

men, who take proper pride in them. They are first class in every respect, and have a capacity for supplying a town of thirty thousand inhabitants. Including buildings, wharf, grounds, gas holders of one hundred and thirty thousand feet capacity, mains, etc., the works have cost over \$200,000.00. The telephone exchange has one hundred and ninety members. The American District telegraph is in successful operation. This is the southern end and main office of the Puget sound telegraph; the northern end and local head office of the Western Union telegraph; and the head office in the territory of the Pacific postal telegraph. Seattle is the extreme northwestern terminus of the railroad system of the United States. The general agencies of a great many foreign corporations are in Seattle. The Canadian and Northern Pacific maintain local agencies; also the Oregon Railway & Navigation and Canadian Pacific Navigation companies. The two electric light companies have large plants, and all the patronage they can supply. Both the Northwestern and Northern Pacific express companies do a large business, the first named being a home concern, operating in Washington Territory, British Columbia and Alaska. There are six banks in the city, four of them with deposits aggregating \$3,000,000.00; also, one safe deposit company, with fire proof building and burglar proof vaults. Five railroad companies, with head offices in Seattle, have mileage completed and in operation, as follows: Columbia and Puget Sound, forty-seven miles; Puget Sound Shore line, twenty-four miles; Satsop, from Shelton toward Gray's harbor, fourteen miles; Seattle & West Coast, thirteen miles; Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern, forty-three miles, the last with forty miles more under construction and sixty miles to let. The operation of these roads gives employment to five hundred men. These statements could be carried on indefinitely, but enough have been given to enable the reader to get a pretty accurate idea, with what will follow, of the bustling town in which the concerns above enumerated are doing business.

The religious wants of the people are attended to by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Salvation Army, and eighteen churches. The benevolent and charitable institutions include an orphan's home, in which twenty-five little ones receive care; Grace hospital (Episcopal), with accommodations for forty patients, and Providence hospital (Catholic), with beds for two hundred. The fraternal societies are represented by seven Masonic organizations, three Grand Army posts, four Odd Fellows lodges, three of United Workmen, two Knights of Pythias, two Good Templars, three Knights of Labor, Patriotic Order Sons of America, B'nai Brith, Chosen Friends. Among

the many other organizations are the King County Bar Association, Irish National League, Medical Society, Rod and Gun Club, Liberal League, Athletic Club, Turn Verein, Clerk's Protective Association, Catholic Library Association, Illinois Club. Social clubs, the Marine Engineers, Typographical Union, Baseball Club, Public Library, Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, Ladies' Relief Society, etc. The First Regiment N. G. W. has its headquarters in Seattle, with regimental band in connection. The local military companies connected with the battalion are B, D and E, with a united strength of two hundred men. There are three other organizations of a semi-military character, but are not fully connected with the service. The schools include the Territorial University, attended during the present year by one hundred and eighty pupils; the Academy of the Holy Names, a Catholic school for girls, with one hundred and ten pupils; four public schools, with sixteen hundred pupils. In addition to these there are a number of small private schools.

The newspapers are the Daily, Weekly and Sunday *Post-Intelligencer*, the Daily and Weekly *Times*, the Daily and Weekly *Press*, the Daily *Real Estate Record*, the Sunday *Star*, the Weekly *Tribune* (German), the *Gazetteer* (monthly), the *Industrial Gazette* (monthly), and the *Bugle Call* (monthly). Dramatic and other irregular publications abound. The fire department numbers eight companies, and two hundred and fifty men. The Seattle post office, including money orders, did business in 1887 exceeding \$500,000.00. Office force and letter carriers number ten persons. Seattle's crowning glory, however, is in her marine traffic. This brings to her wharves daily fifty Puget sound steamers, craft of all sizes, from the diminutive tug of forty feet in length, to the stately *Olympian* and *Alaskan*, of two hundred and fifty feet. These boats include the two last named running daily to Tacoma and Victoria; and the *Premier*, which connects the city with the terminus of the Canadian Pacific. Other steamers run to every port and settlement on Puget sound, thus connecting them all with this great center of trade. Often half a dozen of them can be seen moving about the harbor at once. Some of them are magnificent vessels, such as the *Premier*, *Alaskan* and *Olympian*, vessels, that for speed, beauty, comfort and safety, are unequaled anywhere on the coast. The trade with British Columbia is enormous, employing many vessels, and aggregating a daily tonnage each way of over fifteen hundred. It is not these alone that stir the local heart with pride, but the deep water craft as well. In 1887, these vessels sailed into Seattle harbor to the number of one a day, and out again in like number, their tonnage, during the year, aggregating four