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THE BEEHIVE

VIEWED THE CHARMS OF GRAY'S RIVER

LITTLE PARTY MAKES SUNDAY TRIP—LEARN MUCH OF THAT REGION.

A little party of eight went to Gray's River Sunday on the steamer Wenona, and despite the mist and the clouds the trip proved a most delightful one. The distance to Meserve's store on Gray's River—head of navigation on that stream—is a little over 20 miles from Astoria, the settlement, containing the Meserve store, the hotel and other buildings, being seven miles up Gray's river. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver G. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Vivian E. Hatch, and Carl E. Franseen and E. E. Gray. Captain Hull of the Wenona also had several guests.

There are doubtless many in Astoria who have never made the trip to Gray's River. The stream is a handsome one, winding in and out among its timbered banks or flowing among wide, level fields dotted with sleek cattle. With the sun shining the river is most beautiful, so all say, and even on a cloudy day it has its distinct charms. It is placid and quiet. The steamer Wenona makes a daily trip—daily, except Sunday, though the Sunday trip is occasionally made, also carrying the mails and articles for the farmers whose places line the stream. A trip up this river is doubly interesting for the reason that many aver that the lands that lie along its banks are the richest, for grazing and agricultural purposes, of any in this part of the country, and whether this claim may be borne out by the facts or not it is evident that the land is rich and the farmers richer. But the distinctive feature of the Gray's River settlers, according to all reports, lies in the fact that everyone along the river has prospered in a remarkable way. There aren't any "poor people" there, every one says. Lands range from \$100 to \$175 an acre for the rich bottom lands and less than that for the marshy and commoner level lands. The hills are untouched, as apparently the farmers are content to work along with their cattle alone. The houses are good, and one or two of them are really fine. One new one in course of building is along the California bungalow style, and in many of the homes are hot and cold water and modern bath tubs, and other conveniences that the city man usually thinks are for him alone.

Yet it is possible to over-praise a region, too; and the man familiar with the methods of eastern farmers who probably see much here to cause him to wonder. Why farmers who are reputed to be wealthy will leave great stumps by the dozen in their beautiful fields may, perhaps, cause milder wonder in any visitor's mind, even if giant powder or dynamite do cost so much per pound. Meserve's store is a remarkable store. In Astoria it would put to shame many of the best groceries. It is big and light and airy and clean. Upstairs is a fine hall, as good as any in this city. A fine ten-pin alley has also been constructed. And thus, with daily mail, with the magazines and newspapers, and a rich and very prosperous country, the farmers of that region ought to be happy and content. Game abounds, too, and in the river are fish. Naturally enough, the roads are not developed in many places, but where the roads are opened they are said to be of the best. The river itself is the natural highway and is used much.

The party left at 9 o'clock in the morning, and touched at Knappton. It was after 6 in the evening when the Wenona arrived home.

The steamer Eureka, bound for the port of that name, left out at high noon yesterday with fair business for the California coast.

The steamship Falcon, from Seattle for Portland, has arrived here, and gone on up the river.

The steamer Homer is due in from the Bay City at any moment.

Meet Today.
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SEEKING A TAX LEVY FOR THE WORK

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WANTS TAXPAYERS TO HELP PAY PUBLIC EXPENSES.

At the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night the following resolution was offered by Ben L. Ward, and was adopted: "Whereas, We believe that the benefits of municipal advertising, publicity and promotion are shared generally by the community and for that reason it would be just for all property in any community carrying on such work to bear an equal portion of the expenses, therefore be it

Resolved, That this organization is in favor of submitting to the people at the December election the proposition of voting a two-mill tax to carry on its present advertising publicity and promotion work and helping to secure additional factories and that a committee of three be appointed by the president, duly authorized and empowered to take such steps as are necessary to prepare the proper initiative measure."

In accordance with the terms of the resolution, a committee of three was appointed, as follows: B. L. Ward, A. R. Cyrus and R. M. Gaston.

Efforts will be made to acquaint the people of the city with the necessity of adopting the measure, for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Chamber of Commerce. Heretofore all of the expenses of the organization have been met out of the pockets of the members of the association, and there is a disposition to feel that inasmuch as the Chamber's work is a direct benefit to the whole city that therefore all should join in to pay to cost of the work of upbuilding the town.

