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Makes a Few Suggestions Which Might Be Observed With Benefit by the City Fathers.

Astoria, Oct. 5.—Editor The Astorian.—I was considerably amused and entertained by the article in Tuesday's Astorian signed "An Astorian," and right at the start of this letter I want figuratively, to take off my hat to the author and say with all earnestness that if there were more citizens like him Astoria would be a different place. And I am willing to admit that Astoria does show signs of change, and say that I am mighty glad of it. I should also apologize, perhaps, for giving the impression that all Astorians say "yep" instead of "yes." Nevertheless, the fact remains that those whom I talked with did so.

As this letter must be in the way of an answer, I took another walk this afternoon. I walked to the corner of Sixteenth and Exchange streets—and, by the way, I had considerable difficulty in finding the place on account of the scarcity of street signs and the fact that those which do exist are for the most part illegible—and admit that the condition of affairs in that locality is rather better than in most others. And yet, in regard to this corner, evidently one of Astoria's best, I took notes which read as follows: Sixteenth and Exchange streets. No street sign. Why? Streets fairly well made, though not perfectly. Cross walks, of wood, too high, causing bumps. Wooden gutter on Exchange street too high, preventing all the water from the street entering it. Draining of this gutter poor, as there is a puddle in it and rain has not fallen for at least four days. Six woodpiles and one deserted wagon in sight from the corner. Hospital grounds unsightly, being surrounded by a high, unpainted fence. Outlook toward the river most unattractive.

You see, the view point makes a good deal of difference. My friend who signs himself "An Astorian" is enthusiastic. I am perhaps too critical.

I have been investigating a little the street-cleaning problem, and find that, for the down town district at least, it is a most simple one. It seems that all you have to do to clean the streets is to turn a hose into them.

"They haven't been cleaned for a long time, though," confessed a merchant to me. "In the winter it is worse. Then they don't clean the streets for four or five weeks at a time and the mud and filth accumulates till the mire is three or four inches deep."

That discouraged me quite a lot. What can one think of a city where it is possible to clean the streets at a nominal expense, and where, nevertheless, the streets are not cleaned?

There is one more thing, and then, I think, I am done. Why not carry away the tin cans? The first day I was here, and every day since, I have met people who enthused about the climate. But it would seem to me that the climate seemed adapted principally to the raising of refuse. I understand that the ladies of the woman's club are anxious to take a hand in removing the rubbish, and that they want to make the city better. Why not let them help if they will. It would seem that a scow which would carry the rubbish into the deep channel might solve the problem. I understand that this has been talked of. A crematory would be too expensive.

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live for a town of the size of Astoria, no doubt. You have a good little town here. I said that right on the start, didn't I? And I can add that it is a town with greater possibilities than most, and that, for one, I have confidence in the people and believe that they will make of Astoria what it deserves to be, a place clean, attractive and pleasing to the eye. With a little help, a city so attractively situated cannot fail to prosper. Good luck to you. AN EASTERNER.

GOOD MAP OF ALASKA.

Valuable Work Done by Geological Survey.

Few people realize how little was known of the great territory of Alaska previous to 1898 and how much our present knowledge of resources is the result of investigations made by members of the United States geological survey. Purchased from Russia in 1867 for \$7,200,000, it remained for 30 years practically forgotten. The discovery in 1897 of the rich gold deposits in the Klondike moved popular fancy and moved congress to appropriate \$20,000 for surveys in Alaska.

A sudden widespread demand for knowledge about this great unknown region of the national domain arose and the United States geological survey attempted to collect the information as promptly as time, circumstances and money would permit. The general result of these efforts are set forth in an interesting article contained in Bulletin No. 227, a recent publication of the survey concerning its own origin, development, organization and operations, which was prepared for distribution as a souvenir at the St. Louis Purchase exposition.

Topographic Maps Made.

One of the most important functions of the survey in Alaska has been the production of topographic maps. The value of those maps cannot be overestimated. Demand for them comes from prospectors, engineers, capitalists and school teachers, and they form one of the most essential preliminaries to the development of the country. About one-sixth of the territory, constituting an area of from 90,000 to 100,000 square miles, has been covered by topographic surveys.

Names used by explorers for streams, mountains and other geographic features have been collected and brought into the form of a geographic dictionary of Alaska. This gives the location of the features named, in many cases the origin and meaning of the name, and a chronological list of the authorities.

The preliminary aim of the work has been to investigate the mineral resources of the country. This has necessitated geographic studies, and in course of time the geologic history of the entire territory will be deciphered. It is mainly through studies of bedrock geology that the distribution and origin of deposits of economic value have become known. The chief of these deposits are gold, tin, copper and coal.

Located Gold Fields.

The investigations of gold-bearing localities have been rich in practical results only a few of which can be mentioned here. In 1898 the regions which might prove to be mineral deposits of economic value were outlined, and it is interesting to note that the new mining camp of Fairbanks has recently been developed into one of these areas. In the survey report on the Nome district, which was the first accurate one published, the fact was emphasized that the source of the gold was in the hills, not, as many supposed at the time, off shore.

The attention of prospectors was directed to high gravels occurring as terraces on the hill slopes, and these have since been worked with very profitable results. It was further predicted that the tundra between Nome and the hills would probably produce gold in paying quantities, as it is now doing. The work of these few weeks may be taken as an illustration of the practical value of the survey's investigation.

The copper deposits of Prince William Sound were investigated in 1898, those of Kletaan creek in 1899, those of the Copper river country in 1900, and those of the Ketchikan mining district in 1901. In every case important facts were learned regarding the occurrence and distribution of the ore.

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