

A trip down the Columbia [to Astoria, even if the traveler is headed for San Francisco, should be made in one of the river boats and not by the ocean steamers. The latter leave at midnight, and the scenery is too magnificent to be lost; besides this the smaller boats make landings at all the little towns and canneries along the route. Arriving at Astoria a visit to the canneries, to look into the mystery of salmon canning, should not be omitted, nor should a climb to the top of the hill, a matter of ten minutes' walk, where can be had an entrancing view of the river, bar, cape and ocean. Excursion boats run to Forts Canby and Stevens and Ilwaco, passing through the immense fleet of fishing boats. If one has several days to spare, they could not be spent better than in visits to the summer resorts at Ilwaco, Cape Disappointment, Ocean Park, even going as far north as Shoalwater Bay and Gray's Harbor, or the Clatsop Beach and

Sound. Although a trip down the Sound to Victoria on the regular fast boat is an enjoyable one, to fully appreciate the beauties of that great inland sea one should take the smaller local boats and visit the various ports and harbors. Seattle will be found a splendid stopping place from which to make little excursions to various points. The hotels here are really excellent, and the view from the city itself is magnificent, embracing the snowy cones of Rainier on the south and Baker on the north, and on the west overlooking the placid surface of Elliott Bay to the serrated peaks of the snow-capped Olympian Range. The journey should by all means be extended through the islands of the lower end of the Sound to Port Townsend, and thence across the historical Straits of Fuca, through which runs the international line, to Victoria, the capital of British Columbia. Here will be found a quiet, beautiful city, somewhat in con-



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Tillamook Head. An exceedingly enjoyable trip will be by steamer from Astoria to Tillamook Bay, one of the most delightful places on the coast. This may also be reached from Portland by rail to North Yamhill, and stage across the mountains. If bound for San Francisco, the tourist can board the steamer at Astoria, having, however, in order to be certain of proper accommodations, taken the precaution to secure a berth before leaving Portland. Otherwise he can return to this city for a fresh start to some other interesting point.

Puget Sound will never be overlooked by one who is really traveling for pleasure. Sailing upon that "Mediterranean of the Pacific," he will experience more absolute, quiet pleasure than at any other portion of his tour. Taking the boat in the afternoon at Portland, he enjoys a beautiful trip down the Willamette and Columbia forty miles to Kalama, where the train is boarded for the

trast with those on the American side, where several days, and even weeks, of enjoyment may be had. The climate is superb, the drives excellent and the surroundings of the city very attractive.

If time permits, a trip up Fraser River as far as Yale should be made; and even if the journey is taken at the expense of time allotted to some other place, the marvelous beauty and grandeur of the scenery will amply repay one for thus setting aside his programme. The return trip, now that the Canadian Pacific is finished from Port Moody to Yale, can be made on the cars. A trip to Alaska, through that magnificent series of sheltered bays and inland channels, is one generally provided for in advance, since it consumes about four weeks' time; but even if the tourist has not calculated upon such a journey, he would be fully satisfied with his choice were he to abandon his prearranged schedule entirely and make