THE TWO CITIES OF PUGET SOUND

Henry Villard On the Strength and Weakness of Seattle and Tacoma.

THE FIRST IS THE GREATER

The City On Commencement Bay an Artificial Creation Rather Than an Outgrowth of Pavorable Circumstances.

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good harbor, but there are are exerting themselves for a share of tion. millions in local improvements, which really possess. gave a start to the town and steadily promoted its growth. The approxia- of Seattle, when they numbered but a tion of real estate resulting therefrom brought a large part of this outlay back to the railroad treasury out of the townlot sales. It was taken for granted, too, that the very fact of its being the terminus of the Northern Pacific coastwise trade, as well as a great entrepot of the commerce between North America and Asia.

The place grew from a mere village in 1879, in which year the Northern Pacific woke from its six years of compulcory inactivity and the construction of the main line was resumed, into a city of between 40,000 and 50,000 inhabitants. in 1890. It was laid out and provided with public improvements for a much larger population. There was no business to warrant such a growth, but the continuous inflow of new capital for real estate and business purposes kept up the illusive expectation of uninterrupted progress. At my visit in 1891 the people were still full of confidence, and my ill-forebodings brought forth

operation again and being enlarged. Pacific, whose rivals they were intended The railroad company has also increas- to be. ed its working force at the great re- The city grew and grew, and even pair shops near the city. It is not easy the crash of 1833 had but a temporary to see, however, where the increase of effect. As everywhere else, that year business is to come from, which is ab- brought serious banking troubles, prossolutely needed to create new uses for trated domestic and exterior trade, and the great aumber of vacant business real estate values shrunk very hadly. places. As Tacoma has but a limited The recovery was hastened by the most agricultural hinterland, and as the traf- influential events, viz: the completion fic of the neighboring coal mines, the of the Great Northern railroad, the smelter and planing and saw mills, con- trancontinental competitor of the sists mostly in transit shipments, the Northern Pacific, and the breaking out prospect can hardly be hopeful unless of the Klondike gold excitement, which nore local industries are established latter was a most timely smile of forand a larger outside trade secured. But tune, from which Seattle has so far there is no capital available for the profited more than any other of the former and even if there were, the set- competitive cities. By the accession of tled policy of the great Eastern manu- the Great Northern, Seattle gained facturing trusts against the building up greatly over Tacoma. It became the

of rival undertakings on the Pacific outlet of two great systems, while the coast would prevent it. latter remains the terminal of only As regards an expansion of trade, a one. It has also secured the benefit of line of English steamers has been run- the great government drydock and naning to Japan and China under the val station at Port Orchard on the other name of Northern Pacific Steamship side of Elliott bay, on which the city Company, for some years. It carries lies, and of a large government army flour from the mills on the westward, post, adjoining the city, and comprising and teas and raw slik on the eastward a thousand acres. It has besides a

voyages, but is has not led so far to floating drydock and a shipyard, at There is much to be said regarding the establishment of commercial houses which several vesselse have been built the two Puget Sound cities, Tacoma and on the spot for the Asiatic trade. There by the United States government. It is To begin with the first is also a large tonnage of wheat ship- also the seat of the state university. Seattle. To begin with the first is also a large tonnage of wheat ship-named, the city on Commencement bay, ped direct to England on sailing ves-which came near being forced to close the best saive in America." It heals which came near being forced to close the best saive in America." It heals was from the start an artificial creation sets, which disburses considerable mon- at one time, owing to the failure of the rather than the natural outgrowth of ey. Alaska also represents a promis- legislature to make appropriations for favorable local circumstances. It has ing field. A few enterprising citizens it, but it is now a flourishing institu-

many other good harbors on the Sound, that northern trade, and it would be Like Tacoma, Seattle has a steamer and Tacoma would not have risen but well for the city if there were more of line to Japan and China, operated by for its selection as the terminus of a the kind. It is said that the people of a Japanese company, in conection with sas people to go down there to blow great transcontinental railroad line. Tacoma have heretofore relied too the Great Northern railroad, which around about their corn crop. the Northern Pacific. As such termi- much upon the parental care of the cartes about the same sort of cargoes nus the railroad company naturally Northern Pacific, and did not feel the as the Tacoma line, with the same limsought to build up the largest possible necessity of self help as much as did ited local benefit. The other shipping place to swell its passenger and freight their neighbors of Seattle. As the days husiness is, however, very considerable, traffic and to derive the profits from its of railroad patronage are, however, now and a large Puget sound and Pacific principal ownership in the town-site, substantially over, they will have a coastwise flex of sailing boats and This led to the gradual expenditure of chance to demonstrate what mettle they steamers is engaged in it. Grain ship ping is not large compared with that

