

# HOLD BIG MEETING

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of all the land I have seen will be in cultivation and moreover prove to be the most productive lands in the Northwest. And I wish to add that I believe that the colonization of this county with thrifty tillers of the soil is the most important work that this chamber can do.

I have been favored with the cheerful criticism that I would not be able to get the lands for colonization purposes here in this county even if I secured the prospective buyers. My reply was that I could certainly secure them and I can now say that the way is open and that from this time on we will have all the lands for colonization in the country that we can use.

However I would very much like to settle up all of the lands first that are nearest Astoria, and I would like to settle them up with farmers who will be willing to cultivate intensely small tracts of about 10 acres in size. I do not ask that this land near Astoria be sold to newcomers for a nominal sum. No owners of lands near Astoria that could be used for agricultural purposes have even mentioned to me excessive prices for their lands.

Now I wish to say that the Promotion Committee wishes it understood that the advertising we are doing is open for the use of the membership and subscribers. The more using it, the greater will be the results and meanwhile the Committee will continue answering all letters on its own account.

But this work of colonization is but one of the many things the Promotion Committee is interested in, that is, in trying to promote. We have mentioned colonization first because it is almost inseparably connected with our advertising campaign, which I consider the most successful ever started West of the Rocky mountains, and would end in the achievement of the most important results with even a reasonable encouragement, which we have and with which we are fairly well satisfied.

Just now we are doing, all we can to get in shape a proposition looking towards the building of a bulkhead from Tongue Point to Smith's Point and the securing of an important system of terminals here which will insure the exportation of all of the wheat raised anywhere near the Columbia River. Such a task of course cannot be accomplished in a short while, if at all. We have been working on it since the 15th of June although about all we have to report yet is that we have received marked encouragement. Naturally the committee will make all haste to report to this body as soon as it has anything definite and positive to report.

On the 20th day of June I talked this proposition over with President Elliott and last week with President Lewis Hill. I believe I can assure you without violating any confidence that there will be a very comprehensive system of terminals built in this port, if not between Tongue Point and Smith's Point, then between Flavel and Hammond, and as it is only about ten miles from Tongue Point to the jetties, and as this much room at least is needed by Astoria if she is to become a great city, I personally cannot see as it makes a vital difference whether we load ocean-going vessels at one point within this ten-mile stretch or at another.

In this connection I may say that I am working on the matter of securing what has generally been referred to as Common Point rates and with more of a feeling of confidence in my efforts than I have yet felt, I believe in fact that we will presently get these rates whether we really have to have them or not.

### Another Naval Station.

We have gone to work in earnest to try and secure the location of the new naval station which the Secretary of the Navy has declared must be located here on the Pacific Coast, and through our senators and representatives and the commercial organizations of Portland, are pushing the matter as best we may. Of course the depth of the water over the bar must be taken into consideration without doubt and the possibilities of deepening the channel across the bar. Col. Roessler as you have perhaps noticed by his report, has come out and openly said that if we had a good dredge we could secure much more water over the bar than we now have and very rapidly, too. We propose to do all we can to secure this dredge, and to couple the plan for getting it as nearly as possible with that of securing the naval station.

### The Portland Good Road.

Early in July the good roads committee of this body, F. A. Fisher, chairman, and others, held a meeting with President Lewis Russell of the Portland Automobile Club for the purpose of taking under consideration the ways and means of securing a good road from here to Portland that would be adaptable all the way for automobiles. We have been working consistently ever since on this proposition and have now planned to have a meeting in St. Helens in Columbia county on the fifteenth of this month for the purpose of finally if possible clinching this important proposition. We already have a good road through this county to the county line, by way of Jewell and Mist. The only road that will have to be constructed now is through Columbia County. President Lewis Russell has already visited St. Helens and will return there with us on the fifteenth or whatever the date may be, to hold the mass meeting. The securing of a good road all the way from

Portland to Astoria would be of invaluable importance to both cities and would be a proposition, one perhaps of but few in which both cities could heartily and enthusiastically unite.

During the past week I have learned that the artillery at Vancouver will in all likelihood try to come overland to Astoria and Seaside during this or next month. Should they do so they will prove to all the world that a really feasible route for a wagon road exists and is in fact already for use. The completion of this good road would be of comparatively no expense to this county as Clatsop already has its road built. The road that would have to be built would be through Columbia county. Multnomah county has a first-class automobile road built all the way to the Columbia county line on the otherside. I feel confident that we will be able to perfect plans for the construction of this road and that we will be able to use it, at least, we will be able to use it by the latter part of next year.

### The Vice-Presidential Banquet.

The Vice-Presidential Banquet is now a matter of history and without doubt the city of Astoria never had a better advertisement from a commercial standpoint, which was mine and the committee's wholly and unreservedly. And besides the advertisement, which helped to put Astoria on the map, especially in Portland where maps are sometimes said to be devoid of a point representing this the second city in Oregon, those who participated had an excellent banquet and a good time. I have never known a function of that sort and calibre to work off smoother and without less friction. The reception committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Wise, Chairman, and especially, Herman Prael, C. M. Cellar, Mr. Hoefler, Senator Fulton, J. E. Higgins, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Wallace are entitled to a great deal of credit. As for the finances for this banquet, which included a whole day in Astoria and a special train to Seaside at night, we have plenty, and a few dollars to spare.

