

HEART-TO-HEART TALK ON THE GLORIES OF THE OREGON COUNTRY AND ITS METROPOLIS

W. M. Killingsworth Felicitates Those of Us Who Are Here and Says There Will Soon Be More of Us to Enjoy the Most Beautiful Country on Earth.

By W. M. Killingsworth.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity and honor extended to me to form the acquaintance of 150,000 new citizens of Portland, and I will do my best, as requested, to write words of encouragement to them. As this large audience embarrasses me—for it is possible for a real estate man to become embarrassed—I will select only one, trusting that he will pass my remarks along.

Now, having arrived at my office, please be seated.

Certainly, help yourself to cigars. Smoke all you want. I only ask of you silence. The door is locked, you are now my prisoner.

I congratulate you on your good judgment in selecting Portland, Or., as your home; for this city is looked upon by the best judges and globe trotters as the choicest beauty spot on earth, and you are now as near heaven as 50 per cent of the human family will ever be.

It's a Big Subject.

My friend, the subject of Oregon is a tremendous one; it would require days to go into all the details, hence I will hit generally the high places. You no doubt have already discovered that the same determined spirit which built New York as well as all the Atlantic cities prevails on the Pacific, especially in Portland, Or.

A comparison of climate and resources of every kind of the Atlantic and Pacific is most favorable to the Pacific. For it does possess everything requisite and needful, and in greater abundance to sustain a larger population, than do the bordering states on the Atlantic; besides greater happiness can be secured on account of the almost perfect climate that we enjoy on the Pacific.

After all, health is what the human being desires most, for it is absolutely the only priceless jewel—its full and true value unknown until lost. No spot on earth is more healthful than Oregon. No city possesses the civic beauty of Portland, or furnishes her citizens with such an abundance of pure water.

Source of Water Supply.

A few facts you should forever fasten in your memory, to wit: The main source of the water supply of Portland is Bull Run lake, situated in the Cascade mountains, at an elevation of 5500 feet above the level of the sea. The lake, about three miles long, nearly a mile wide and very deep, is seven miles northwest of the summit of Mount Hood.

The deep canyon of Sandy river prevents the discoloring waters from the glaciers of that mountain from running into the lake. It is supplied en-

tirely from unfailing springs in the steep, rocky slopes surrounding it on all sides. The only outlet from the lake is under an immense mass of shattered basalt which fills the canyon. From this base of this natural dam, 350 feet below the surface of the lake, the water gushes forth and forms Bull Run river.

This river after flowing very rapidly through a rocky canyon nearly 20 miles is tapped by a pipe 42 inches in diameter, at a point 30 miles east from Portland, 720 feet above low tide in Willamette river, and a portion of the water without being stored in any reservoir flows through the 20 miles of pipe directly through the distributing mains of the city at the rate of 24,000,000 gallons daily.

Seven Hours to Portland.

The water reaches the city in seven hours and is then as cool and sparkling as when it left the river, as the pipe is very deep in the ground and thoroughly protected from the heat. When it pours from the pipes in the city it is healthy and refreshing as when it fell from the clouds. It cost the city to install this plant, nearly \$4,000,000, but it has proven a great blessing, beneficial to the health, wealth and happiness of her 250,000 citizens; and also is a very large asset in creating a most favorable impression upon all visitors to our gates.

My friend, I do honestly believe that Portland and Oregon offer greater inducements for certain and sure rain than any place on the planet greater even than when Jacob Astor and others were busily engaged in building a city on Manhattan island; for, ever remember, New York City had its beginning in its early struggles its foundation was rocked and almost destroyed. The flags of the Dutch and English were thrown to the breeze over the small village known as Greater New York. Look at the changed conditions in the few brief past years. Those days of darkness and doubt have disappeared. I trust forever. Many great and all important questions have been settled; our nation is no longer an experiment, but is one as fixed, solid and substantial as any power on the earth.

Development Is Amazing.

All thoughtful persons are compelled to pause in wonder and amazement at the wonderful development of the United States in the past half century. Time and distance is almost obliterated. To illustrate, six and eight months' traveling with a schooner (covered wagon drawn by a team of oxen) was required to reach God's country, Portland, Or.; starting point, Chicago.

