as great benefits come floating down the Columbia. Their scheme includes the effects to result from making the great river navigable from Lewiston to the sea; and when that is accomplished they expect a fair share of the products of this vast interior to make a straight passage to their wharves. Thence they hope to load ships direct for all foreign ports.

We believe that we have stated the case fully, and given Astoria the benefit of all it can claim or does claim. The great future invites competition from every seat of power, and as Astoria becomes powerful there is no doubt that she will compete manfully for all the honors within her reach. Seated on the hill-side, overlooking the land, the rivers, bays and ocean, she will be Argus-eyed in protecting and demanding her own, at least.

WALLA WALLA BUILDINGS.

The chief city east of the Cascades is no doubt to be Walla Walla, and in presenting in this issue additional illustrations to those already shown in previous numbers, we realize that the readers of the WEST SHORE wish to know something of a point so noted, and which is so rapidly growing in wealth and population.

Walla Walla is placed in the midst of a region that possesses wonderful fertility, so much so that it is difficult for some to believe the stories current, and well attested, of the productive capacity of the soil. With such a wonderful region to draw on for support,

it is no wonder that the city of Walla Walla grows and improves in all material respects. The town is handsomely laid out. The streets are lined with numerous shade trees; beautiful homes abound, and many industries are well maintained. Socially, it possesses many attractions and great advantages. The business streets, when trade is active, are alive with teams from far and near. It is a live town; certainly you will think so when you watch wheat wagons unloading by the hundreds, and see the immense stocks of grain that are stored for shipment. Walla Walla is central to a great extent of country, and therefore has a commanding business position. The location of the military headquarters of the upper country at this point makes quite an item in its trade, and adds greatly to its social relations. We expect that rapidly and certainly this city will change from wood to fire-proof structures, until all the business town shall equal the edifices we show this month. Already Walla Walla has more and better brick buildings than any city in the Northwest excepting Portland and Salem. The massive structure of Paine Bros., located in the very heart of the business part of Walla Walla, has but few superiors, even in Portland.

The Odd Fellows Temple will compare favorably in design and execution with buildings used for like purposes elsewhere. It is the sole property of Enterprise Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., and cost them complete the sum of \$16,000. Its location, corner of Main and Fifth streets, is a pleasant one, and is considered a very valuable business corner. On Main street it has a frontage of 60 feet, by a depth of 85 feet on Fifth street. The first story is 16 feet high, the second 18 feet, and the dome 20 feet. The lower floor contains the salesrooms of two prominent business firms, whilst the upper floor contains two lodge rooms, one of them fitted up by Enterprise Lodge for their own use at an expense of over \$2,000. The other Odd Fellows' Lodge, as well as the Encampment, the Knights of Pythias, A. O. U. W., and Knights Commanders of the Sun, each rent this room from Enterprise Lodge. The east room was fitted up by Walla Walla Lodge No. 7, A. F. and A. M., who in turn rent it to three other Masonic lodges and one lodge of A. O. U.

W. From this it will be seen that protective associations are well represented in Walla Walla, and that the refined taste of its members induces them to erect such a creditable structure to meet in.

A PORTLAND BUSINESS STREET.

Our artist this issue brings our readers to a realizing sense of what the great shopping center of Portland is, for he introduces you to the magnificent blocks of retail stores on First street, where the thousands of customers, in town and from the country, procure their merchandise, study fashions and suit themselves with anything and everything, from a simple ribbon to a full-dress suit. First street is very cosmopolitan. Here you find all sorts of people, and can see and buy all sorts of things. As you pass along you glance into jeweler's show windows, where gold and silver glitter, and many jewels flash. The ordinary passer-by is hardly able to withstand the attraction of these rich displays. Portland is becoming such a seat of wealth and luxury that the jewelers have to carry heavy stocks of goods. Here are emporiums of fashion, where our lady friends are embarrassed with richness of attire, beauty of fabric and the latest fashion. Costly merchandise fills their great windows, and is displayed with consummate art to bring custom. Portland is not so far behind Broadway, perhaps, as you imagine. Here a millinery establishment shows how the ladies' heads are turned when they try to fit bonnets on them. Here is a good clothing house, where the male fashions have sway. Here our gentlemen friends can rig out for a full wedding outfit, or can modestly clothe themselves in business suits. First street has immense establishments where carpets, furniture and such like wares are sold, where the ladies love to linger almost as well as in the dry goods and millinery houses. Next to what one wears humanity loves to see a home that is comfortably and elegantly equipped.

Front street is a world of itself, for Portland has immense wholesale houses that make little display, but carry on a trade that grows to millions, and wherever you turn in this growing city you see new structures rising. The work is more and more substantial every year, because the world realizes the certainty of its destiny, and that no slight work or ephemeral structures will answer the requirements of the future.