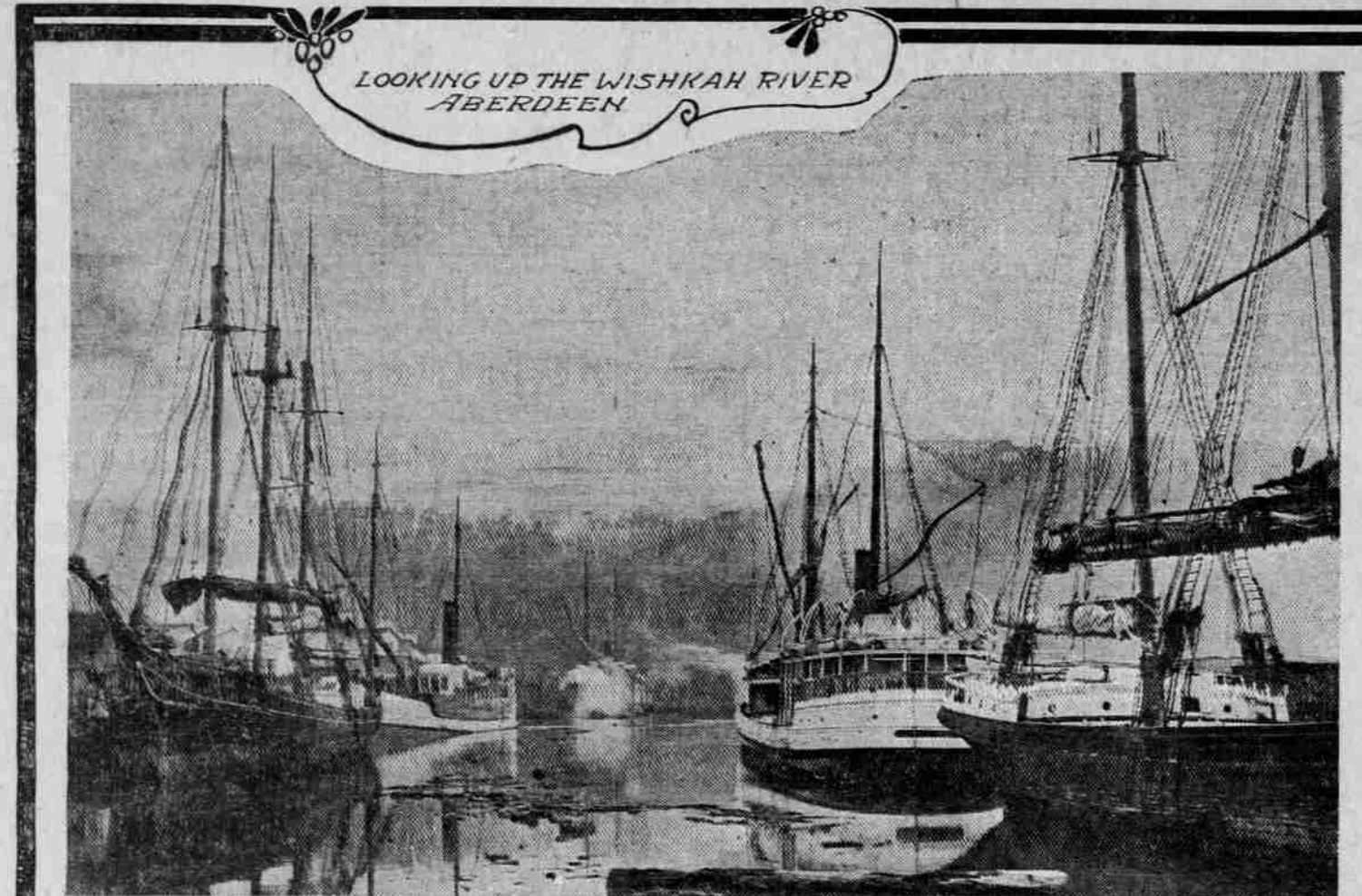


GRAY'S HARBOR COUNTRY ENTERS UPON ERA OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT



LOOKING UP THE WISHKAH RIVER
ABERDEEN



SCENE ON THE HARBOR FRONT
ABERDEEN, WASH.



VIEW OF HOQUIAM, WASH.



ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—A population of 20,000 for the Gray's Harbor country, which includes the Cities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam, the town of Comopolis and the territory contiguous, is predicted in the next five years. Mayor France, of this city, in his inaugural address, signified his entry into public life by giving Aberdeen about 20,000 inhabitants in this time. These figures are not inconsistent with the present growth of this section, which has been surprising within the past few years.