Chicago at that time was considered, by easterners, as the wild and woolly

west, and Oregon was near the setting sun, belonged to a race of people unknown, a country not considered worth having. It now only requires four days in a palace car with all comforts, before six months with all discomforts to reach this promised land. The war cry of the Indian is heard no more, but has been displaced by the busy hum of industrial life in mines, fields and forests, harmoniously blending with the laughter of happy childhood, mingling with the joyful expression of mature manhood and womanhood, not forgetting the jingling bells of "home-etic" herds, on thousand hills, or the cackling pens and crowing roosters.

Millions Will Come.

My friend, knowing the vastness and in part the richness of this great unoccupied empire, and believing that there are 80,000,000 or more of people in the United States not one of them enjoying life at its very best, because they do not live in Oregon, and that there is no visible evidence of race suicide on the Pacific, is my excuse—if one be necessary—in having unwavering confidence that Portland will become the New York of the Pacific. For as certain as the stars twinkle in our vision, so certain will the tide of immigration from the east just starting, combined with the already established reputation of our own people, continue until the most dense population of the United States will be found on the shores of the father of waters, the Pacific.

This statement, no doubt, you will think overdrawn, but every doubt will be removed if you will do yourself the kindness by traveling over and thoroughly investigating the 96,000 square miles within the boundaries of Oregon. You will then agree with me that it is the best and greatest country God ever created. This vast domain of untold and incalculable wealth is just in the formation period of development.

Opportunities for Brain and Brawn.

Opportunities are everywhere open for men and women of brain and brawn. Our cities and factories are not built, we want builders. Profitable occupation means happiness for man. Our forests, containing the largest and finest timber on earth, are comparatively untouched. Our mountains of century-stored minerals are only scratched in a few places. Not 50 per cent of the rich productive lands are cultivated.

I see that I must stop, for it would be impossible for me to place words on paper that would make you fully understand and comprehend this wonderful land, for it is, in all seriousness, a giant just awakening, and you have made no mistake in selecting Portland, Or., as your home.

will vote favorably on it, even if the petition is put upon the ballot at the coming election. It is thought that the two bridges now in contemplation will relieve traffic congestion for years to come and that when the city reaches a stage where these will not provide rapid transit a tube under the river will have to be constructed.

A Harvard Senior Fifty Years Ago.
N. S. Shaler's Autobiography.

He was a senior in Harvard college and had a well deserved name for scholarship in the classics, as well as for a miscellaneous assortment of talents and knowledge. He was reputed to be the best player of the game of checkers in the country; knew the po-

litical history of the United States amazingly well; was learned in pugilism, having at his tongue's end the story of all the prize fights of recent times; (withal he was the merriest little man I have ever seen. I well recall my first morning with him, when, after going over the best of what I could do, he asked me if I could

box. I pleaded guilty to some knowledge of that ignoble art. At that time I had not learned of his interest in it, and thought I would be lowered in his eyes by the confession. To my surprise, indeed, to my horror, for I had a swordman's contempt for the business, he insisted on my having a bout with him at once.



Charles K. Henry Building, Under Construction, at Fourth and Oak.

SITE SOON TO BE OCCUPIED BY CLUBHOUSE



Breaking Ground for New Arlington Club Building, Salmon and Park Streets.

Excavating for the new clubhouse for the Arlington club, to be erected at Salmon and Park streets has commenced. Work of digging for the foundation and basement for the clubhouse was begun Monday morning and will be finished

within 10 days. The plans for the new structure are about completed and will be submitted for contractors' figures within next few days. The building is to be a four story mill constructed structure and will cost about \$150,000.

While the plans show an attractive and imposing building, the bulk of the money will be expended in the interior finish, which it is said will be superior to anything ever put in a Pacific coast building of this character.

TWO BRIDGES FOR NEXT YEAR

Bridges costing \$2,500,000 are to be built within the next year across the Willamette, one at Madison street and

the other at Hancock. Bonds have been sold for the construction of the Madison street bridge and \$450,000 is available for that purpose. The city attorney is now preparing to commence condemnation proceedings on the rights of the Portland & Power company in the old worn out structure that now spans the river at Madison street. The Hancock street bridge is to be of the trestle type and will span the river at a height so great that the draw will be opened only for the largest ocean going ships. The bridge was designed by Modjeski, the Chicago ex-

pert, and its total cost will be \$1,500,000. Bonds have been voted for this span, but the issue will be up at the June election and will undoubtedly be carried by a heavy majority.

So heavy has become the traffic between the east and west sides of the river that much inconvenience is already beginning to make itself felt over frequent opening of the draws. The new bridges will relieve this condition of affairs.

Within the past few days a petition has been circulated by residents of South Portland for still another bridge, but it is not likely that the taxpayers



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