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HER GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Astoria's Wonderful Timber Resources Compared With Other Points.

MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD

Interesting Figures Compiled—The Markets of the World Open to the Nehalem Valley—Oregon's Product Is Superior.

General attention is being called to the wealth of Clatsop county's forests. The providing of means for reaching the domestic markets has revived interest in the great timber preserves of this part of the state of Oregon. From a commercial point of view the forests of the United States present the most valuable crop of product raised on American soil. The national agricultural department says the value of the product of the gold and silver mines of the United States for the year 1884 is: Gold, \$7,500,000, silver, \$11,422,000; total, \$18,922,000. The most recent and careful estimate, as the same authority says, of the value of the products of the nation's forests during the same year, is \$1,098,000,000 or fifteen times the value of gold and silver. The same authority also asserts that if to the gold and silver products of that year the value of all other minerals, including iron, copper, lead, zinc, coal, lime, natural gas, petroleum, salt, slate and building stone, be added, we would have obtained for that year 1884 the sum of \$444,000,000, or, in other words, the value of the forest products for the same year.

That unexcelled opportunities for the establishment of a number of modern sawmills at the mouth of the Nehalem river are presented, under existing conditions, needs but little argument. An experienced timber man, who visited the Nehalem valley while on a prospecting tour along the Pacific coast some years ago, stated that after having examined the famous redwood regions of California, and having made a thorough investigation of the immense timber sections tributary to Puget Sound, that there was immeasurably more and better timber more easily accessible to market in the Nehalem valley than in any other section of the Pacific Coast. The topography of this immense Nehalem timber region, in its relation to the Nehalem river, and the streams emptying there, admits of the marketing at the smallest expense, of nearly every standing piece of merchantable timber. With the completion of the railroad down the Columbia river, and the location of modern sawmills at Astoria and the mouth of the river, this Nehalem timber will be immediately available for market. Experienced coast mariners say that there will be no difficulty or risks whatever in towing logs from the timber lands and into the mouth of the Columbia, there being seasons in both summer and winter, when the sea is so placid that several trips with rafts of logs can be made during daylight each day from the Nehalem to Astoria. If the attention of Eastern lumbermen were called to the situation in this section, the completion of the Astoria and Columbia river railroad which will furnish easy and cheap access to the domestic markets of the middle west states, they would flock here in numbers and make short work of arranging for the placing of this timber upon the market. The China and Japanese markets also offer unlimited possibilities. The size quality of the Nehalem timber, which has already been shipped in small quantities to those points, have been viewed with interest both by Europeans and natives in the different Asiatic markets. Oregon timber is gaining a world-wide reputation. A large number of people will develop an industry greater than the salmon fishing or any other product of the state.

The Port Blakely Mills on Puget Sound are now getting their logs from the territory back of Olympia. They recently closed a ten year contract with the timber owners of that territory. The loggers own their own railroad into the timber belts, and undoubtedly have a fat thing in it. It is conceded that the timber of this section is superior to that contracted for by the Port Blakely people, and that it is equally accessible. Puget Sound territory certainly has no more valuable timber than either for foreign or domestic markets. The mouth of the Columbia river is in every respect a superior harbor, and many hundreds of miles nearer to foreign ports, while with the railroad completed, it will have a much shorter and better line to Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri than has the Sound country. Port Blakely is not on the line of any railroad, and its lumber products must of necessity be handled by boat and loaded onto railroad cars or ocean vessels. Astoria mills will be able to load their product direct upon through cars for any point in the United States; they can put it direct into ocean steamers or sailing vessels for all seaports of the world. They will have the double advantage of being able to ship lumber or shingles to all points without breaking bulk.

There are perhaps few who realize the enormous consumption of lumber and timber in this country alone. One item is worthy of consideration: Mines, both gold and silver or coal, use large quantities of timber every year. It is stated on good authority that the Butte and Anaconda mines of Montana alone use 100,000,000 feet per year. Last year the South African mines consumed a large portion of the output of the Port Blakely Mills. Astoria can reach all of these markets on as good terms as can Puget Sound.

In view of all the facts and considering the immense possibilities there is not the slightest excuse for the people of Oregon and particularly the people of the Western portion of the state contiguous to the mouth of the Columbia, longer remaining idle upon this subject. This one resource can be made to return millions to the state every year. Shall not Astorians take the lead?

