

at Wallula, numerous large rivers empty into the Snake on either side. The plains of the Snake, 300 miles long and 50 miles wide, are as fertile as the far-famed Willamette Valley, the pride of Oregon and the west, and a third larger. Great syndicates have perfected reservoirs and utilized the Boise and other rivers and streams on the higher slopes and formed a wonderful fruit-raising section.

The north fork of the Columbia also has numerous resources covering the remaining half of this great watershed from the summit of the Rockies on the east in Montana to the divide 200 miles north of the Washington line, and west to the summit of the Cascade Mountains. These sources make great rivers flow into the north fork and with the affluents of the Snake, together numbering over 100 great rivers, flow down from a thousand miles of mountains of gold and silver, copper, lead, coal and iron, through more than 100 fertile valleys into the mighty Columbia at Wallula, to say nothing of the countless mineral treasures in the Cascade Range, the Blue Mountains and the Coast Range.

All these natural advantages are in the great watershed which flows down the Columbia to Astoria. They are joined below Wallula by other mighty rivers flowing into the Columbia from other valleys of fabulous wealth, known as the Hood, Willamette, the Cowlitz, Gray's, Deep, Salmon, John Day's, Deschutes, Wallowa, Umatilla, Grand Ronde, and many other noble streams flowing from many more mineral mountains and valleys in which almost anything outside of tropical fruits may be grown.

When these all reach the large bay at Astoria with their rich burdens from the great inland empire, they form one of the greatest rivers on earth and are all exclusively tributary on the water levels to the seaport of this mighty stream—Astoria. The Mississippi drains a great area,

but the north half of it is tributary to New York City and the balance is tributary to various ports from Galveston around the coast to Charleston, with not a tenth of the natural wealth of the great western watershed.

This watershed of the Columbia is most fertile in land, yielding wheat, fruit, hops and all cereals in immense and unlimited quantities. Its 1000 miles square is full of mountains of gold, silver, copper, lead, coal and iron. Its forests are limitless in extent and no equal area in the world is so favored or has been developed less because of the need for immigration, investment and prospecting.

While much development has been done in the past 10 years in various parts of the State, there are sections which remain untouched by the hand of man. Movements for new railroads are eagerly sought as the only real means of settling up the rich undeveloped districts and railroads are being built. Every city and town in the State is arousing from a lethargy caused by the ease with which fortunes have been made in the past. The need for competition to bring the State to its proper development is stimulating the people.

The era of prosperity and the confidence of investors is being taken advantage of in Oregon, the State where investments are as solid as if drawing interest in national banks, with the difference that the interest on the investment, or at least the profit, is practically unlimited. Railroad building is going forward in this and the neighboring State as fast as labor can be secured to build new lines, and in the growth of transportation Northwestern Oregon is securing a large share.

Saddle Mountain, and the valleys of Young's River and the Lewis and Clark. Each and all within from one to three hours of the Astoria depots and docks, and thus the city shares the popularity of the entire alignment of charming places and crowns them all with the fullness of her own ample store of those things quite lacking at the remoter points.

The mouth of the Columbia and adjacent waters, broad and placid, cool and beautiful always, in the tempered rays of the glorious sun or in the mystic lights of the night, afford endless charm to those who delight in yachting and boating on their own account, and the steamers and boat houses supply the others with the same enjoyable commerce. It goes without saying that swimming and bathing are at their perfection here, and if the rougher sport and sights of the surf are needed to complete the measure of indulgence, they are to be had within the hour.