of Tacoma and Portland. Seattle has Nearly twenty years ago the people ever since the beginning built great hopes on the fact that the large and few thousand, decided to build the short railroad from the town to the beautiful Lake Washington lies in it immediate vicinity-the present eff. Newcastle coal mines with their own limits, indeed, extend to it-and is capopulation, men, women and children, pable of connection with tidewater by means and labor. Almost the entire a short canal, which would make the turned out for the work, all contributlake the only fresh water port on the ing to it to the best of their ability. Pacific ocean, entirely safe from tha The records of Western ploneer life may be searched in vain for a like in- plague of ships and docks, the teredo So far, these hopes have not been ful stance of devoted co-operation for a common purpose. But the resources of filled, but they are persistently clung to, and appeals to Uncle Sam for apthe determined people were disproportionate to their task, their efforts failed propriations will continue to be made, Besides a flour mill, only a number of to accomplish the end, and dire embarsmall industries are found in the place rassment for all classes followed. It was my good fortune to be able to The reason given for this is the want was my good fortune to be able to The reason given for this is the want poison will follow constipation. Keep come to their rescue by the purchase of level ground, owing to the hilly the liver clean by using DeWitt's Litcharacter of the site, already referred the coal mine and railroad as far as to. There is a great extent of tide-flats built for the Oregon Improvement Co., amounting to 15,000 acres, directly to which developed the mine and completthe west of the improved part of the ed the road, and whose best properties

city, of which a local company has they have formed to this day. undertaken the filling to above high Ten years ago I availed myself of the hospitality of the Canadian Pacific adopted by the state to encourage the water mark, under the liberal policy only derisive smiles and shrugged Company and passed over the whole utilization of tide-lands generally, withshoulders. The panic of 1833 made length of its main line from Montreal in its jurisdiction. The company began short work of the artificial fabric and to Vancouver on Puget sound. Un operations in 1895, and filled about fifty

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J. D. Bridges, Editor "Democrat." reduced it to the lowest level. Every-thing collapsed, including the great ing at Seattle. On approaching the only one bottle and her shoulder is al-most well,--Adolph L. dillett, Man-Immediately rebeen able to resume the work, for which

