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## ASTORIA, THE LOWER COLUMBIA AND THE WEST COAST.

Two years ago, says the editor of the Willamette Farmer, we wrote up the coast region and lower Columbia at some length, but two years, in a changing and growing region like ours, works out problems of fate. We can safely again review Astoria and the country tributary thereto, with confidence that it will develop interest. Last Sunday the steamer Columbia headed for the ocean, but near approach showed that breakers were foaming on the bar, so the good ship put about for Astoria, and while she waited for Monday morning's tide, we found some friends who gave facts relating to the region that we have alluded to that are worthy of being worked up in detail.

Astoria itself has improved very remarkably. The place has a summer population of 4,000 inhabitants, 2,000 of whom were there for the fisheries and canneries, but its reliable population is about 5,000, which makes it the second town in the state. During the year past the increase of houses in the town has been fifty per cent. on the former number, and the population has increased thirty per cent. It is noticeable that the new buildings show more taste and are more costly than the generality of those built previously; the business streets are becoming solidly built up with structures of a better and more durable character. Some of these are costly buildings that will have permanent value.

The growth of the town is not equal to its needs because lumber cannot be had, though three mills in the place turn off 70,000 feet of lumber per day, and those of Knappa across the river, turn out as much more. There is a great demand for lumber, so great that some buildings contracted for cannot be put up this year, and many are delayed for the same reason. A contract for a \$15,000 school house has been deferred until 1883 on this account. This reminds me that Astoria has good schools, a number of neat church edifices, and on slightly locations, overlooking town, river and harbor, there are many beautiful residences growing up.

The business part is over the water, and is rapidly becoming solid with buildings. Two years has more than doubled the town. There are more wharves and warehouses, and far more canneries than then. It is evident that the salmon trade will center here, and will add to Astoria's importance. Its chief sources of profit lie in lumber and salmon; it also has work for many longshoremen and stevedores, and is the natural resort of sea-faring men. There is no comparison to be made between Astoria and other Oregon towns, and it differs materially from all others, and always will.

Five new canneries will be put up this fall, to begin work next season. Five new ones were put up last year. Canners from above gradually remove here. There were nineteen canneries at work here in 1882, and there will be twenty-four in 1883. Having seen it stated that the salmon fisheries are giving out, and that the catch of '82 falls short one hundred thousand cases that of '81, we expressed surprise to our informant on these matters, that so many new canneries should be venturing to try the canning of fish. He astonished us by asserting that there is scarcely any diminution in the fish supply. There were put up in 1881 about 540,000 cases of canned salmon in the Columbia river. That was a large increase on former years. The report is current

that there is a great falling off. He says the catch will not fall short more than 10,000 cases, or lack only two per cent of equaling the catch and packing business of 1881. Notwithstanding the heavy drain on the fish supply, the salmon hold as well as ever. The greater number of fishermen make it less profitable to each one; they earn less money than they did when the price was only twenty-five cents each; now it is seventy-five cents a fish. Here is a fact of no small importance stated in a nutshell. So long as salmon abound and the world's demand increases, canneries will increase and multiply.

We climbed a hill that overlooks a wide view of river, bay and bar, with the growing city and its shipping in the foreground, and took in at a glance the prosperity of Astoria and the possibilities of its future. Toward the ocean and across Young's bay, is Clatsop and its plains, a sandy region, with light alluvial intermixed; whose dairies produce butter and cheese, and good pastures turn off fat stock. Towards the southwest, flowing into Young's bay, are half a dozen streams that have tide lands for six or eight miles up, or rich vine-maple bottoms, with benches of timber land back from the bottoms. This network of sluggish streams forms a splendid country for settlement, and the best locations are already taken. Several such streams head near Saddle mountain, a notable feature on the landscape, and south of it the North Nehalem river runs toward Tillamook to join the main Nehalem. On Nehalem and its tributaries are rich bottoms and bench lands as yet unoccupied, capable of making homes for a thousand families. Its natural outlet is towards Astoria, but this region is too remote for transportation to be available. Still further south is Tillamook bay, that already furnishes considerable trade to Astoria. All this region has agricultural possibilities, that will in time be realized to Astoria's advantage. The Nehalem country, within twenty miles of Astoria, has coal deposits that are certain as to quantity, and has forests of spruce, fir and hemlock, with occasional bodies of good cedar, that can be utilized whenever a railroad is constructed, from Forest Grove, as is talked of. This timber that is not surpassed in quality is beyond calculation as to quantity.

