

only one hundred feet from the dock. Steamer traffic is increasing yearly in importance, and when the line to Gray's harbor is completed will be very extensive. The southwestern portion of Puget sound has been out of the line of travel, and, consequently, its magnificent resources have remained in an undeveloped state. Capital and enterprise have been diverted to other localities, chiefly on the south and east shores of that great inland sea, where centers of trade have sprung up and millions of dollars of wealth been created. So far from detracting from the advantages of Shelton, this fact is now one of its strongest recommendations. Here is a region possessing all the natural advantages that have been so potent in the growth of other places, as well as some which many of them lack, and to those who come first to avail themselves of the great opportunities here offered, will insure the richest rewards. The era of develop-

ment has been fairly inaugurated by enterprising men, possessing energy, means and great foresight, who have paved the way for others. The work they have undertaken must progress, because it is of great importance, and its completion must add enormously to the value of property, as well as increase immensely the industrial capacity of Shelton.

The *Mason County Journal*, an enterprising weekly, is published by G. C. Angle, and is of much importance in the work of making this region known and appreciated abroad. Eight miles from the town are extensive ledges of iron ore, whose development will some time add to the wealth and business of the town. The developments in this region during the next few years will be as marked as those which have excited the wonder of strangers in other portions of that magnificently endowed region known far and wide as Puget sound.

