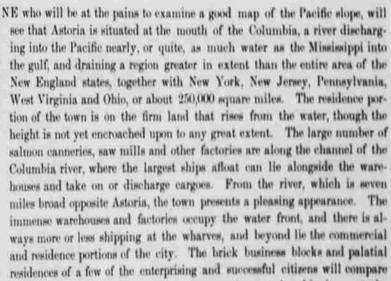
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ASTORIA, THE SEAPORT OF THE NORTHWEST.



favorably with those of any town of the northwest. As a marine shipping port, the boundless possibilities of Astoria are at once apparent to the most casual observer, and an examination of the charts of the river at this point and at the entrance to the river will satisfy the expert on such matters. There is sheltered anchorage and a depth of water enough for any ship afloat.

This town is the oldest in the northwest. It was settled in 1811, by an expedition sent out under the auspices of John Jacob Astor to establish a trading post at the mouth of the Columbia river and branches at suitable points in the interior. The ship, fitted out in New York, took the usual route around Cape Horn and to the Sand-

wich islands, thence to the Columbia, which was entered during a storm. The site chosen for the location of the trading post was on the present site of St. Mary's hospital, and it was named Astoria in honor of the promoter of the gigantic enterprise of which this was to be the nucleus. During the second war with Great Britain, this post fell into the hand's of British authorities, and it remained subject to foreign influences until the treaty in 1846 confirmed Oregon and Washington to the possession of the United States, when the British fur traders relinquished confirmed Oregon and Washington to the possession of the United States, when the British fur traders relinquished confirmed Oregon and washington to the possession of the United States, when the British fur traders relinquished confirmed Oregon and Washington to the possession of the United States, when the British fur traders relinquished confirmed Oregon and Washington to the possession of the United States, when the British fur traders relinquished confirmed Oregon to be a frontier town of considerable importance, and with its restoration to American authority toria had grown to be a frontier town of considerable importance, and with its restoration to American authority and to the benefits of American trade it immediately assumed a progressive tone and began to extend its business and to the benefits of American trade it immediately assumed a progressive tone and began to extend its business and to the benefits of American trade it immediately assumed a progressive tone and began to extend its business and to the benefits of American trade it immediately assumed a progressive tone and began to extend its business and to the benefits of American trade it immediately assumed a progressive tone and began to extend its business and to the benefits of American trade it immediately assumed a progressive tone and began to extend its business and to the benefits of American trade it immediately assumed a progressive tone and began to extend to the benefits