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An object lesson was furnished to Astorians on Wednesday, when the steamer J. K. Jones towing a raft of 100,000 feet of logs, passed by the city en route for Portland. The logs were cut in Clatsop county, but, as there are no mills of consequence here, they will be manufactured into lumber in Portland. Later on great steamships will carry the lumber by Astoria's wharves to the Oriental markets. It is not difficult to point to a reason for this remarkable situation. Our own people are slow. The Astorian does not relish the idea of publishing such a statement, but it is a fact which must be potent to everyone. While other towns have been alive to opportunities, we here in Astoria have waited idly for outside capitalists to come in and build up the city. These few Astorians who have attempted to launch enterprises tending to build up the city have been beset with obstacles thrown in their way by other Astorians. A do-nothing spirit has characterized us, and our resources remain undeveloped. The salmon industry is Astoria's backbone, while it is an industry of magnificent proportions, it is not great enough to support such a city as should mark the gateway to the Columbia basin. We should have other contributors to our wealth. A natural resource which belongs to Astoria is found in our great forests. Fortune awaits those who invest in this industry. Why is it that Astorians ever alert to engage in salmon packing, refuse to take up with an industry from which a far greater profit can be derived? Some years ago Astoria had fifteen or twenty canneries, but only two or three sawmills, yet the lumber industry is many times as extensive as the fishing business. We have improved only one of our many industries, and, while Astoria has enjoyed steady growth, it has not taken its place as a great seaport city.

Mr. Whipple hit the nail squarely on the head when he said, the other day: "If a run of salmon, approximating in value the money represented in the raft of Clatsop county logs recently towed to Portland, entered the Columbia, the river would be alive with nets. We need to put nets out to keep here the other resources that a generous Nature has given us besides salmon. To speak in similes, we should establish a hatchingery for the artificial propagation of the idea of utilizing our timber resources. The spawn are already here; what we need is the melt of determination to make Astoria the city that its natural advantages intended it should be." The Astorian, ever a staunch advocate of everything having for its object the advancement of Astoria, does not wish to detract from the importance of the demand made by Astoria for terminal rates; but we believe there are other ways to gain this plum. Let us create freight for the railroads by cutting our timber right here in our own city, and rates must follow, for the railroads will not haul empty cars one way. The rapid strides made by other Northwest cities which do not enjoy one-half the natural advantages which Nature has bestowed upon Astoria should prompt Astorians to greater efforts in behalf of their own city. It is high time for the awakening, and, now that a party of enterprising men has undertaken to do something that will bring substantial results, it is to be hoped that the do-nothing policy will be abandoned and one of activity and enterprise take its place. The Astorian notes with gratification the able efforts of the Daily News and Evening Budget toward this end, and trusts that success may attend the plans now on foot for the advancement of the commonwealth. Astoria's future depends on Astorians. We must help ourselves.

Butts Inter-Mountain.

Must future presidents wear a coat of mail and be surrounded by armed guard, allowing no man to approach within speaking distance? Must regi-

ments be stationed in the vicinity to warn off "American citizens from the man they most respect and whom they have chosen to conduct their government and guard their rights? Or is it better to hang a few hundred anarchists in this country, deny others the right to hold public meetings, refuse anarchist emigrants a landing on our shores and suppress a few yellow newspapers that incite them to murderous work? That is a present problem.

## NEVER LAUGHS MUSHROOMS.

Mushrooms are regarded as a wonder full delicacy by many persons in France and one of them, a learned professor, has just suggested an admirable method for keeping them. It constantly surprises me.

CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

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