

## ASTORIA THE COMING CITY

Western Answers Criticisms of Easterner on City of Astoria.

PEACE AND PLENTY HERE

No Cyclones, Drouth, or Scarcity of Water in the Fair City by the Sea.

Kibosh, Wis., Oct. 4, 1904.

To the Editor of the Kibosh Journal—(In reply to "An Easterner" in Morning Astorian of October 2.)

In Kibosh I am called a westerner. The people in Alaska call us easterners. From these statements you can conclude that I come from what is generally known as the most prosperous, up-to-date section in Uncle Sam's domain, the north Pacific coast. What strikes me most forcibly in your town is the cyclone cellars. Standing on Oshkosh street and looking south, I noticed long rows of unsightly cellars. One of your prominent citizens happened along.

"Are these cyclone cellars?" I asked. "Rep," he replied.

"How on earth can you stand this climate? Are you not afraid you'll be blown to heaven one of these beautiful cyclone days?"

"Naw," he replied; "we're used to them."

"At the hotel the waiter brought me a glass of water—yellowish-green liquid with a peculiar taste.

"My! Is this the kind of water you people in Kibosh drink?" I asked.

"Yep, we're used to it," the waiter answered.

"Well," I said, "you should try Astoria water, the best on earth."

I noticed a great many people picking up pieces of wood as I passed along Squedunk avenue.

"You folks are awfully particular about cleaning your streets," I said to an old resident.

"It hain't that," he replied, "but wood's scarce, and we have to be keertful."

"Well," I commented, "come out west, old man, and you will find that nearly everybody has cords of fine wood brought right up to his house."

"Is it always so hot in Kibosh?" I asked of a man on Ypsilanti boulevard.

"Wa-al, when it ain't hot its almighty cold, and with coal at ten dollars a ton it's no fun, I tell you; but we're used to it here."

The hotel clerk told me Kibosh would be a fine place to live in were it not that it is too flat.

"Come to my country," I told him. "Astoria slopes from the hill down to the river, insuring natural drainage, and, the level portion being over the water, the tides carry off all refuse matter. The ocean breezes blow gently over the city, and the undertaker could not make a living were it not that some poor fellow drowns occasionally while fishing or logging."

"So you come from a fishing and lumber section?" he queried.

"Yep. We distribute about \$5,000,000 annually among our fishermen, loggers, sawmill hands, in the machine shops and canneries, and among our carpenters, painters, etc., or a per cap-

ita of over \$356 for every man, woman and child of our 14,000 people."

"You don't say so!" he exclaimed, with open mouth and bulging eyes.

"Yep." (We always say "yep.")

"And say, Mr. Kibosh, we are building a \$150,000 court house, a \$50,000 city hall, and miles of good streets. Scores of working people are erecting their own homes, and the majority of our people have good bank accounts.

"From the way we have grown in the last eighteen months, we will have over 20,000 population in another year and a half. We have three theaters where we get fifty cents worth of fun for ten cents. We have seven or eight schools with a splendid corps of teachers, and shall have to erect more school buildings next year. We have three banks with over \$2,000,000 deposits. We have churches of nearly all denominations, with some as fine buildings as you will find anywhere.

We have finer stores, carrying larger stocks than any other city of our size in the country. We have an ideal climate. We have a gold mine in the river in front of us, and another gold mine in the timber back of us. We are a most prosperous, industrious, peaceable and happy people who came here from all parts of the United States and from every portion of the civilized world, who thank God they are privileged to live in Astoria. Fault-finding critics here, are few and far between."

"Wa-al, you do tell! What's the fare to Astoria?" he asked.

"About \$75, first class; that's the only way we travel."

"Wa-al, I shall get out of this unhealthy, overcrowded country, where the cyclone, the bilzard, the thunder and the lightning make life one long nightmare."

"Come soon, and you'll be welcome," I assured him.

"I'll come! I'll come!" he said; "but it takes so all-fired long to earn \$75 here in Kibosh."

Not to make the poor fellow too much dissatisfied with his lot, I said no more, except to remark that in every instance when an Astorian goes east, south, or to Europe, he is supremely happy only when he gets back to Astoria, Oregon.

I may write more later. There are lots of nice things I have omitted to say in this communication.

HERMAN WISE,

A Westerner.

Pursued by Leap Year Girls. The Star tells the story this week. Don't miss it. It's funny.

## NEW RECORD TO BE SET

Police Court Receipts Will, if Things Come Well, Reach \$12,000 During Year.

AHEAD OF LAST YEAR'S TOTAL

Revenue to Date Is \$857 in Excess of That for the First Nine Months of 1903—The Statements.

Chief of Police Hallock has set his heart upon total receipts of \$12,000 for the year 1904. Thus far (up to October 1) he has collected \$884.50 in fines and forfeitures, and if he can dig up \$3115.50 during the next three months the \$12,000 mark will be reached. Last year the receipts for October, November and December were \$2816, and, in view of the material increase for the nine months of 1904 already gone, the chief believes he may be able to report a monthly average of \$1000.

As compared with the receipts of last year, this year's revenue is \$857—almost a month's fines and forfeitures—ahead. Of the nine months, only three have shown decrease over the same months of the previous year, and, excepting the month of June, the difference was not material. August broke the monthly record, with \$1440. The comparative statements for the past two years are as follows:

Month	1903	1904
January	\$ 752 00	\$ 895 00
February	818 00	995 00
March	719 00	910 00
April	868 00	864 00
May	978 00	1011 00
June	1017 00	925 50
July	978 00	909 00
August	1110 50	1440 00
September	792 00	935 00

Totals .....\$8027 50 \$8884 50  
The receipts in October, 1903, were \$847; in November, \$849, and in December, \$1120. The total for 1903 was \$10,843.50, an average of less than \$700 for the next three months would bring this year's total beyond that for

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## HERMAN WISE

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1903. There will be a new record this year, but whether or not it will reach \$12,000 is the question.

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