

THE GROWTH OF ONTARIO:

Fine Town on Snake River in Eastern Oregon—Valuable Resources.

Early in the '60s, in 1864, the Oregon Short Line was built into Eastern Oregon, and within half a mile of where the road crosses Snake River, a short distance above the points where the Malheur and Payette rivers join that large stream...

setting up the country was the lack, until recently, of canals for water. Now, however, the land is practically all under ditch and is rapidly being improved.

Salmon Hatchery. One destructive feature of which Ontario can boast is its great fish hatchery which the Government is establishing there. About a year ago the racks were put in the stream for the capture of salmon, and in October of last year the first hatching of salmon was done.

Mining in Snake River. Some day a method will probably be found for the successful mining of gold in Snake River. Just where the gold originally came from is a matter of speculation, but be that as it may, the gold in the sands of Snake River would be worth millions if there were only some way of obtaining it at a profit.

Ontario has several resources, each of which might cause a less-favored town to feel that it had a bright future before it. Among them are its commercial advantages, its geographical position, its central location for a large and rich agricultural district...

Commercial Advantages. Ontario is the only shipping point of importance in Malheur County, which is the second largest county in area in the state.

During the Fall and Spring seasons the roads from Ontario to the interior country are lined with freight wagons, which are burdened with supplies for various towns, large stock ranches and smaller homes scattered far away among the hills and valleys of a great country so little known to the outside world.

In the Spring the wagons come loaded with wool and return from Ontario to the interior with their large supplies of merchandise. The wool is generally stored in large warehouses till such time as the owners see fit to ship it by rail to distant points.

This season's shipment of wool to Ontario has been in excess of any previous year, and the large warehouses have been unable to contain all of it. At present there are large quantities of it piled out in the open air.

The shipment of sheep from Ontario last year was not so much as would naturally be expected from the amount of wool that is annually sent from this station. This is due to the fact that they are changed from one range to another for the summer season and the shipments are largely made from other points.

Where there is sagebrush the fertility of the soil may be determined by its size, that is, taking into consideration the natural moisture of the land. In almost all of the country included in the Snake River Basin the sagebrush is of a kind that shows a superior quality of land, and the country adjacent to Ontario is particularly well-marked in this respect.

Various fairs have awarded medals for fruit raised in the vicinity of Ontario, and samples sent to Eastern dealers have brought many compliments to their growers. And yet there have been but few efforts made for the production of fruit; people having been meeting with so much success in raising other kinds of crops.

Alfalfa will produce during a season from six to ten tons per acre, and this can be sold at home for from \$3 to \$5 per ton, varying with supply and demand. Stockowners will readily buy it for each acre in producing it, except to irrigate it and harvest it.

The amount of land under cultivation in the vicinity of Ontario is about 10,000 acres, according to an estimate of a gentleman indirectly connected with the United States Land Office at Burns, Or. The land in the same locality which has not improved amounts to about 12,800 acres. The latter figures are for land that is located below irrigating ditches, and to which water is accessible.

Some people may wonder at the great per cent of ground still idle, but there are several reasons for it. Almost half of the land of this vicinity long ago passed into the hands of the Dallas Military Road Company and the Willamette Valley Military Road Company.

The new quarters of the East Side branches of the Pacific Telephone Company, on the corner of East Sixth and East Ankeny streets, now occupied, are very complete. The main operators' buildings, where the East Portland and Albina switchboards have been placed, is a one-story brick, with a full basement. All wires enter underground. The switchboards are modern, and it is promised that the service will be improved when everything is in good working order.

South of the station is a cottage for the use of the young women employed, and it is provided for their comfort and convenience. On the west side is a two-

story corrugated warehouse, which is the supply department for the entire system of the company. Crews with supplies are sent out from this depot to extend telephone lines throughout the country, or to make repairs. In the establishment of this station the company has expended about \$15,000. Some idea of the growth of the city may be gathered from the immense telephone business done in the way of putting up new instruments.

MRS. CLARA FITCH DIES. Deceased Had Been in Failing Health for Many Months.

Mrs. Clara M. Fitch, wife of George A. Fitch, the well-known railway engineer, died yesterday afternoon at her home, 27 Grand avenue, after having been in failing health for the past six months. It is now four years since her daughter, Miss Clara Fitch, was murdered in Cyclon Park under most distressing circumstances. It was a terrible shock to the family, and to Mrs. Fitch in particular.

