

The City of Destiny

To pen a picture that would do the City of ST. JOHNS, OREGON, full justice and describe its numerous merits in a manner commensurate with its wonderful advantages and resources would, indeed, require the master hand of an artist and poet combined. Nowhere on God's green foot-stool has nature been so lavish with her beneficent gifts. Blessed with a climate that is incomparable in any clime, it is a real pleasure just to be alive in this glorious locality. As a magnificent site for residences it has no equal. A scenic beauty is here presented that would make the famed wonders of the Alps pale in comparison. The snow-crowned mountains in the distance rise in their grandeur, seemingly to almost commune with the worlds on high, in their robes of white. The landscape is picturesque in the extreme. With the mighty waters of the Columbia and the stately Willamette washing its feet, the effect is simply ravishing from an artist's point of view.

But as a manufacturing site is where St. Johns shines to greatest advantage. Being situated upon the Peninsula adjoining the boundary line of the City of Portland, with deep and navigable water surrounding it upon three sides, it is peculiarly adapted for importing and exporting across the high seas. The harbor leading into the great City of Portland laps its shores, and huge ocean vessels are continually passing up and down its entire length.

Its shipping facilities can not be excelled, either by water or by rail. Three railways encircle the entire lower Peninsula, the Northern Pacific line traverses through the center, and freight and passenger service is obtained on the Portland General Electric Railway line, which furnishes a rapid mode of transit to and from St. Johns. As a residence district its location is superb. Long stretches of level and slightly rolling green Malheur earth greet the eye on every side. Elevated above the water to the extent of about one hundred and fifty feet, with a gentle incline leading to the water below from the crest of the plateau above, good health, good air and a magnificent view is afforded.

Already, although yet in its swaddling clothes, the gifts of nature have been greatly augmented by the hand of man. The immediate water front is well taken up with numerous manufacturing plants, and here may be found, on its western shore, saw mills, asbestos plant, stove factory, wood working establishment, planing mill, ship building plant, dry dock, foundry, box factory, machine works, flouring mill, laundry, woolen mills, cement works, etc. Along its eastern boundary is located the Pitchees Lumber Company, saw and shingle factory and several other large industries in prospect. Further east is located the mammoth Swift packing plant and stock yards. This in itself insures the future of St. Johns. It has been the history of other cities, where the packing plant and stock yards have located, such as Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha and other places, that the population in the immediate vicinity increased by big leaps and bounds. Therefore, there is no reason to believe that the lower Peninsula will be an exception to this rule. Adjacent to the packing plant is constructed the largest and most modern saw mill in the world, which will help to swell in a substantial manner the population of this favored section.

Taken as a whole, the City of St. Johns offers better attractions, better opportunities and the most admirable climate of any city on the Pacific Coast, or the entire world, for that matter. To visit it is to become greatly impressed with it at once. The person who does not like St. Johns or who does not believe it has a great future before it would indeed be a great curiosity. The doors of the city are always open to the stranger, who is ever cordially received and welcomed. The people here are so enamored with their beautiful city that they feel like shouting the glad tidings of a perfect habitation so that the whole world may know of their good fortune and share it with them if they so desire.

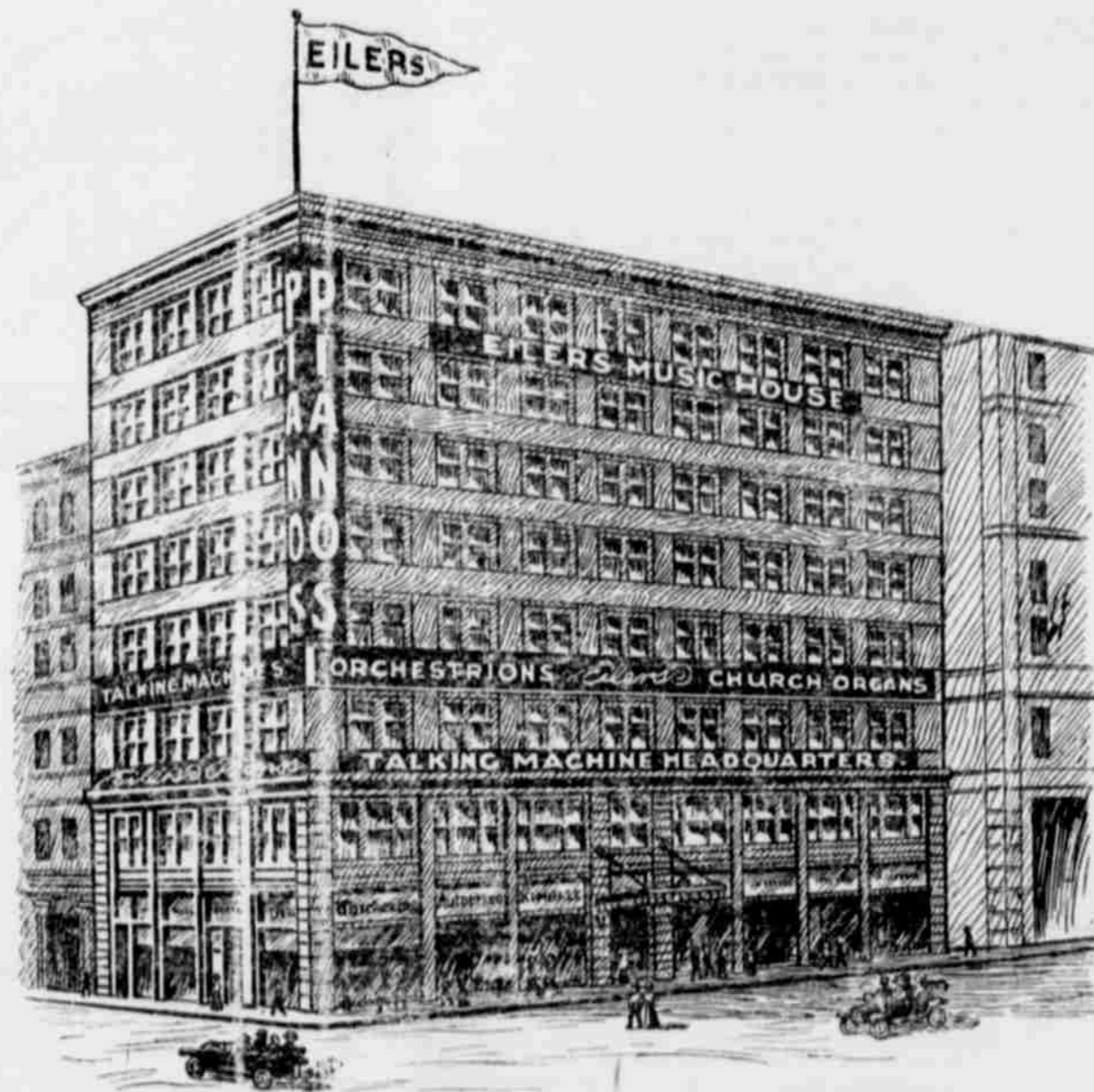
If you live in the cold, misty climate of the far East, or in the sun-baked country of the Middle West, come to a land where the extremes of heat and cold never reach you, where zero weather is a curiosity, where wages are ever good, where a man is a man whatever his financial circumstances may be, where thunder storms are never heard and lightning seldom seen, where poverty is but little known, where flowers are in bloom the year around and the grass is ever green, where the sun loves most to dwell, and where the fullness of life and the joy of living reach highest perfection—come and dwell with us amid the flowers, the trees, the birds, the sunshine and the happiness of this our city most beautiful.

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