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THE ASTORIA REGION AS A LOCATION FOR SETTLERS.

In looking about for a home in our Pacific northwest there are two or three propositions the intending settler would do well to keep clearly in mind in deciding where to locate: One is, to avoid if possible a locality where the marketing of his products is at the mercy of a single line of railroad. His first aim should be to secure a place where there are already existing, either by two lines of road, or by water communication, the competition which will leave the value of his labor and products independent of a monopoly. That this is as essential in our western country as in the east can be proved by citing an instance which recently came under our notice. A farm of 75 acres in western Oregon, cleared and under cultivation, beautifully level, as fine a piece of land as could be found, was placed at the disposal of an energetic farmer, free of rent for two years. It was within 60 miles, by rail, of a large city and shipping port. The farmer put in exclusive of buildings, eight hundred dollars for tools, seed, stock for working the farm, etc., and for two years raised large amounts of peas, green corn, and other table vegetables. For two years in succession the railroad refused to give rates that would allow more than three cents per hundred lbs. profit; tons of the produce rotted in his store houses; and in two years he retired from his venture, penniless. About the same amount of the same crops, an equal distance from that city, where competition by water existed, gave other men a start in life that practically made them independent.

Competition, in Oregon, exists only in three localities; first, where the Oregon Railway & Navigation company and the Northern Pacific lie together; second, in the Willamette valley, where the river, the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Pacific compete; third, along the lower Columbia river, where a dozen competing lines of steamboats and sailing crafts are possible. The first named can hardly be permanently counted on as having competition; the second, the Willamette region, is highly developed and the price of lands near the river or railroads is already up to eastern prices; the third, the lower Columbia country, tributary to Astoria, is the only region of low priced lands now left in the northwest where genuine competition must always be possible.

Another proposition the settler should keep in mind is that he should locate as near the seaport as possible. He should ask himself why he should all his life pay several dollars per ton for transporting his produce to a seaport, when he can permanently avoid anything but a trifling charge, by selecting his farm at a point near that seaport. Yet here to-day we find the lowest priced lands of all the northwest, almost at the city lines of Astoria, the most seaward of all the seaports of Oregon, Yaquina alone excepted. The present status of the Astoria country stands as one of the most remarkable anomalies in the development of the United States. Nothing but the powerful opposition of the great railroad companies, backed by surveys intended to show how Astoria could not be reached, would ever have penned this seaport off in its present solitary corner. Ultimately, it will be benefited by this. The booms that have visited and retarded other places by their forcing processes, have avoided Astoria and its surrounding country, and are leaving them free to grow more healthfully and permanently.

With a canal open (probably at Nicaragua) no settler in the northwest (those of Yaquina excepted) will be as near Europe or the Atlantic ports of the United States, as he who has settled along the lower Columbia.

In looking for reasons why the farming lands have not been developed more largely heretofore, we find a partial reason in the timber on such lands, together with the absence of a near market, by rail, and for railroad purposes, for such timber. This condition is now being altered; the steamboat lines, the local demands of Astoria, and the demand from more remote markets will hereafter cause wood and timber to be sought after, and increased rapidly each year, the amount of land brought into a state of cultivation. Saw logs are not subject to attacks of the teredo, as in the salt water of the Sound; hence the logging industries of the Columbia have a decided advantage over those of the Sound.

Assuming that the salmon catch, as we predict, may in time, in spite of the efforts of the fish commission, diminish, it will always be large enough to enable every settler along the lower Columbia, in the interval between the

busy seasons of seeding and harvest, to obtain a supply of ready cash more readily than farmers can generally in an agricultural country.

The anchorage possible for small boats (and for large ships also) to be found everywhere on the Columbia, (but almost impossible to be found in the deep and rocky waters of the Sound) will help both the local and seagoing commerce of the Astoria region.

