

LOCKS AND PAPER MILLS, OREGON CITY

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ONE of Oregon's busiest industrial centers is at Oregon City, where the falls of the Willamette River has been harnessed to turn the wheels of large manufactories. As at Niagara and scores of lesser waterfalls throughout the country, the beauties of nature at Oregon City have been encroached on by the necessities of civilization. The falls themselves retain their beauty, and the industries grouped nearby typify the spirit of the West which in a few decades has made a hitherto undeveloped country the servitor of man. Another evidence of the conquest of human ingenuity over nature is the locks, shown at the left of the picture, by which the impassable barrier presented by the Falls has been overcome, so that there is now no obstruction to shipping between Portland and the upper river towns.