THE SHIVELY SCHOOL. For some time past the teachers and the pupils of the Shively School have been preparing to give an evening's entertainment. This will be the first time this year that the school has given an exhibition with the pupils participating.

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CORRESPONDENCE PUBLISHED

South African Executive Was Not Willing to Believe the Latest Was Not One of Hostility—Wanted an Inquiry.

(Copyrighted, 1896, by Associated Press.) Cape town, May 4.—A long telegraphic correspondence between Sir Hercules Robinson, Dr. W. J. Leyds, secretary of state of the South African Republic, and Sir Jacobus A. DeWitt, British agent at Pretoria, covering the period between April 20 and April 28, has been published. In brief it shows the extreme disquietude prevailing in the Transvaal at the time in regard to the alleged passing of troops on the western border of the Transvaal Republic, or in the vicinity of Mafeking. It appears that President Kruger was not inclined to accept the assurance of Sir Hercules Robinson that the gathering was not one of hostile intent, and that the troops were not being held at Mafeking but were being started as promptly as possible for Bulawayo and elsewhere.

Sir Jacobus A. DeWitt finally proposed, with the approval of President Kruger, the sending of a joint committee of Boers and English to inquire into the reported gathering of British troops at Mafeking. At this Sir Hercules Robinson replied that he trusted he would have no such "preposterous proposals."

CHINESE FOR CUBA.

Four Carloads of Laborers Under Road to the Six Companies.

Ogden, Utah, May 4.—Four carloads of Chinese laborers passed through here today on their way to Havana. They are to be sent to Havana under the auspices of the Chinese Six Companies, which have contracted to send them to Havana to work. They were met at San Francisco by specially authorized deputy United States marshal, whose duty it is to see them transported across the continent without setting foot on American soil.

SCHOONER ASHORE.

Tacoma, May 4.—The American schooner American Girl, Captain Weitzman, from San Francisco, April 16, for Ballard, to load lumber, went ashore early yesterday morning, half way between Port Townsend and Point No Point. The vessel was trying to beat up the Sound against a strong southeast gale, which was blowing with a force of low water. She is in a well sheltered place and not liable to suffer much injury, except it be a slight straggle. The captain expects she will float with the next high tide.

McKINLEY'S CHANCES.

Utah and California Republicans Favor the Tariff Champion.

SALT LAKE, MAY 4.—A SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE FROM CHEYENNE, WYO., SAYS:

Reports were received here today from Fremont, Cheyenne, Sheridan and other counties of Republican county conventions held Saturday and today. In all of the counties instructions favorable to McKinley were adopted.

IN CALIFORNIA.

Sacramento, May 4.—That California will join the McKinley procession seems to be the settled fact. The state Republican convention will meet here tomorrow and a majority of the delegates are wearing McKinley badges and shouting for the McKinley man. There seems to be a disposition among the delegates to ignore the silver question entirely, or at most, to give free coinage but half-hearted endorsement.

THESE WOMEN ARE LUCKY.

Spokane, May 4.—Mrs. H. Pethy and her daughter Clara, will start from Spokane tomorrow to walk to New York. They live on a farm near here and hope to make enough money in the venture to lift the mortgage on their home. They are under contract with the manufacturer of a health costume. Their route is Walla Walla, Pendleton, Boise, Salt Lake, Cheyenne, Denver, Lincoln, Omaha, Burlington, Chicago, Buffalo, and Niagara. They have a letter from Mayor Bell vouching for their good character.

GOLD SHIPMENTS.

New York, May 4.—The total amount of gold thus far engaged for shipment tomorrow is \$2,120,000. All of this gold goes to Germany, and is expected to be transhipped to Russia. It is all in mostly \$5 and \$10 pieces. Legal tenders have been deposited with the sub-treasurer in such case. Indications point to further shipment this week by Russian account of from two to three million dollars.

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HIGHEST OF ALL IN LEAVENING POWER.—LATEST U. S. GOV'T REPORT

WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

Cleveland, May 4.—The advocates and opponents of the proposition to admit women delegates were pitted against each other in the Methodist conference today. In what was probably the most decisive battle, a committee of thirty-one on eligibility sent a majority report in favor of women and a minority report which were debated warmly and will be further considered tomorrow. Each side claims defeat. The supporters of the women delegates' cause claim tonight

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