It would well repay the settler to figure in dollars and cents the saving to be made by settling on the lower Columbia; and after he has done so, and found he could afford to pay forty or fifty dollars an acre more for the privilege of being here, he can then note with satisfaction that his land really will cost him less than he must pay elsewhere.

If he has settled in the older parts of the northwest he must go back a dozen, or at least a half dozen miles from a railroad or river. Thus his teaming costs him probably fifty dollars per annum more than in the Astoria region near a waterway; his freights one hundred and fifty dollars and upwards more than near Astoria to reach an equivalent seaport; he will be able to make a hundred dollars more in the Astoria country by salm- on fishing, etc.; his yearly growth of wood will bring him at least fifty dollars more per annum; and the original growth of timber on his land will be worth ten dollars an acre, instead of being worthless and having to be burned. Thus he can better afford to pay from forty to fifty dollars an acre for unimproved land on the lower Columbia than to get it for nothing further east.

"PLAYED HIS LAST CHIP."

Death of "Bill" Briggs, The Gambler.

The press dispatches announce the death of "Bill" Briggs, a noted gambler, in San Francisco, with as much solemnity as if a great benefactor to the world had departed this life. Briggs in many respects was a man superior to his class, and, says the *Telegram*, it is doubtful as to whether there is an old Californian in the city of Portland who did not know the departed sport either by sight or reputation.

A reporter who knew him by sight twenty years ago, believed him to be the handsomest man in the Golden State. Briggs stood about six feet three in his stocking feet, well proportioned, and had one of the most elegantly molded faces one would wish to look at. While he was a gambler in the strictest sense of the term, he was also a man of unquestioned integrity.

In '50 he came to California from Missouri, then quite a young, unsophisticated man. He located in Sacramento at first, where his handsome face and figure attracted the gamblers, and he became their protegee. Shortly after his arrival he made a bet of \$200 that St. Louis, Mo., was the largest city in the world; but in a few years after he became as worldly as the rest of his associates.

Briggs subsequently moved to San Francisco, where he conducted the most exclusive gambling house in the city, patronized by the so-called higher classes, and he made an enormous fortune. The place was frequently raided by the police, and it is safe to say that the establishment contributed no less than \$30,000 to the city revenue in the shape of forfeited cash bail during its existence. "Bill" never forgot the friends of his earlier days in California, and many were the broken down old men and their families whom he steered clear from the alms house breakers. Gambler as he was, he commanded the respect of a great number of prominent men at the Bay by reason of his honesty and charitable nature. In 1873 he became financially embarrassed, that is to say, he needed \$50,000 cash one day, and he wanted it badly, too. He had considerable property, but was unable to convert it into ready cash at a moment's notice; so Briggs went to the Bank of California, and after a quarter of an hour's interview with the late W. C. Ralston he presented the latter's personal check at the paying teller's counter, and the gold coin was forthcoming. Briggs merely gave his personal note for the money, payable in thirty days, and it is reliably stated that at the expiration of that time he repaid the loan.

In 1874, a *Telegram* reporter had a friend in San Francisco who was at that time paymaster's clerk on the man-of-war *Pensacola*. This person was engaged to marry, but he was almost strangled of funds, having only \$300. In a moment of desperation he visited Briggs' faro rooms and won \$12,000. During the time he played he drank considerably, and when Briggs saw what a condition he was in he directed his "dealers" not to allow the young man to play any more. Briggs took the money from him and had him put to bed. The following day the \$12,000 was returned to him with the advice to invest his money in some business and not try to "press his luck" at the gambling table. That is the sort of man Briggs was.

The Verdict Unanimous.

W. D. Suit, Druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Belleville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at J. W. Conn's Drug Store.

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It has been a cold month, and some rain has fallen, yet the sale of Lots in Railroad Addition to Ocean Park has been brisk and one third of the lots placed in Robb & Parker's hands have been sold.

The time to pick out cheap real estate is when you have the opportunity; don't wait until it is too late.