Not alone will the efforts be made to have the city give aid by taxation, but it is planned to have the county assist. To this end letters have been written by the manager of the Chamber, Mr. Whyte, to every member of the Oregon state senate, asking that a law be framed and passed permitting counties to levy taxes for the purpose of assisting in such work. While it is said that legally there is no obstacle to a city granting such public aid now, that the laws will have to be amended to bring in the counties. The legislature will be asked to adopt a law to permit not only Clatsop county, but every county in the state, to levy taxation for this purpose.

President Scholfield was not able to be present at the meeting last night and Mr. Wingate, the vice-president, acted as chairman of the session. Announcement was made that the requisite number of signatures had been secured for the Port of Astoria bill to place it before the people at the coming municipal election. The next step will be to place the bill in the hands of the city auditor.

The question of the excursion to Spokane was also discussed favorably, and it is probable that such a trip will be made when the time is ripe.

It was suggested that it would be highly desirable to secure options on sites that would be available for industrial plants that might be secured for Astoria. Experience has proven that as soon as there is a plan to locate some business plant here the prices of available sites jump up at once, and therefore it was deemed a good plan if it could be arranged to secure options. But it was agreed that it is probably impracticable to secure options that are worthy anything in this relation, for the ordinary man is not going to grant an option on his place, tying it up, unless he is well paid for it and unless it is limited for a short time.

ASTORIA THEATRE.

"The Rocky Mountain Express" is bound to arrive on time at the Astoria theatre on Sunday October 18th as the redlight will be hung out from the above station on that date; there is no chance of her being side-tracked or abandoned, as she will run on special orders and come in on the fast track. This should be the signal for a big turnout, as "The Rocky Express" will bring to town a theatrical company of decided merit, and a production of importance.

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COAST, BAR AND RIVER NEWS OF THE HOUR

CRAFT ARRIVING AND DEPARTING IN AND FROM ASTORIA—AND THEIR MASTERS, MEN AND MESSAGES

The fine steamship Nevada, of the American-Hawaiian line, to which the Nebraskan belongs, is due in this port on Thursday morning next, after 3000 cases of salmon from the warehouses of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company, of this city. She will pick up the salmon on the way in and up, if she arrives early in the day; otherwise she will go directly on to Portland and load part cargo there, taking the salmon as she comes down. She will leave for San Diego from this port.

The San Francisco (Astoria) Portland steamship State of California was an early arrival from the southern coast yesterday morning. She had a number of passengers on board, one of whom was a well known Astorian, L. E. Selig, who has been down in California for the past month.

British S. S. Ronford which is now en route from San Francisco to Nainimo, B. C., for coal, with her bunkers full, will return to this port and load half a million feet of lumber at the Hammond Lumber Company's docks at Tongue Point.

The steamer Alliance made it out for Coos Bay on Sunday morning as usual, and the Breakwater entered port from there. These two packets are about the most regular as to schedule of any of the coast fleet.

The Gerald C. has finished loading for the return trip to Tillamook and will leave out at the first available moment. The Eyle, also of the Elmore fleet, is ready for the same

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The steamer Quinalt, a new member of the coast fleet in this port, arrived here yesterday, and went on to the metropolis after showing herself here for an hour or so. She is a good looker.

The steamer Yosemite which arrived in from San Francisco on Sunday last, is now at Knappton loading cargo, and will go from there to Rainier and Prescott.

The fine French bark Cornil Bart is due down from the metropolis this morning, wheat laden for Falmouth for orders, and will leave out as soon as the storm subsides.

The steamship Geo. W. Elder is due in port from the California coast this morning early, with freight and passengers for the port and Portland.

The steamer Jim Butler, from Rainier, came down the river on Sunday morning early and went to sea in company with several of her coast-mates.

The R. D. Inman with part cargo from Portland and Rainier, is down and loading at Knappton, loading out for San Francisco, and will depart tonight if all is well at the bar.

The Nehalem tug Geo. Vosburg, with the barge Nehalem, has arrived in port and is docked at the A. & C. piers, with a fine lot of timbers from that country, as usual.

The steamer Yellowstone was a San Francisco arrival on Sunday last, and will load out from the Hammond Lumber Company's dock in this port.

The steamship Rosecrans, from Monterey for Astoria and Portland, entered port yesterday, and went on up stream after a brief delay in these waters.

The German ship Aster, hence direct to Liverpool, with flour and grain, did not get over the bar until yesterday morning.

The steamship Buckman was off the Columbia bar at noon yesterday, on her way to Seattle, with all hands well and hearty.

The steamer J. Marhoffer was a Sunday morning arrival down from Rainier on Sunday. She went to sea about 5 o'clock a. m.

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