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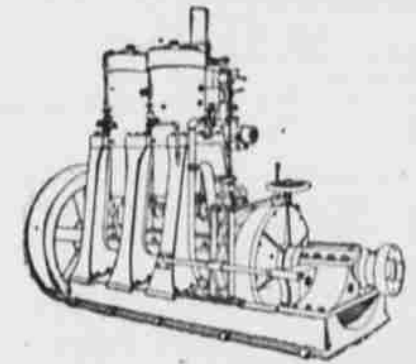
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A GOOD START FOR ASTORIA

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EXPERIENCE OF PORTLAND

And Sound Cities Demonstrates That a City
to Prosper Must Have a Hotel in
Keeping With the Times.

There is a general feeling among business men in the city that there is needed now, in Astoria proper, a first-class hotel—a modern building, with modern conveniences, that will not only afford adequate accommodations for visitors, but will be an ornament to the city. It is said that the fine hotel recently constructed on the coast have not paid their expenses. This was true in the cases of Seattle, Portland and Tacoma, when their new guest houses were first opened, and even now some of them are not paying. But it must be remembered that those cities, by having first-class hotels, at which to entertain traveling men and visitors from the East, have more than made up the losses of the hotels themselves by the general increase in business. It is a well-known fact that Portland had a hard name in the East for years, and was taboed by every traveling man, because she had no decent hotel at which a stranger could stop.

Since the building of the new hotel at Flavel, and its recent announcement of opening for public entertainment, some little criticism has been made by interested parties in Astoria of the wisdom of building anything better than a barn or of putting it on the west side of the bay. A careful investigation of the matter yesterday shows that every business man of common sense realizes that a good hotel in these times is a necessity to any town which expects to grow, increase its business, and compete with the centers of commerce. It is conceded that the west side will play its part in the upbuilding of Astoria. It will be a part and parcel of the one greater Astoria, and as such must have its facilities for transacting business. This in no way detracts from the general proposition that old Astoria will remain the center of business at the mouth of the river, and that it also must get into line with modern ideas.

Those who think have already expressed a willingness to join in any movement tending to the advancement of their city. They also realize that a good hotel is one of the first requisites for a town that expects to invite investors and capitalists to locate in its midst. They realize, also, that already Astoria has outgrown its present accommodations for strangers, but there is no single individual of the city who is probably able, at the present time, to improve any of the older hotels or build a new one. The desired object can be attained only by unity of action. The hotel at Flavel, with its fixtures and furnishings, cost \$50,000. One for Astoria should cost not less. Thirty of the representative business men of the city could form a company, which might easily construct a beautiful house, which would add one hundred per cent to the attractiveness of the city, and which, if it did not any more than pay expenses, would largely add to the business of the city by attracting to it hundreds who go only where they can find first-class accommodations.

It is learned that before the Flavel Hotel was started, Dr. Alfred Kinney expressed a desire to have such a house erected in Astoria proper, and various sites for such a building were examined at that time. No one could be found, or at least only a few, who were willing to embark in the enterprise. The property-owners on the west side, however, took up with the idea, built their hotel, and on June 1st will open as handsome a guest house as can be found anywhere. It is realized now that Astoria needs a hotel like it, or one better, and that there will be plenty of business for it during the period of rapid growth bound to take place at the mouth of the Columbia river during the next ten years. In a few months the railroad will be finished, trans-Pacific and trans-continental traffic will commence, and when the managers of business enterprises, shippers and manufacturers, come to look after their interests, there will be no proper place in which to entertain them. The Flavel Hotel will answer, for a short time, for both sides of the bay, but it will soon be unable to take care of all the travelers, particularly in the summer season. Additional accommodations will have to be furnished, and at the outset of the city's era of improvement is the time to provide for all contingencies. Property-owners on the west side know this, and say they are as willing to aid in the construction of a first-class hotel here as they were to aid the other one.

Near the new depot site on Scow bay a modern hotel would not only be a convenience to the public and business men, but would be a substantial addition to that portion of the city, and an

FOREST RESERVE ORDER REVOKED

Cleveland's Action Setting Aside Millions Annulled By the Senate.