If you think North Beach is not coming to the front, note the purchase of 40 acres for \$10,000 by Geo. B. Markle, Donald Macleay and others of Portland, upon which \$75,000 to \$100,000 will be expended in the shape of a magnificent hotel. Another piece of 20 acres sold during the week, farther north sold for \$200 an acre.

These are evidences of the coming importance of the sea side beach over in Pacific county. Lots in Railroad Addition to Ocean Park will sell for three or four times their present value inside of the next year, and the time to get a little real estate is now. The railroad is now running right past it and will soon be completed to the bay.

Sixty-Three Lots!!

In the Heart of Grimes' Grove,
FOR SALE!

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Having secured an option on certain property in Grimes Grove, from the sale of which the Astoria and South Coast Railway Co. is to receive the sum of \$15,000, now offer for sale upon the lowest possible terms, the very cream of this property, consisting of 60 choice lots, all situated in the finest part of Grimes' Grove, with full beach privileges.

Purchasers of this property will materially assist in the construction of said railroad and secure a rare bargain besides. As an investment no better opportunity will ever be offered the public.

There is only a small quantity of real choice property on this peninsula, and for this season at least, none of the Holladay Property and no other part of the Grimes' property will be put on the market, making this the only opportunity to purchase the best of seaside lots before the railroad boom which is sure to come.

This property must be sold within 30 days, and within 60 days it will double in value. Those who purchase first can select their lots and choose their neighbors.

They Pull Together.

P. Mertz, writing as correspondent to the weekly *Journal* at Brainerd, Wisconsin, March 15th, 1889, concerning Spokane Falls as a city and how it became such, has made many good points as to the true methods of building up a town. We quote one little sentence from his letter.

"The city is growing very fast. The demand for business houses has been and is so great that they are springing up in all parts of the city, and most of them are good, substantial brick blocks. Residences are being built by the score, some of them as fine as you will see in much larger cities, and they are in great demand. The business methods of the people are worthy of favorable notice. There are no jealousies, and no kickers, and all the business men as well as the city authorities work together to accomplish the same end, and the result is that they are building up a magnificent city."

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SALEM, April 25.—The board of trade this evening held a special meeting and appointed a committee consisting of Dr. H. J. Mieneborn, P. S. Knight and H. Albert, to raise the necessary funds for the preliminary survey of the Salem, Tillamook & Astoria railroad. No trouble is anticipated in raising funds, and the work is expected to be commenced with a practical engineer in a very short time.

NEW TO-DAY.
Net Lost.
ON FRIDAY NIGHT BETWEEN THREE Tree Point, and Brookfield, one Forty Mesh Net (marked O. punched) Cork buoy marked P. O. Return and secure reward to P. Olsen, Brookfield; or office of O. R. P. Union.

Proposals for Improving Cedar Street.
SEALED proposals will be received at the office of the Auditor and Police Judge, until Friday, May 3d, 1889, at one o'clock p. m., for the improvement of Cedar Street, in the City of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively; from the east side of West Sixth Street to the east side of Salmon Street, in the manner provided by ordinance No. 1,064. Bids must state the price per lot on each side of said street.

Each bid must be accompanied by a guaranty signed by one or more responsible sureties to the effect that if the contract be awarded to such bidder, that he will within forty-eight hours after notice of such award, enter into contract therefor with good and sufficient sureties for the faithful performance of the work. The right to reject any or all bids is hereby reserved.
By Order of the Committee on Streets and Public Works.
T. S. JEWETT,
Auditor and Police Judge.
Astoria, Oregon, April 28th, 1889.

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Assignee Notice.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE partnership of Overlock, Moody & Co. did on the 20th day of April, 1889, make a general assignment to me for the benefit of their creditors. All persons having claims against said company are requested to present the same under oath, to me at my office in Astoria, Oregon, within three months from this date, April 28th, 1889.
C. E. PAGE,
Assignee.

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