

spread sails of hundreds of fishing boats. Some are standing across the river, others spreading their nets, many beating out toward the bar, while still others are coming home, under full sail, with a load of the royal salmon. It is no uncommon sight to see five hundred of these little boats darting about, as well as several large ocean steamers and deep water vessels, and a whole fleet of river craft. As far as the eye can distinguish their sails, these little boats are seen, until they disappear amid the white breakers of the bar. Across the bar, Cape Disappointment juts far out into the ocean, thrown into bold relief by the sun just setting at its back, and the waste of water around and beyond it, while the low line of Point Adams lies opposite, on the left. As the twilight deepens, the cape gradually fades from view, but its position remains firmly fixed by the brilliant star that gleams from the lighthouse on the point.

The healthfulness and beauty of its location, the excellence of its hotels, the opportunities to secure agreeable homes

with private families, and the ease with which the various beaches may be reached at any time, render Astoria a favorite resort in summer. Many who do not enjoy constant living on the beach, make this their home, and visit the other resorts frequently, enjoying the bathing as much as they desire, while having more home comforts and a greater variety of amusement. The position of Astoria, in this regard, is fully stated in the article entitled "Our Summer Resorts," on page 497. With a railroad to Portland, and another to Seaside, these advantages will be still greater, since they will offer quicker and more comfortable means of communication both ways.

Few people who visit Astoria depart without being impressed with its business air, the importance and advantages of its position, as regards the trade of the Columbia river, and the steady progress being made, as well as the growth and prosperity which all augur for it in the future.

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MYTHS OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER INDIANS.

PART FOURTH.

THERE is a noticeable similarity between the myths of the Indians, and of those of the ancient Greeks and Romans. They lack that polish and refinement that characterized the myths of those nations, in their enlightened stage, but in many instances the ideas are the same. We may reasonably suppose, that had the Indians advanced in civilization and culture, until the dreamers, prophets and "tamanawash men" among them could have committed their legends to writing, they would have gradually refined and polished them, to keep pace with the advancing enlightenment.

The process of evolution of mythological thought is so gradual, that it is difficult to tell exactly when or where changes were made from the old origi-