

gon and Washington. Between them in the lumber trade or vessels passing and the city there exists a brisk trade, directly to and from other ports. With which increases yearly. There are as the river open to navigation, and one or fine opportunities here for securing a more railroads terminating here, the homestead as can be found in any of the commerce of the city will expand, and forest-covered portions of Oregon or Astoria will grow rapidly in wealth and Washington. On the streams mentioned, population. A newspaper, daily and and on the dozens of smaller ones, are weekly, called the *Pioneer*, will be is- large areas of vacant land, covered with sued on August 1st, by D. C. Ireland, timber, still open to settlement. It re- the pioneer journalist of Astoria.

quires persistent effort and hard work For beauty and healthfulness of loca- to clear the land and reduce it to culti- tion, Astoria has no superior on the Pa- vation, but when it is accomplished, the cific coast. It is located on the south settler has a good home and a productive bank of the Columbia, about twelve farm. An industrious man can always miles above the bar. In front of it find work to aid him in supporting his flows the majestic Columbia, here wid- family while he is clearing his land and ened out into a broad estuary, having perfecting the title to his homestead. the appearance of a large and peaceful There is a sure market, at good prices, bay. Situated on the margin of the riv- for vegetables, hay, oats, fruit and poul- er, and extending up the sloping hill, try. Many settlers are so situated that with a forest-crowned ridge rising cool they can sell logs from their claims, and and beautiful above, never suffering many derive quite an income from cord- from the overpowering heat of the sun, wood and charcoal. but constantly fanned by cool and health-

Reference has been made to coal and ful breezes from the open sea, this is a iron. Coal of a superior quality has delightful place of residence. The rain- been discovered in the southern portion fall is large in the winter season, but of the county, and it is more easily ac- this is amply compensated for by an en- cessible from Astoria than any other tire exemption from snow and excessive- point. Iron ore, also, has been found, ly cold weather.

From the heights back of Astoria, a though its extent has not been ascer- view can be obtained any summer even- tained. Both of these will be developed ing, that is worth miles of travel to any upon the completion of a railroad, aid- one having an eye for the beautiful. ing to build up the business of the city. Looking in either direction (see pages North of the river there is quite an ex- 515 to 520), the immediate foreground tensive area tributary to Astoria, whose is the city itself. On the east, four trade becomes larger every year. But miles above, Tongue point thrusts its it is not upon this increasing local trade, mass of green pines far out into the nor upon her great fishing industry, stream, forming one side of the graceful that Astoria is to depend to make of her bay in which the city lies. Though hid- a great commercial city, but upon her den from view, the course of the river unrivaled position at the mouth of the can be plainly discerned by the contour great Columbia river, when it shall be of the hills, whose fading blue melts into the horizon many miles beyond. ing 1886, according to the returns of Immediately at our feet lies the broad the custom house, to and from this port. estuary of the Columbia, freckled with This does not include coastwise vessels little caps of white and dotted with the