Agnes, Robert and Georgia Fitch. Mrs. Fitch was a member of Queen Bee River, Dunning's undertaking parlors, East Sixth and East Alder streets, but the time had not been fixed yesterday evening.

Funeral of Ethel Bishop. The funeral of Miss Ethel Bishop, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Bishop, was conducted in the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, East Tenth and East Taylor streets, yesterday afternoon.

To Improve Shaver Street. A petition is to be circulated for the improvement of Shaver street between Mississippi avenue and Willamette avenue by planing. The improvement of the street is much desired to connect the improved portion of Shaver street with the Willamette boulevard, which has been graded by the county through to St. Johns. M. E. Thompson will have the petition drawn up for circulation.

Arrested for Assault. Harry Chase was arrested on a warrant from Justice Seton's court yesterday on the charge of assault and battery on Joseph Hubbell on the corner of East Nine-

teenth and Oregon streets. It is alleged that Hubbell undertook to give Chase some advice about raising his son, when the latter resented the interference with force. The case will be tried tomorrow.

East Side Notes. C. J. Ward, a member of Summer Post, No. 12, G. A. R., had a very serious attack of sickness Saturday and Sunday night. For a time his condition caused his friends great apprehension, but yesterday he was greatly improved.

At the entertainment given Friday night in the Central Albina Board of Trade hall \$25 was realized, which will help defray the expenses of furnishing the hall.

The annual picnic of the Sunday school of the New Church will be held in Gladstone Park at the Chautauque today. Members of the Sunday school and friends will go up this morning and enjoy the exercises of the day.

COLUMBIA RIVER SCENERY. The steamer Valley Gatzert, of the Regular Line, makes round trip to Cascade Locks daily, except Monday, 8:30 A. M.; Sundays, 9 A. M.; returning 7 P. M. Music and excellent meals. Round trip ticket, \$1.50. Phone Main 214.

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ENGINES ON TELEPHONE

SETTING THE MACHINERY OF THE NEW STERNWHEELER.

Boat Will Be Ready for Her Trial Trip in a Month—Heavy Traffic on Portland-San Francisco Line.

Work on the new steamer Telephone, at the foot of Clay street, is progressing faster as the boat nears completion, but it will still be a month before she is ready for service. The cylinders were aboard the boat yesterday and a force of mechanics went to work setting the engines. The boiler which is down at the Willamette Boiler Works yet, will be ready to go into the boat within two weeks. Not much remains to be done on the upper works, except to board up the lower cabin, put railing in place and put on a new tin roof. No changes will be made in the upper cabin, but the entire boat, inside and out, will be repainted.

USE ACRES OF PAINT. Millions of Dollars Are Expended in Keeping Vessels Seaworthy.

It has been figured out that it is a matter of acres when it comes to painting one of the big trans-Atlantic steamships. The topside of one of these ships from the water line to the rail requires enough paint to cover about an acre of surface. About as much more is required to paint the upper works, while the big smokestacks call for over half an acre of paint.

First Ship of Grain Fleet. The British ship Arctic Stream, the first vessel of the 1903 grain fleet to sail from the Pacific Coast, will leave down the river this morning in tow of the Harvest Queen. The Arctic Stream is bound for Durban and carries 25,651 barrels of flour, 374 bushels of wheat and 2390 sacks of meal, the total value of her cargo being \$55,570.

North Columbia Wreck Abandoned. PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., July 20.—Complying with the requirements of marine insurance, Carry Cook, owner of the steamer North Pacific, this morning formally abandoned the wreck to the underwriters. The action was purely theoretical from the fact that this morning at high tide only the shattered bulk of the passenger boat was visible here. Any further attempts at salvage, should the wreck again appear, will be made by underwriters.

Rosecrans Collides With Iceberg. SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—The tank steamer Rosecrans came into port from St. Michael and Noms with a hole in her starboard bow, while on the way from this port to the northern ports with a cargo of oil she collided with an iceberg, but being built in compartments was able to continue her voyage. She will be repaired here.

Will Open Bond Bids. The Port of Portland Commission will hold a special meeting Saturday to open bids for drydock and refunding bonds. There will be \$200,000 worth of each, and an auditor's report on the clerk's books may also be submitted.

Marine Notes. The Tottenham began loading lumber at Inman, Poulsen & Co's mill yesterday. A five-masted schooner is to be built at Chemaluis for the lumber trade. She will have a capacity of 1,500,000 feet.

