

## AN ENERGETIC AND GROWING CITY.

In the year 1843, two men stood upon the banks of the Willamette river, fourteen miles from its junction with the great Columbia, and 115 miles from the Pacific ocean. They saw here a level plateau at the head of navigation for ocean going vessels. Arising above the horizon in plain view, were Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams, and Mt. Rainier in the distance, lighting up the skies with their grand snow covered peaks glistening in the sunlight. The scene inspired them to locate a city. One was from Portland, Maine, and the other from Boston, Mass. The one said name the new city Portland, the other Boston. They decided to flip a copper for the name. Portland won, and has continued to win ever since, and is winning to-day.

Here is a city of 70,000 population, the new census giving it about 47,000, to which should be added East Portland, Albina, Mt. Tabor and other suburbs, all a part of Portland, making about 70,000. It is a great city. It has a great people, many of them possessing great wealth. It commands a great commerce, draining the fertile valleys of the great Columbia and its many tributaries, the products of which are more than the railways and other transportation lines can handle. Her port is lined with ships loading wheat, yet her warehouses are overflowing for lack of more transportation. The city has great prospects. Who can predict what her population will be in ten years more. With such a location, such a people, such wealth, such extensive business, such fertile plains and valleys, such mines of iron, silver and gold, such emigration pouring in on every train, all centering together to build one city, destroys our precedents and we can not predict.

Mr. T. F. Osborn, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, informed me that the actual record of the wholesale trade of the city for the year 1889, was \$119,000,000, although published \$115,000,000. In the year 1886, it was only a little over \$50,000,000, showing the rapid growth of the country. I also learned from him that there are twenty-three business houses employing a capital of \$1,000,000 or over, and twenty-seven more that employ over half a million each.

As illustrating the enterprise of the business men, I will state that Hunt proposed to build his railroad from Eastern Oregon to Portland, on condition that they would furnish him \$2,000,000 and take his bonds for it. A subscription was taken up, the whole sum was raised, and the road is building. We hear those people occasionally called "moss backs," but if this kind of energy and liberality is moss-backism, give us more of it. The Union Pacific, the Southern Pacific and the Northern Pacific railways have united to build a grand union depot to cost a million dollars, which will be a great improvement.

The Great Northern will soon be built into Portland, thus concentrating here four great transcontinental lines. I met Mr. Hill, president of the great road at The Portland, and he publicly announced that his road was coming as fast as men and money could bring it.—*Northwestern Financier, Denver, Colorado.*

Marcus Daly, manager of the great Anaconda mines and smelters, and owner of the Mulherren coal mines, has shipped 150 tons of coal from the mines to Anaconda to be tested practically in the smelters. If it proves of the right quality the mines will be developed and worked on a large scale.

Two large industries are on the tapis for Spokane Falls. One of them is a huge smelter, and the other is a flouring mill with a capacity of 100 tons per day. Both projects are well advanced.

A new saw mill with a capacity of 35,000 feet of lumber per day has been built in Mt. Vernon, Washington. A national bank is being organized there with a capital stock of \$50,000.

Exra Meeker, the "hop king" of Puyallup valley, estimates the Washington hop crop at 38,000 bales, and the Oregon crop at 20,000 bales.

## HOW SMART ARE YOU?

If you are pretty bright you will stand a good chance of winning a prize in the **West Shore Word Contest**. The five persons sending in the largest lists of words made from the phrase "ILLUSTRATED WEST SHORE," will receive the following prizes in the order of the length of their lists, the longest list taking the first prize.

### LIST OF PRIZES.

**FIRST PRIZE**—A scholarship in the Portland Business College, or the Salem Business College, the leading business educational institutions in the Pacific northwest, good for either the business or short hand courses, and available at any time during the year 1891. Value, \$60.00.

**SECOND PRIZE**—Superb freehand crayon portrait, size 25x30, executed by the well-known portrait artist, Mr. E. W. Moore, at his studio in Portland. The winner of this prize can have his own portrait made, or that of any relative or friend. Value, \$50.00.

**THIRD PRIZE**—An elegant oil painting of Safrano Roses, executed by the celebrated floral artist, Mrs. J. T. Hayne. This is a most beautiful picture and is valued at her studio in Portland, at \$40.00.

**FOURTH PRIZE**—Full set of Chambers Encyclopedia, with the American additions, bound in sheep and consisting of eight quarto volumes, of about 800 pages each, illustrated with wood engravings and colored maps. This is the most practical and valuable encyclopedia for constant use yet published. This is a new set, procured from J. K. Gill & Co., book-sellers, Portland. Value, \$30.00.

**FIFTH PRIZE**—A copy of the new edition of Webster's International Dictionary. This is the only authorized edition of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, and has just been revised and enlarged, making it the only complete and standard work in one volume. It is indexed and bound in sheep. This work is sold by J. K. Gill & Co., Portland. Value, \$10.50.

### RULES GOVERNING THE CONTEST.

No one will be permitted to compete whose name is not on our subscription list for at least three months of 1891.

All words beginning with the same letter must be grouped together, and the groups arranged on the list in the alphabetical order of the initial letter of each group, the total number of words in each group being noted at the bottom of the group.

Only words that can be spelled by using the letters contained in the phrase "ILLUSTRATED WEST SHORE" will be counted, and no letter can be used in the same word more times than it occurs in the phrase. This permits the use of s three times, e three times, t three times, r twice, l twice, and all the others only once each in any one word.

Proper names and geographical names will not be allowed; but adjectives derived from proper nouns, when having a distinct significance, such as "berculean," will be counted.

Only English words, or fully anglicized foreign words, such as appear in full faced type in the dictionary, will be counted. This includes all com-

pound words given separate paragraphs and definitions, but excludes all words printed in italics. Instead of italics the latest edition of Webster uses this mark † to designate foreign words. All words so marked are excluded.

Two words spelled alike, though having different meanings, will be counted as one word.

All forms of the verb, but only one form of the noun, will be allowed.

Prefixes and suffixes will not count as separate words.

The latest edition of Webster's dictionary will be the authority for settling all questions.

If two lists contain the same number of words, preference will be given to the list first received at this office.

The contest closes January 31, 1891, and all lists must be in this office on that day, and the name of the contestants be entered on our list for at least three months of the year 1891 to entitle them to enter the competition.

The result of the contest will be published immediately in **WEST SHORE** and the prizes held subject to the orders of the winners.