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The Parisian women always wears a pretty petticoat. Under fine frocks or shabby ones, in good weather or stormy weather, she wears the daintiest of petticoats and shows it recklessly by the fashion in which she lifts the skirt of her frock from the dust or the dampness of the pavement.

PROGRESS OF OUR COUNTY

Year Just Closed Has Seen a Great Increase in Our Leading Industries.

POPULATION MUCH GREATER

Estimates of Increase in The City Run From 1500 to 2000—Lumber and Salmon Interests in Excellent Shape.

Hon. John H. Smith, of this city, contributes to the annual Oregonian the following excellent article dealing with the resources and trade conditions of Clatsop county:

For Astoria and Clatsop county 1903 has been a year of substantial progress. The population of the city has increased from 1500 to 2000 over that of 1902. Mayor Suprenant and other careful observers estimate the increase at nearer 2000 than 1500. The registration of electors for the recent municipal election held on December 9, 1903, exceeded that for the election in December, 1902, by 373, and there was about the same difference in the vote cast. The school census shows about 400 more children in the public schools than there were in 1902. On the basis of five in population for every elector or child in school, this makes the increase close to 2000, and there seems to have been a proportionate increase throughout the county.

Many New Saw Mills

The increase in the volume of business has also been most encouraging, as shown by the lumber industry. The following sawmills have been built in Clatsop county within the last three years:

Blinn-Waldo Company, Westport, built three years ago, and capacity increased 10,000 feet per day (of ten hours) with the last year; present capacity, 70,000 feet per day.

Universal Sash & Door Company, at Smith's Point, in Astoria, completed about 18 months ago; capacity, 20,000 feet, with sash and door factory of about the same capacity.

Clatsop Mill Company, Astoria, capacity, 85,000 feet per day; completed a year ago.

Tongue Point Lumber Company (the Hume mill), Astoria; capacity, 150,000 feet per day, which began operations about six months ago. This is said to be the most modern and best equipped mill on the Columbia river, and to represent an investment of \$350,000.

Warrenton Lumber Company, Warrenton, now nearing completion; capacity 75,000 feet per day.

Astoria Box Company's mill (McGregor's mill), in Astoria; capacity doubled to 40,000 feet per day; box factory's capacity, 25,000 feet per day in box shooks.

Sacside Spruce Lumber Company, Seaside—Capacity increased 10,000 feet per day, and completed a sash and door factory which will afford employment to about 20 men.

The American Lumber Company, recently incorporated, with a capitalization of \$150,000, for the purpose of building and operating a sawmill of a capacity of 75,000 feet per day, has not yet commenced the construction of the mill, although it has acquired one of the largest and best sites in Astoria for the purpose.

The recently organized Astoria Lumber Company has acquired a suitable site for its proposed sawmill and engine mill and erection was commenced on December 15.

Regiment Added to Payroll.

Three new logging railroads have been constructed in Clatsop county within the last year. They are the road of the Bremner Logging Company, on Young's river; the road of Kelly Bros., near Knapia, and the Montgomery & Mann road, near Bugby. The Root logging railroad on the Lewis and Clark river was constructed last year.

Within the last 12 or 13 months the aggregate daily capacity of the sawmills of Clatsop county (not including the Warrenton mills) has been increased 360,000 feet. As the average price of lumber in Astoria is about \$12.50 per 1000 feet, we have, accordingly, an increased capacity to the value of \$4,500 per day, and more than \$1,260,000 per year. This increase means employment for about 750 additional men.

But the work on the extension and improvement of the Columbia river jetty, Clatsop county has been given, within the last two years, new payrolls—one for 350 men, tearing the rock from the mountain side at Bugby, and the other for 125 men, working it into

the jetty at the mouth of the river.

The Salmon Industry.

The salmon crop never fails, and propagation of salmon by hatcheries is a complete success. Fish Warden Van Dusen estimates that the part of the last season's catch handled on the Oregon side of the Columbia river amounted to at least 35,000,000 pounds, as against 21,000,000 pounds the preceding season. This makes at least \$1,250,000 distributed among the fishermen. The finished product was worth about \$2,500,000. To the older plants in the salmon business, there has been a lull in Astoria during the last year, the new cannery and cold storage plant of the Tallant-Grant Packing Company, while George W. Sanborn and the Union Fishermen's Co-operative Packing Company are each putting in a new cold storage plant, and the Columbia River Packers' Association and J. Lindenberg are enlarging their cold storage plants for the next season.

During the last year business has been good in all other local industries; and public improvements are beginning to follow the lead of improvement in business. A fund for a new court house is being raised by taxation. The new county bridge across the Lewis and Clark river has been completed at a cost of \$20,000; and in addition to various other road and bridge improvements, \$5,000 has been expended on the road from Astoria to the Nehalem valley. This makes \$30,000 expended on that thoroughfare in the last four years and the improvement is to be continued from year to year according to the original plan. Street improvements costing \$50,000 have been ordered by the city council of Astoria, and have been completed or are now in progress. Wherever it is possible, the street is filled with crushed rock or macadam, so as to make the improvement of the most substantial and permanent character. Among the improvements of a public nature are the new Presbyterian church, which cost \$19,000, and the new Catholic church which cost about \$15,000.

NEW INDUSTRY

Agency for Condensary Machinery for Proposed Astoria.

W. O. Hemlow to Represent Detroit Company in Installation of Plants.

The American Condensary Supply and Equipment Company, of Detroit, Mich., contemplate establishing an agency here and are negotiating with W. O. Hemlow with a view of appointing him as agent. The milk condensing business is a much neglected industry throughout the country, the impression being almost general that the system of condensing milk is known only to the favored few who have been so fortunate as to acquire the "secret." According to Mr. Hemlow there is no secret about it, the misconception being due to obvious business reasons on the part of those operating plants. Should an agency be established here a miniature though complete, plant will be installed which will be operated for the sole purpose of instructing the public in this important industry. Already there is a move on foot among some of the residents of Grays river to form a company for the purpose of turning out condensed milk. The parties interested purpose to operate an \$8000 plant, which will be modern in every particular, capable of doing first-class work. Mr. Hemlow is acting for the Detroit company in connection with the north shore proposition, and also with a similar one at Coquille, Coos county. The nearest condensaries are at Cold Brook, Cal., Hillsboro and at Chehalis, Wash.

While a condensary does not employ many people, the price paid for milk is an item of interest to any dairy district in which the business is conducted. This is anywhere from \$1.25 to \$1.40 per 100 pounds. In Chehalis the latter price is paid.

Bachelors should be awakened to the touch. This is leap year. The question is Did you pop last year and get your ultimatum from one of your choice, or have you waited until January 1 to be popped to and take your chances? Two of the maiden ladies who each vow to get a husband this leap year or bust a toga band, are the old girls who always lay down their folding bed to look under it in hope of finding a man there, and the antiquated Nancy, who is credited with saying, "O, Lord, anything." If you hesitate and allow yourself to become common prey, one of the archaic specimens may insist on warming her feet against your vertebrae the rest of your natural nights. Thus is repeated the admonition, be warned in time.