### Advertising Specialties.

Do not forget that if you want any kind of clerical or domestic help imaginable you can get it from the Chamber of Commerce by giving us enough time to write to those who have applied to us for positions. We can furnish you any kind of labor from a woodshopper to a landscape painter or a pie organist. I am doing some of this work as much to put the Chamber of Commerce firmly on the map of the Northwest so far as the inhabitants are concerned as for any other reason and I expect through this source to make Astoria a family word in such cities as Portland, Seattle and Spokane. We are actually furnishing the names of Eastern girls to honorable and honest men who may wish to marry them. And some of these applications of a matrimonial nature, I wish to assure you, come from men of considerable prominence very close from home, but of course these matters will be kept with the confidence they deserve and no man, who for the reason that he wants to get married, shall be made a byword in this organization, for the reason I will not allow his name to be made known to any one but the stenographer.

There has so far been considerable curiosity about this domestic help and matrimonial bureau, and some good natured witticisms, all of which were entirely in place so far as I know. I might say in connection without advertising campaign that I now have more than thirty answers from men with money to invest in this section. These are separate and distinct from the inquiries for land. Any member is entitled to the names of these parties.

### It Looks Good To Me.

As to prospects for the near future, all I can say is "They look good to me." I was never more entirely satisfied with the prospects and outlook of any community. I have seldom seen a community that was more patriotic and more public spirited. Of course you have a few notable exceptions, but all communities have them. But we should not be hasty to judge our brothers because of their apparent selfishness, because "who can say what are the mysteries of their brother's minds." His finances may not be of the condition that the world thinks and believes them to be. He may be laboring under the sad impression that the world has stacked the cards against him, and whoever becomes imbued with such an impression when really the world, all the world at least that such a one known, is against him.

I believe that within a year from this day the people of Astoria who have property and business interests here will be glad they live in Astoria. I believe that within one year from today the business men of Astoria who have not already come across with the contributions for the work of the Chamber of Commerce, will hasten to do so, because they will have been shown. And after all you cannot blame a business man, especially if he has for long years been accused to live wholly within his business, to wish to be shown. I believe that within a year from today the Chamber of Commerce of Astoria will have something to show for what it has done for this community that will be a source of gratification to each and every member, something that will have added value to each dollar already invested in Astoria. In a word, I believe Astoria will right speedily come into the fuller enjoyment of what by right belongs to it.

In the meantime let us do all we can through the means of individual efforts and remember always, that if you have a suggestion, an idea, do not hesitate to bring it to the Chamber of Commerce

where we will try to work it out. I wish again to stress the fact again that there is nothing real, nothing tangible in this universe but ideas about any one subject. Sooner or later all men must come to the realization, must be convinced of this truthful idea about the given subject. Let us all work in harmony, shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand for the good, for the benefit of, for the upholding of Astoria while now we have created a very serviceable machine for that purpose out of our Chamber of Commerce. Remember this, that in speculation, nearly nine parts out of the total of ten are sentiment purely, and that the building of cities always has had considerable of the element of speculation in them. If the men who founded Chicago had been a little further north, Duluth might have with the same good reasons, been the Chicago of today. If our good forefathers had had the same mental material that was possessed by those who built Portland or Seattle, why then Astoria would have been the metropolis of the Northwest today. Then why not take fullest advantages of the present fortuitous occasion and work for a couple of years as Astorians never have worked. As ye sow ye shall reap, is a saying from the Scriptures that most of you are familiar with, but no axiom is more true, more self-evident. Let us sow now in such a way such seed as will insure us a harvest, God sending the rain.

## PUSH OREGON TO THE FRONT

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On April 29th last the Oregonian published a special industrial edition devoted exclusively to the exploitation of Oregon. It probably contained more special and miscellaneous information about Oregon than any one publication that has ever been issued. It is peculiarly useful and valuable to the homeseeker, because it gives the latest and most reliable information about so many different subjects that the homeseeker is naturally interested in. Almost every department of industry is specialized, and both descriptive and statistical information of a highly valuable character is given extensively, and in entertaining form.

Residents of Oregon who know its advantages as compared with the congested and depleted East, and who still have friends back there whom they would like to see here enjoying the good things of this favored state, can aid in a splendid work now without cost and very little effort. If you think your friend would be interested in knowing more about Oregon and might eventually become a valuable citizen, send his name and address to the general passenger agent of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, and a copy of this special edition, with a complete summary of the several subjects treated, carefully indexed, will be mailed to him promptly. In this manner you may be the means not only of doing your friend a good turn, but of helping to stimulate the growth and prosperity of Oregon.

Don't forget that commencing September 1 and continuing daily for two months, tickets will be on sale at almost every railroad station in the East to all points in Oregon and the Northwest at what has come to be popularly known as "colonist rates." These rates are the cheapest general long distance rates ever established, and enables one to reach Oregon from any part of the United States at but a trifle more than one cent a mile. They are the greatest incentive to colonization and progressive home building of any known agency, and if the restless, dissatisfied resident of the East is made to know before-hand the advantages he can enjoy here, the problem is solved, and the star of empire will continue to move steadily westward.

Now is the time to spread the gospel of Oregon, so that it may be heard and heeded by the time the rates go into effect. Send one name or two, or a dozen, and you will be exerting a worthy influence toward the upbuilding of our state. Send them to your nearest Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company agent, or to Wm. McMurray, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon.

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