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ing at Seattle. On approaching the
raffroad, and general ruin hung over the
country. All the banks, except the next day by boat I saw vast volumes of
agencies of foreign institutions, failed. smoke overhanging the city. On land- tain that more level building space is
Many business houses closed, and most ing I discovered that the entire business needed for the growth of the business CHARLES ROGERS.
of the surviving ones eked out a profit- portion, covering sixty-five acres and portion, and the enterprise will doubt-
less existence. Real estate became en- representing $15,000,000 worth of proper- less be carried on sooner or later.
tirely unsalable. The Tacoma Land 17, had been reduced to ashes, and that. That a large general business is done an elaborate and costly weapon that
Company, the parent of the city, in as not a green grocery, not a provision in Scattle is proved by the clearings of in all probability he will never em-
 whose stock the Northern Pacific was store, nor a butcher or baker shop, was the banks of the place, which work with bark in the pruning business,
largely interested, and which had paid left standing, the population was threat. a capital of over $7,900,000. The clear-
large dividends and commanded a high ened with starvation. This was avert- regs for eight months in 1899 show a
Inrge dividends and commanded a high
premium, could not sell any more lots
or collect deferred payments and rents
enough to pay its taxes, so that they re-
mained in default several years, and its shaded square and supplied from open- $2,000,000 than those of Portland. The
entire property came near being sold air klichens. The destruction was so Klondike gold excitement gave rise to
for nonpayment. The great hotel it un. widespread and complete that it looked a very large business in outfitting the
dertook to erect stands today only two- as though a long time would elapse gold seekers, and in turnishing regular
thirds finished. There are long busi- before the great waste of space could supplies of all kinds to the mining dis-
ness streets, on which not one in three be filled again. But nothing daunted, triots. But as rich a harvest as the
of the buildings is occupied. Even well the clithens held a meeting after the local morehants gathered in 1897 and they are employed on as when they
improved properties will not bring to- fire and resolved to rebuild Senttle, and 1878 was not again vouchsafed to them
day more than from a quarter to a even in larger proportion. They made this season. There has been a steady
third of what they cost. I can tilustrate good their resolution. Like Spokane, decline in the Klondike trade this sum-
this depreciation by a practical experi- within two years Seattle had fully risen ther. The reason is that the Dominion
ence of my own. Against my will I in solid form of brick and stone, more merchants and manufacturers have became the owner of a piece of land in imposing than before.
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the outskiris of the city. I had to I mention these two incidents in the are shipping goods in bond through take it for a debt at the rate of \$400 per history of Seattle us the best illustra. Alaska to the Canadian gold regions, acre. During my recent stay I set out tions of the character of its people. To which method, of course, gives them an with a real estate agent to find it and their resolute spirit, enthusiastic self- advantage over American competitors get an estimate of its value. He aston- coefidence and untiring energy they to the extent of the Canadian duty. ished me by offering \$25 an acre as the owe their extraordinary success, in cre. But the certain increase of mining inhighest price it might possibly bring, asing out of nothing a flourishing city terests in Alaska will bring compensa- much more difficult to put the Trans-The street railway system of the city of probably between 65,000 and 70,000 in- tion for this locs in due time. was recently sold under foreclosure of a habitants. The creation is the more second mortgage of \$1.350,000, subject to remarkable as the location is not a the character of its private residences. a first mortgage of \$55,000. The sale well chosen one, the steep hills, along In fact no such fine homes are to be yielded only 5 1-19 per cent, net to the whose slopes the business streets run, found on the heights of Elliott bay as second mortgage bondholders. That making development difficult and ex. may be seen by the score in Tacoma. Setelling commercial thermometer, the lo- pensive, and compelling precarious ex- attle houses are relatively small, and cal clearings, likewise disclosed a tensions on piles over tide-water flats, not only their size but their exterior great dwindling away of general bosi- I must confess that the continuous and the grounds about them reveal an growth of Seattle often puzzled me, as indifference to appearance in striking TIEBS.

Still there is visible evidence that it did not seem justified by the resources contrast with the aspect of the rival some solid substance is left in the ur- of the place. Neither the Newcastle city. To speak plainly, the residence ban body. The residence part of the nor the other tributary coal mines quarter of Seattle is very shabby, and city, inhabited by the better class, con- opened since, nor the adjacent farm- I could not help repeating the questains a great number of attractive, well ing settlements and lumber camps, nor kept up homes, most of the owners of the shipping business appeared to fur- is it that people so pushing and well-towhich were able to hold on to them tish sufficient support for so many do care so little for pretty and comduring the hard times. The appearance people. There was also the serious modious homes?" HENRY VILLARD. of this quarter is most creditable, and a drawback of the constant partiality distinctive feature of the place, showing shown to Tacoma by the old Northern fine taste and public spirit, and indica- Pacific management. There never was ting that there exists excellent social a greater piece of short-sightedness in San Francisco Bulletin, elements. It is well known, indeed, American railroad management than Pedestrians on Market street this that an unusual percentage of intel- to leave Seattle without connection with morning jostled each other to see ligent, cultured families are facinded the main line. I corrected the blunder novel sight. A huge dog, with a neat in the community, and to their presence as soon as I controlled the company's drab skin and generally contented look, the high character of the educational policy, but this did not put an end to plodded along the thoroughfare wearfacilities found here may be ascribed. The local outery for another direct rail- ing spectacles of large size astride his A resurrection of Tacoma began road line to the wheat regions of East- shapely nose. The dog was not at all some time ago, and appears to proceed ern Washington, and still another to inconvenienced, seemingly, and ap-

slowly but steadily. The banks once tap the country along the cast shore parently was not aware that he was more have something to do, and the of the sound to the boundary of Brit- doing anything out of the ordinary, as more have stake galas. The local in-ish Columbia. The two lines of the he critically surveyed the public merchants make galas. The local in-Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Rail- through the spectacle glasses. The and others, are again in full blast, and even the smelter, which was started to help the Northern Pacific, but proved for years to be a losing venture, is in

several millions are needed. It is cer-

become alive to their opportunity and

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