

doubtless soon begin laying track. Portland can boast of two theatres, many churches, banks, some fine public buildings, large hotel buildings, beautiful residences, numerous publications—daily, weekly and monthly—and almost everything that distinguishes cities of vastly more inhabitants and pretensions before the world. With at present a population of 20,000 the increase in ten years may safely be placed at 50,000. The "boom" has struck Portland, and although in the past some of us may have lost faith in its future, and despaired of its ever being anything more than an overgrown village, with one or two remunerative toll-gates, the feeling now is everywhere spreading, like the limits of our city, that nothing can ever prevent its advancement, and no combination of circumstances occur to rob it of its fairly won title of queen of the Pacific Northwest.

The WEST SHORE in this issue, presents to its readers six views of Portland, taken from different points, and though the business portion of the city does not receive justice, nevertheless, the stranger can form a very fair idea from them of the character of our homes and the general appearance of Oregon's metropolis. It is unfortunate that photographers in taking views of cities have to use their instrument in the outskirts, which results in the small houses that usually occupy those parts being brought prominently into the foreground, while the large edifices of the business centres, crowding together and hiding each other, are almost entirely lost to view. These are difficulties that cannot be overcome, except by photographing street by street, a fair specimen of which we furnished in our August number.

To illustrate all of Portland we should be compelled to devote exclusively fifty issues of the WEST SHORE, rather too much for even so deserving and beautiful a subject.

GOOD WAGES.—The Northern Pacific Company is advertising for one hundred men to work all winter on pile-drivers on Lake Pend d'Oreille, and offering them wages at the rate of \$3.50 per day. This price for labor, requiring very little skill, will seem incredible when read in the low-price cities of the Atlantic.

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY AND CRATER LAKE.

The proposed construction of the Oregon and California Railroad to a connection with the Oregon branch of the Central Pacific road, calls attention to the claims of Southern Oregon to consideration as a region possessing great native resources, and especially, as to agricultural and mineral wealth, calculated to attract immigration and develop important interests as soon as railroad connection and improved transportation facilities shall bring it within easy reach of the busy, every-day working world. South of Roseburg, and to the state line, lies a good proportion of arable land that will become more valuable and invite dense settlements and more thorough cultivation as soon as connected rails shall carry the swift locomotive to the rescue of the waiting regions.

Without attempting to summarize the varied resources that Nature has made available in the southern counties, for the satisfactory reason that we do not pretend to thoroughly understand them, we can still speak with confidence of a successful future—of a prosperity to be safely based on wealth of precious metals that will be successfully mined hereafter, and on a perfected agriculture that shall convert all its arable districts into productive fields. The soil is fertile and the climate is the most perfect to be found north of California. Not so moist as the northern valleys, warmer because further south; healthy in all respects and generally a favored region, the advent of the locomotive will put in competition all its advantages and it will become a favorite abiding place for many who are fastidious as to choice of climate and production. Agriculture there partakes of all the good qualities of the region farther north, which has been in former times the most favored by opportunity, and in addition to the usual growth of cereals, fruits and vegetables within reach of agriculture in the Willamette valley, the Rogue river valley will produce corn and wine, for maize and sorghum thrive well towards our southwestern border. The vineyards of Rogue river valley rival the wine and raisin producing districts of California, and luscious peaches ripen to perfection, for the peach is acclimated here and adds another to the "joys of existence" in that portion of Oregon.

In the good time coming, that the people of southern Oregon have so long prayed and waited for, they will blend in their material existence the best traits of Oregon and California, and possess the just medium between these somewhat antagonistic individualities. Southern Oregon, must at no very distant day, and as soon as communication shall be perfected, be an exceedingly prosperous region, rich in varied respects. The beautiful valley of Rogue river has only one fault—that it is too limited in its area. The jealous mountains crowd it with their envious ridges and rugged hills occupy much space that must be redeemed from Nature and changed from wilderness to cultivation. When the era of development shall actually dawn upon that region much of the untamed hill country will be reclaimed and planted in vineyards and orchards, and it must be borne in mind that fruit offers to-day, to the farmers of California, as much and far surer profit than ever existed in the placers of '49. Gold and silver entice myriads to their ruin, as well as some to torture, but the cultivation of golden fruits and purple grapes will win bread and even luxury, as rewards for labor, when placers shall be extinct and the veins of precious ore be worked out to their lowest depths.

There is another view of this portion of Oregon—the picturesque view—to which we propose to call attention, for with the possibility of travel made easy and even pleasant, the tourist will visit southern Oregon and regale himself in the enjoyment of new scenes thus added to the repertoire of picturesque America. He will come over the Siskiyou range looking back for last glimpses of the awful grandeur of snow towering Shasta. But as the vision of the south is shut off he will be repaid with the tableau of Rogue river valley; the bleak and barren region of rock-bound Klamath river, with its desert shores and unsocial surroundings, will be replaced by the *coup d'oeil* of mountains that frame in this beautiful valley, which is thronged with forms and gemmed with towns and villages. The presence of homes and productiveness, of culture and progress—these are with him here for the first time since he left the Sacramento valley and picturesque surroundings frame the scenes with a touch of grace and romance. During the past