Aberdeen's increase in all that goes to make up material wealth has come largely since the fire of 1903. Prior to that time the city was one of mushroom villages. All of its buildings, save frame and a few of a very substantial character and the city, which dazed the people for a few days, was a blessing in disguise. From the ashes there arose substantial blocks of brick and stone until today no one believes that the future of the city and of Gray's Harbor is the least in doubt.

Gray's Harbor has depended almost wholly on its lumber until within the last three or four years, when an agitation in favor of diversified manufactures began to assert itself, and this agitation has resulted in the coming here of capital which has created a brewery, a box factory, a brick-making plant, a flouring mill, a sash, door and blind factory, two cold-storage plants, a foundry and some other industries, which are being developed. In addition to a large number of sawmills and shingle-mills the shipbuilding industry here is one of the most extensive on the Pacific Coast. Within the next two years the two yards in this section have turned out many steam schooners, probably considerably more than have been built at any other one point.

The lumber industry in the meantime has not been neglected and the output for the output of lumber will show between \$9,000,000 and \$10,000,000 that have come back to be expended here as the result of cargo and other shipments. There have been several large sawmills built which add to the output. Another large mill, one of the first in Aberdeen, is being equipped with the latest machinery indicating that the lumber industry has not reached its limit in the Gray's Harbor country.

Modern Buildings Erected.

While the lumber business has been growing there has been rapid advancement in the way of new blocks and new dwellings. More new houses of modern architecture and modern equipment have been erected in these two cities than in any previous year of their existence. In the way of buildings of a public nature Hoquiam and Aberdeen have two handsome city halls, all paid for, and Andrew Carnegie has been asked for \$15,000 for a public library block in this city. A sewer system has been adopted for Aberdeen at a probable cost of \$40,000, and the first section of this sanitary enterprise has been built. There is now talk of enlarged and better water plants in the two cities.

What is needed in the two towns, Aberdeen more particularly than Hoquiam, is a plan for improving streets. Although planked thoroughfares have outlived their usefulness, neither city has adopted so far any scheme for permanent streets, but it is the intention to press in the Legislature the passage of a bill which will give authority to fill in the tide flats and thus lay the foundation for permanent streets.

Rumors of new railroads have stimulated real estate until property values have more than doubled and yet they

are not beyond a conservative basis yet. Property, considering the prospects, is comparatively low in the two cities. A new railroad is the thing desirable inasmuch as the Gray's Harbor people have been greatly handicapped in development and in extending the resources by having but one outlet by rail. It looks now as if the two cities were finally to enjoy what has long been wished for.

With the opening up of wagon roads in the Gray's Harbor country, it is expected that there will be substantial and much-needed development in farming lands. Gray's Harbor at present depends largely if not almost altogether for its farm products on California and Oregon, though on account of limited transportation facilities California has largely the advantage.

Gray's Harbor is also contending for a deeper channel to the sea. A 20-foot channel has been the slogan of the Cham-

FUEL SHORT AT CAPITAL.

WATER AND ELEVATOR SYSTEMS ARE SHUT DOWN.

Washington Solons May Have to Shiver Through Remainder of Legislative Session.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The fuel shortage has hit the state Capitol building and tonight the water system is shut down, elevators are stopped and efforts are being made by the engineer to give legislators the bounce from the building early so he can shut down the heat and light plants. He has fuel to last less than 24 hours. Roads are well nigh impassable because of the recent rains following the snow, and it is doubtful if fuel can be secured.

To add to the gravity of the situation, Secretary Nichols, custodian of the building, has spent several thousand dollars more than his appropriation and has no funds to pay for fuel and care for the building until the next appropriations become available in April, except such as he has been able to borrow from C. J. Lord's bank here.

Snow Melts at Kelso.

KELSO, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The snow has entirely disappeared and normal conditions, rain and mud, are again in evidence.

RUSH FOR TIMBER LAND.