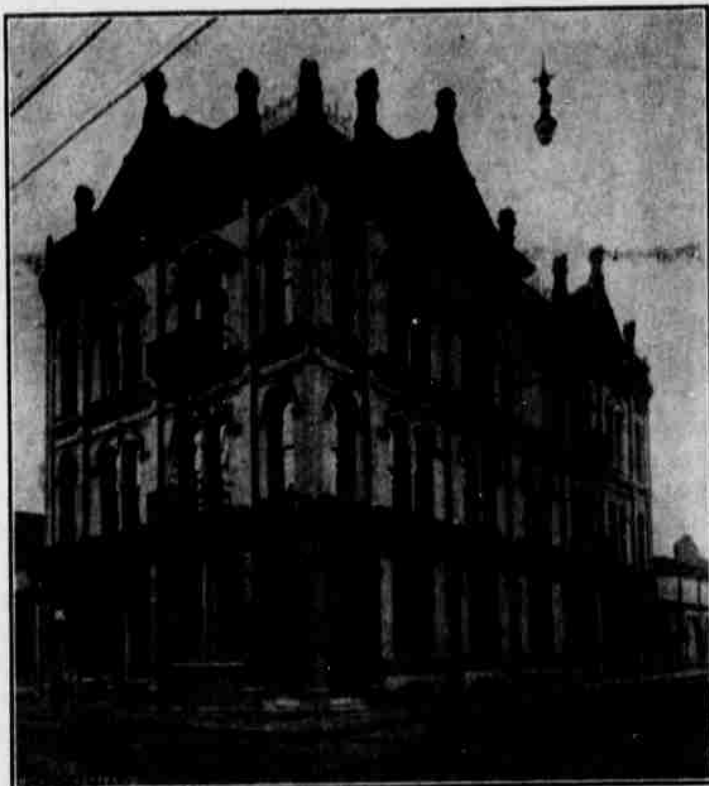
The coming summer will witness the opening of the new and modern Weinhard-Astoria Hotel, at the corner of Twelfth and Duane streets, in this city, and this will add immensely to the comfort and convenience of the dweller in Astoria for pleasure, since it will supply him and her, at first hand, with all the luxuries and specialties that mark the finest hotel service in the land. It is a five-story, 150-room structure and will be fitted with every conceivable appliance known to man for the ease of his fellow. It will be aided and abetted in its beneficent work, by scores of lesser hotels and houses of cheer all over the city, some on the heights, others on the dock and business levels, but all united in the same big task of making the visitor in Astoria as happy as his purse and conscience and temper will permit.

Every known instrument for the expediting of business is in use here, including the wireless telegraph, and no man is cut off from a single civilized agency he is used to, a condition that contributes largely to the popularity of the port as a summer resort. The game fish and game birds, of sea and forest, are on the menus of Astoria nearly the whole year through, and shell-fish in all varieties, and fresh from the sea and river depths and the sands are here always, except as barred by discriminating statutes.

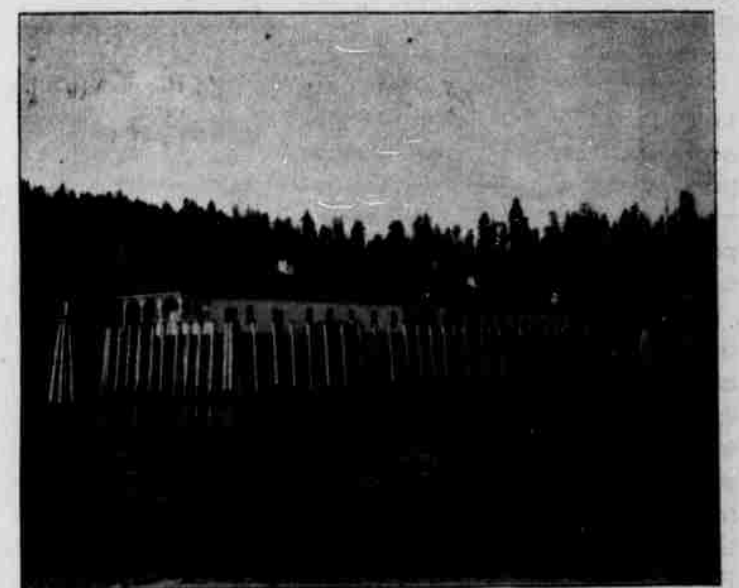
**Astoria as Headquarters Resort
For Two Coasts and Four States.**

ASTORIA, the City-by-the-Sea, is the headquarter resort for scores of adjacent summer haunts which are thronged annually by the tens of thousands of Northwesterners and globe-trotting tourists, seeking pleasure and rest and the charms of mountain and seaside. The great host must pass through the gates of Astoria to reach any of the refuges of peace and beauty, and a large percentage of these find their first delight and ample allurements right here and linger long with the most beautiful of them all; for the same ideal summer weather that has made the Northwestern coast famous the world over, prevails here in all its fascination and the city with its manifold conveniences and comforts adds to the measure of satisfaction that is sought by these critical crowds.

This city is the entrepot for Gray's River, Deep River, Frankfort, McGowan's, Ilwaco, Seaview, Long Beach, The Breakers, Oceanside, Nahcotta, North Head, Fort Canby, and Oysterville, the principal Washington river and seacoast outposts of pleasure, and all are reached from here by steamer service, river and rail bringing the great crowds hither on the initial trip from the interior. While the Oregon resorts are strung between this city and Tillamook Rocks, and include Warrenton, Hammond, Fort Stevens, Sunset Beach, Clatsop Beach, Gearhart Park, Seaside and Cannon Beach, with intervening spots whence departure is made for the mountain fastnesses of the beautiful Nehalem,



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