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## A LITTLE TOO CRITICAL.

What an Eastern Correspondent Thinks of Us.

There are two great rivals for the internal water communication of the Northern Pacific states,—the Columbia river system and the Puget sound system. This rivalry is like that between the Hudson river and the Chesapeake bay. The Columbia river is a magnificent stream, but its shores are ill-adapted to agriculture. Flowing into it from the south is the Willamette, a noble tributary in whose valley is the oldest settlement of Oregon, its chief city, Portland, and its capital, Salem. Portland has the advantage of being the first actual terminus of the Northern Pacific railroad and of being the actual commercial emporium of the northwest. But the Columbia, with all its grandeur of landscape, is open to criticism from a commercial point of view. The bar at the mouth is wide and difficult to cross in a fog; vessels going up to Portland, drawing 24 feet, have to lighter 300 or 500 tons at Astoria, in order to get up. The river is very subject to fogs. It has no large towns on its banks and no very good sites for them. Kalama, where some disgruntled Portland capitalists tried to set up a rival port, is a grave-yard of real estate, a mere end of a railroad, where a lone hog or two wanders over thousand-dollar corner-lots and the sites of burned houses. On the other hand, the Columbians say the bar is nothing; that San Francisco and Sandy Hook have their bars and that a bar is on the whole a nice place. The railroad docks at Portland are on the east side of the Willamette and their freight-houses and elevators will be spacious, as I have already described. The bridge across the river is under construction. The passenger traffic from the east will alight here for a generation to come. The freight traffic starts off briskly, one of the first shipments being 17 car-loads of canned salmon for eastern consumption.

This brings me to the other chief port of the Columbia system, Astoria, where the salmon are caught and canned. The mouth of the Columbia was a scene of a pretty faux pas in exploration. Hecceta, a Spanish navigator, noticed in 1775, the broad mouth of the river, but did not enter it. Capt. John Meares under the Portuguese flag tried to find it some years after and seems to have observed the same opening. Instead of sailing up to explore it, he named the northern headland Cape Disappointment and the opening Deception bay and sailed away, the most deceived of all, reporting to his sovereign that no such river existed. Capt. Gray of Boston ascertained the truth in 1792 and named the river after his ship, and the capes Point Adams and Cape Hancock. Just within Point Adams on the south shore lies Astoria, the trading post founded by John Jacob Astor, captured by the British in the war of 1812, restored after the war, and for some years nearly abandoned until revived by the salmon fishery. The mouth of the river is supposed to be guarded by Fort Stevens at Point Adams and Fort Canby opposite. Astoria itself is so crowded for room that most of the town is built on piles over the ocean. Its principal business streets are all over the water. The hill back-side is fearfully steep, and it is curious to see the painful efforts made to carve streets and little door-yards out of its stubborn acclivity, bristling with stumps and stiff with intractable clay. Its normal population is about 3000, but this doubles during the canning season. The canneries are strung along the Columbia for many miles. They are simply low sheds on piles, with ample room for tin-shops, canning-houses and store-houses. The fish are caught by men in small boats, two men to a boat, the outfit being furnished by the canning firms. The canners pay 90

cents a piece for the fish, or \$1 if the fishermen supply their own outfit. The best fishing is at night when the salmon, which is a shy fish, cannot see the net. The open season is from April 15 to August 1; at all other times netting is contrary to law in the river, but is allowed on the coast. The catch this year was large, two fishermen sometimes taking from 100 to 200 fish a day, the method being by gill nets about 15 feet deep and from 100 to 400 fathoms in length. The fish are dressed and cleaned by Chinese, and passed under large machine knives which cut them into one-pound slices, just the width of the cans. Another machine fills the cans and solders on the tops, but before this point is reached each can is tested in weight and salt is added. After the cans are soldered they are packed on trucks and run into retorts and steamed for one hour. Then a hole is pricked in the end of each can and they are steamed for another hour. The holes are then soldered up, and the cans are sunk in water to see if any one bubbles on account of leakage. Next they are submerged in shellac to give them a varnish, the labels are affixed, the cans packed 48 in a case and sold for from \$4.50 to \$5 a case. The production of the past season was 640,000 cases. The shipment over the Pacific railroad for the past year amounted to nearly 1000 freight cars, but probably one-half the production is exported to foreign countries. Astoria has no railroad, but is the terminus of the Oregon and California railroad, if it is ever built north of Portland. It has a land grant. There is general discontent that Mr. Villard has not visited Astoria and makes no move toward opening the Astoria connection. The Columbia is six miles wide at Astoria, and the air is so clear that the trunks of trees are discernible at that distance, but the climate is generally foggy.—*Corr. Springfield Republican.*

Indianapolis has long been noted for the enterprise of its merchants in the way of advertising. Competition is very sharp between two leading retail clothing houses. One sends up balloons every few days. The other distributes thousands of boxes of candy to school children, who on one occasion crowded the store by the hundreds and required several police to control them. Saturday, however, the two establishments locked horns, and both advertised that they would sell jeans pantaloons for five cents a pair during the day. Before 10 o'clock the market quotations on jean pantaloons went down to one cent a pair, although every pair cost the proprietors fifty-two cents to manufacture. One firm alone claim to have sold upward of 2,000 pairs before 10 o'clock.

The old prayer used to run, "Lord save us from the devil, the Turk and the comet." The telescope has disarmed the comet of its terrors, the bondholders have shackled the Turk and the revised edition has killed the devil. When a comet comes now we dissect it; when the Turk is rampant, Etrope presents its coupons, and if his satanic majesty came aboard he would be interviewed by a newspaper reporter and invited to call around.

Order has been completely restored at Portau-Prince. Fifteen hundred lives were lost and damage to the extent of \$4,000,000 was done during the recent massacre. The Haytian war steamer Dessalines has arrived under the American flag. In the attack on Miragoane the government troops were repulsed with severe loss. General Piquet was mortally wounded.

New Haven oystermen are planting oyster shells in the Sound as a means of helping the propagation of the oyster. The shells supply a rough, hard substance for the "spat" to cling to.

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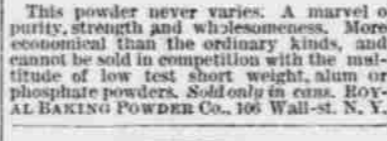
CURIOSITY having been excited in New York by the names of the new Cunarders, *Paconia* and *Auronia*, which seems to vary from the company's custom of selecting for its ships classical names of countries, a correspondent writes an explanation to the *Critic*. Early in the XVIIth century, Michael Pauw, son of an Amsterdam burgo-master, planted on the mainland, near Staten Island, a colony, which was named after him *Pavonia*. *Auronia* is the Latinized name of Fort Orange, the Dutch settlement on the Hudson, where is now the city of Albany. The names of the new steamers, therefore, are a compliment to the states of New Jersey and New York.

The stockholders in the Keely motor enterprise are becoming impatient, and at a conference in Philadelphia recently, the inventor was urged to hurry. He was assured the clamoring stockholders would not stand many more postponements. Mr. Keely explained that it would be impossible for him to have the trial trip of his motor engine next month, because of a miscalculation in the "chromatic scales of the vibrator." In reply to a question, he said nobody but himself could adjust the "chromatic relationship," and it was not in his power to say when he would get them fixed.



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