Locators Snap Up Second Growth in Five Rivers Country.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—A new rush for timber land is on here. It is not so great as was the one a few years ago, but between 50 and 60 claims have been located within the past few weeks. The timber lies 40 to 60 miles southwest of Corvallis in what is known as the Five Rivers country. Locators come to Corvallis by rail and take private conveyances for the rest of the journey. A carriage to the foot of Alsea mountain, and a saddle horse from then on is the usual means of traveling. Women are among the locators, three from Portland

and Commerce for years, and it seems now likely that some attention will be paid by Congress to the needs of the harbor country. The fact that two large vessels, drawing over 20 feet of water, have been able to cross the bar safely with cargoes of lumber and to have been able to load at the mill docks, have given an impetus to the demand for deeper water. That Gray's Harbor is the greatest of lumber-producing sections in the world is attracting to this section the attention which it needs and which will result in getting an appropriation from Congress that will justify its claim to being one of the finest ports on the Pacific Coast.

It is predicted by some prophets who make estimates on population, that within a not far distant period the cities of Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Comopolis, and all the territory between, covering a radius of from five to seven miles, will

having made the trip to the woods a few days ago.

The timber is not old fire. It is second growth that has sprung up since the great fire that swept the Coast range west and southwest of Corvallis 60 or 65 years ago. It is known to timber land people as piling timber, but is larger than some that is now being sawed at the mill in this city. If a large body of it could be placed on the market at one time, it is said it would bring \$100 a claim now.

Forty-five deeds to timber land claims taken up in the grand rush of a few years ago, were filed with the County Recorder yesterday. They have been sold by the original filers to J. A. Vaneas and other persons. The timber is not named in any of the deeds.

NEW MILL FOR LA GRANDE.

Wilcox Lumber Company Casting About for a Site There.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—It is likely that another big saw mill will be established at La Grande. The matter is being handled quietly but none the less effectively and no doubt the details will be ready for the public within a few days. The Wilcox Lumber Company incorporated last Fall, will build its plant at La Grande if it can secure a mill site of 20 acres and right-of-way for a logging railway from a point on the main line of the O. R. & N. to its timber holdings in Ladd Canyon. The matter is in the hands of the Commercial Club, but for obvious reasons, one of the principal of which has been the securing of a suitable mill site, there has been but little publicity in regard to the proposition.

It is said that the people of Union are formulating a proposition to secure the mill, and that while the Wilcox Company would prefer to come to La Grande, they would not reject any favorable overtures from other sources.

Will Base Artesian Well.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Another artesian well will be bored in La Grande by Julius Roesch, the brewer. The contract has been given to the Hunt Artesian Well Company. The well is to be bored at the brewery building and is to be sunk to a depth of 400 or 500 feet and as much further as may be necessary to secure an abundance of pure water.

Suit the people, because they are tired of bitter doses, with the pain and burning that usually follow Carter's Little Liver Pills. One pill a dose.

be united in one city. Between Aberdeen and Hoquiam there is a strip of four miles of land, over which is operated one of the best electric lines in the United States. Within the past two years there has been so great a growth along this line of railroad that it is simply a question of a few months, a year at the most, when the line of demarcation will have been obliterated by the building boom that is going on.

This road has been the means of awakening the two cities to their importance, for every car, and they are run on a half-hour schedule, is crowded. This has indicated to the people of the cities that there are greater possibilities. Only a few years ago there was meager transportation between the two places with horse-drawn vehicles, and the patronage was so small that no one seemed to awaken to the fact that in the two towns there was a live and actively

FIGHT FOR NEW COUNTY.

HOOD RIVER PEOPLE WILL GO BEFORE LEGISLATURE.

Entire Delegation From Wasco Opposes Division, Led by Senator Wheelodon.

Although Wasco's three legislators oppose the division of Cascade County, with county seat in Hood River, champions of the new county are sanguine that they can secure passage of a creation bill in the Legislature. At a conference with them last night at the Imperial Hotel, Representatives Hendrick and Knowles said they would oppose. This is the attitude also of Senator Wheelodon, who in the last Legislature successfully fought the new county.

At a conference held one week ago, last Saturday the three legislators asked the Hood River workers for information as to the property owners of those petitioning for the new county and were promised this information for last Saturday night. The meeting then set was deferred until Sunday night. Hendrick and Knowles were present, but Wheelodon gave an excuse for not attending that he was needed at a hospital by a member of his family. The Hood River men allege that this was only a pretext, since not 15 minutes after the conference they saw Wheelodon on Washington street and that most of the evening afterward he spent in the Imperial Hotel lobby.

The Hood River men aver that the information furnished by them last night was complete and convincing and that Hendrick and Knowles took the position that as the whole county of Wasco opposed the new county and they had been elected on that issue they would have to set themselves against it. Among the Hood River men present were Charles T. Early, A. A. Jayne, H. F. Davidson, P. S. Davidson and Leslie Butler.