The British ship Blytheswood, coming to Portland from Honolulu, has been chartered by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. to take lumber to South Africa. The steamer shifted from Columbia dock to Greenwich yesterday to discharge rails. She will return to Columbia to take out cement, and then go to Davidge's dock to discharge coal and pig iron.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, July 20.—Arrived at 1 A. M.—Steamer Elmore, from Tillamook. Left up at 1 A. M.—Steamer Geo. W. Elder, from San Francisco. Arrived at 10 A. M. and left up at 3:10 P. M.—Steamer Robert Dollar, from San Francisco. Outside at 5 P. M.—Four-masted schooner, North-west, for Seattle, N. S. W., for San Francisco.

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STRUCK ON A REEF. China Commercial Liner Clavering Aground at Honolulu.

HONOLULU, July 20.—(By Pacific Cable.)—The steamer Clavering, en route from the Orient to San Francisco, via this port and Mexico, struck on a reef at the entrance to Honolulu Harbor last night. Several tugs have been working since midnight in an attempt to pull her off, but have not been able to move her from her dangerous position.

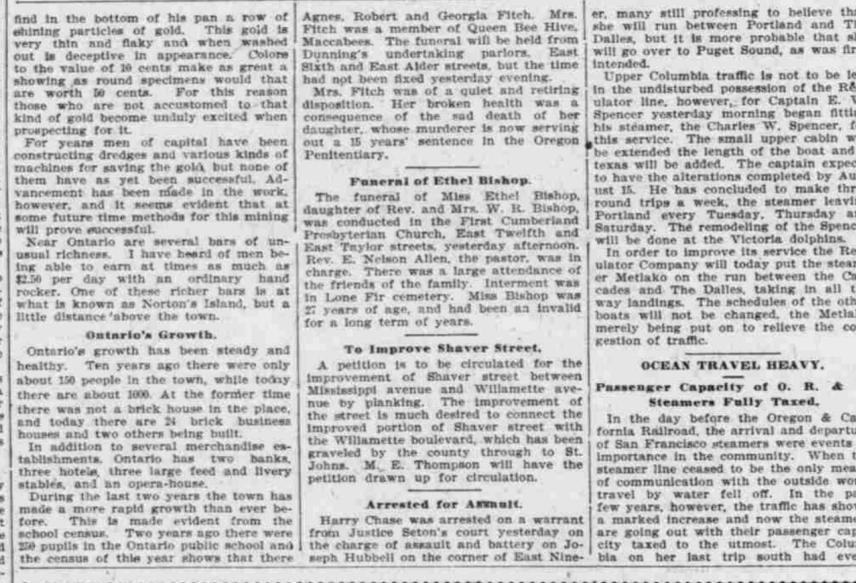
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No route across the continent offers so many attractions as does the Denver & Rio Grande. Write the Portland Agency, Third street, for the pamphlet book.



ONTARIO'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

—Photo by J. P. Kidd.



WOOL TRAINS AT ONTARIO.

—Photo by Noe.

MALARIA

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The Natural Food Company

Advertisement for The Natural Food Company. Includes text: 'Niagara Falls, New York.', 'TWENTY YEARS OF SUCCESS', 'In the treatment of chronic diseases, such as liver, kidney and stomach disorders, constipation, diarrhoea, dropsical swellings, Bright's disease, etc.', 'KIDNEY AND URINARY DISEASES OF THE RECTUM', 'DISEASES OF MEN', 'Blood poison, gleet, stricture, unnatural losses, impotency, thoroughly cured. No failure. Cures guaranteed.', 'YOUNG MEN troubled with night emissions, dreams, exhausting drains, bashfulness, aversion to society, which deprive you of your handhood, UNFITS YOU FOR BUSINESS OR MARRIAGE. MIDDLE-AGED MEN, who from excesses and straits have lost their MANLY POWER.', 'BLOOD AND SKIN DISEASES, Syphilis, Gonorrhoea, painful, bloody urine, Gleet, Stricture, Enlarged Prostate, Sexual Debility, Varicose, Kidney and Liver Troubles, cured without MERCURY and OTHER POISONOUS DRUGS. Catarrh, Rheumatism, CURD.', 'Dr. Walker's methods are regular and scientific. He uses no patent nostrums or ready-made preparations, but cures the disease by thorough medical treatment. His New Pamphlet on Urinary Diseases sent free to all men who describe their trouble. PATENTS cured at home. Terms reasonable. All letters answered in plain envelope. Consultation free and secretly confidential. Call on or address DR. WALKER, 181 First Street, Corner Yamhill, Portland, Or.'