On the Oregon side, above Astoria and not far off, other streams come in from the south, that offer similar advantages. The north side of the Columbia has a number of streams that are navigable for scows 8 or 10 miles up. Some of these valleys already have 100 families settled, and bench lands yet unclaimed. There are Gray's river, Deep river, the Skamokwa, the Chinook, and still another near the lower cape. The land of all the valleys is exceedingly fertile, but is more or less obstructed with forest growth. The vicinity to the great river and the ocean must make all worth clearing at no distant day. On the north coast Shoalwater bay and Gray's harbor, with their numerous tributaries, have tide-land bottoms that are only sparsely settled; they possess valuable forests and have immense coal deposits. Though slow to develop and expensive to reclaim, this country along the Columbia, and extending from Tillamook bay to the straits of Fuca, a distance of over 200 miles, is naturally tributary to Astoria, and possesses resources of greater intrinsic value

than most minds can appreciate. When times shall have accomplished even a beginning of their future they will make Astoria great.

Shoalwater bay was once famous for its oyster beds, and men grew rich, shipping the little and delicate bivalves, native to its waters, to San Francisco. The oyster trade is again reviving, and, in the future, must be a source of great profit to those who conduct oyster planting properly. The streams that enter the ocean and bays have their own fish supply, and canneries will be planted on all of them. Salmon fisheries and deep-sea fisheries invite skilled men from "down east" to come here, and occupy a field that is equal in value and extent to the fisheries of the north Atlantic.

This region we describe as being tributary to Astoria, has especial value for growth of hay, oats, and vegetables, and many kinds of fruits. Dairying and stock raising will be the natural occupation of many. The fogs and damps of ocean will ward off severe winters and keep pastures green in summer. The destruction and working up of our forests goes on at a rate that is appalling. Few Portlanders know that the supply of logs for their local saw mills comes in great part from timber lands beyond Astoria. Rafts are actually towed from Young's bay to Weidler's mill. The demand for lumber is constantly increasing, and forest fires destroy millions in value yearly. The time is not distant when ships will lead with lumber on the north coast, and discharge their cargoes at Atlantic or European ports.

At the present time little is known of the coal deposits along the coast, but enough is understood of the great prevalence of coal in all the region we have described to justify the assurance that it exists in unlimited supply. There is iron ore on the Columbia and the Sound, limestone also, and in this combination of undeveloped resources we see the elements that have combined to make nations great, and to build up the wealth of Pennsylvania.

Lieut. Parke, who was recently at Fort Klathath on court martial duty, went out to the lava beds and erected a new cross to mark the spot where General Canby was killed by the Modocs. The old mark was nearly destroyed by the elements.

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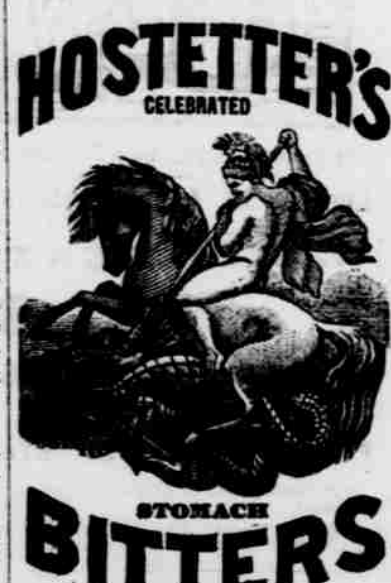
Fremont, in 1842, reported, as one of the results of his scientific explorations, that much of which is now Nebraska, was a vast arid desert, impregnated with salts and alkalis, and too seldom visited with rain to make farming profitable; and to-day in the same Platte valley, the land produces sixty bushels of corn and twenty bushels of wheat to the acre and cattle farming pays from thirty to fifty per cent on the amount invested.

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**W. W. LAUGHERY,** Chief of Police.  
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