The petition for the new county is signed by 120 taxpayers and voters. Hood River has a population of 200, say the men representing it, and within the limits of the proposed county dwell 5000 persons. The area has a tax assessment of \$1,800,000 and an area of 550 square miles. The population of Wasco is 10,000. Its tax assessment is \$5,700,000 and its area is 2000 square miles. The large taxable wealth of the new county, say its

growing community. The streetcar system has brought the people of Aberdeen and Hoquiam into close relations.

The receipts of the postoffices of the two cities is another indication of the constantly developing population. The past year has shown a very substantial gain in postoffice receipts, something like 25 per cent in each place. This means a larger salary for the postmasters and an awakening also by the Government to the necessity soon of giving to one or both of the towns an adequate Federal building.

To the Chamber of Commerce of Aberdeen and the Commercial Club of Hoquiam is a great deal of the progress of the Gray's Harbor country due. The Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce recently elected a young Portland man for its secretary, and the pledges of members guarantee to him a salary of \$300, in addition to the other expenditures of the

organization, probably a total of \$500. Through the extended knowledge possessed by the new secretary on advertising, it is expected to advertise the Gray's Harbor country as never before. To this end a booklet containing fine views of Aberdeen and vicinity has been issued, and these booklets will be sent broadcast over the country.

This will be done with special reference to attracting farmers so that the rich grazing and farm lands adjacent to Gray's Harbor may be opened up and developed.

Agriculture and Dairying.

The Gray's Harbor country promises some day to become a great agricultural and dairy section, in addition to its main resources of lumber and fisheries. There are thousands of acres of rich alluvial bottom lands in the valleys of all the rivers surrounding the harbor basin. There are numerous streams flowing into Gray's Harbor and many tributaries of the Chehalis River, all of considerable size. Among them may be mentioned the Wishkah, Hoquiam, Wynoochee, Satsop and Humpulup on the north, and the Johns and Neushah on the south. Each of these streams flows for many miles through comparatively low and level bottom land, the fertile valleys of the streams varying in width from a few miles to 15 or 20.

These basins, when cleared of the dense growth of underbrush and timber, will be the best of agricultural land. The soil is exceedingly rich and there is no fear of its ever becoming exhausted. The principal crop raised at the present time is hay, the yield often amounting to four tons to the acre. The abundant moisture in the early Spring and Summer insures a good crop each year. Nearly every kind of grain may be raised on these lowlands, though oats is most commonly sown by the ranchers. Hay is so much grown and is a prolific crop.

Nearly all kinds of fruits grown in the temperate zone can be successfully raised and Chehalis County is noted for its immense yields of raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, salmon berries, plums, and pears. The section is one of the best in the United States for the production of vegetables and garden truck. Agriculture and stockraising are industries yet in their infancy.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. D. W. Butler, a well-known woman of Montavilla, who has been an invalid for several years, is reported to be improving.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Seattle, E. Blackman, at the Murray Hill; H. Heinehoeh, Miss Sutherland, M. M. Kelly, at the Prince George.

From Salem—P. A. Dix, at the Prince George.

From Spokane—D. C. Dorlan, at the Manhattan.

From Tacoma—Mr. A. J. Rhodes, C. F. Huber, at the Breslin.

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Banner Hive Elects Officers.

St. Johns Hive, No. 5, K. O. T. M., has elected the following officers: Past commander, Mrs. Lizzie Tyler; commander, Mrs. Lizzie Wright; lieutenant commander, Mrs. Sarah Gee; record-keeper, Mrs. Katherine Quay; finance keeper, Mrs. Eliza Condon; chaplain, Mrs. Sina Helms; physician, Dr. McLachlan; sergeant, Mrs. Mary Eaton; mistress-at-arms, Mrs. Linnie Eastman; sentinel, Miss Emma Quay; picket, Mrs. Cella Bennett. Refreshments were served.

Death of Native Born Oregonian.

C. F. Douglass died at the home of A. S. Douglass, his brother, in St. Johns, last week, and interment was in Columbia Cemetery. Rev. Fred J. Warren, of the St. Johns Congregational Church, conducted the services. Tuberculosis was the cause of death. Mr. Douglass was a native of Southern Oregon and was 35 years old. He was unmarried.

Nugget in Hen's Claw.

A hen belonging to Norman Tracey, living near Estacada, was found to have a gold nugget in its claw when killed for dinner a few days ago. Mr. Tracey will make a search for deposits of gold in his vicinity.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

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