BEHRING SEA SEAL FISHERIES

To Be Further Investigated—The House Votes to Meet Only on Monday's and Thursday's Until Further Orders.

Washington, May 6.—The senate today agreed to an amendment to the civil service bill revoking the order of President Cleveland made on February 2 last establishing forest reservations aggregating 17,000,000 acres. The debate brought out much criticism of Mr. Cleveland's order, Senators Pettigrew, Wilson, Turner, Rawlins and White speaking against it. Gray, of Delaware, defended the course of the president, pointing out that it was the result of an inquiry authorized by congress and conducted by the national academy of sciences.

Allison endeavored to have the amendment restricted so as to leave the question of revocation to the president, but he was defeated on a yeas and nays vote, 14 to 32. Gorman made a point of order against the amendment, but this being submitted to the senate, was defeated, 23 to 25. The amendment was then agreed to without a division. An amendment agreed to provides for the continuance of the investigation of the condition of fur seals in Behring sea. The sundry civil bill was passed late in the day. It carries appropriations aggregating \$5,000,000.

SOUTH AMERICANS COMING.

Leading Merchants Desire to Study Our Commercial Methods.

Washington, April 20.—Some of the foremost merchants of Mexico, Central American and South American cities will visit the United States within a few weeks. They are coming to see how commercial affairs are conducted in this half of the western hemisphere. There will be about fifty gentlemen in the party. The distinguished travelers will be taken on a tour of the United States, which includes in its itinerary Baltimore, Washington, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Boston and other prominent cities.

CAPITAL NEWS.

Doings at Washington Described and Interesting Events Chronicled.

CHANGE IN COMMANDERS.

Washington, May 6.—Orders have been issued by the war department assigning General Shafter to command the department of the Columbia, with headquarters at Vancouver Barracks, transferring General Otis to command the department of Colorado, with headquarters at Denver, Col. Colonel Merriam, now at Denver, will assume command upon General Wheaton's retirement next Saturday until Otis' arrival. Colonel Anderson, at Vancouver Barracks, will be in command until Shafter's arrival. It is settled that General Brook, commanding the department of the Missouri at Chicago, will succeed to the major generally vacated by Wheaton's retirement. For the vacant brigadier generalship, the leading candidates are Colonel Merriam and Anderson, of the infantry, and Wade, of the cavalry, with Mizner, of the cavalry, and Frank, of the artillery, as possibilities.

SUNSTRUCK.

Chicago, Ill., May 6.—The first case of prostration from the heat this season occurred today. Chas. Wilson, a milk wagon driver, fell to the street unconscious. He was removed to the hospital. The weather bureau thermometer registered 80 degrees during the day. On the streets in the business part of the town it was from three to five degrees warmer.

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PURSUANT TO OATH OF PRESIDENT P. L. CHERRY.

The resident Englishmen of Astoria held a meeting last night to consider the ways and means for celebrating the 60th anniversary of the accession to the throne of her majesty Queen Victoria. The celebration, or diamond jubilee, will be held by all British subjects throughout the world on June 22d.

A large number were present at last night's meeting, and Mr. Cherry was made temporary president of the meeting and Mr. F. M. Gunn temporary secretary. A resolution was unanimously passed to form a permanent organization to have charge of the affair. Upon the votes being cast and tallied, it was found that Mr. Cherry was elected president, H. F. L. Logan vice president, J. R. A. Bennett secretary of the permanent organization. A resolution was adopted authorizing the chair to appoint a special committee for the purpose of raising the funds for the erection of a bed at the Good Samaritan Hospital at Portland, to be known as "The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Cot." These endowment cots, or beds, in the hospital cost \$2,500, and the Englishmen of Portland and Astoria expect to raise that amount through their combined efforts. The following committee was appointed: T. L. Cherry, F. Spittle, J. T. Hyrie, W. G. Gesslin, G. Wingate, S. H. Maddock.

A resolution was also passed to appoint a committee to see what arrangements can be made to further celebrate the event by a collation or other suitable entertainment in Astoria, the committee to report at a later meeting to be called by the president. The committee as appointed in R. C. F. Astbury, A. S. Tee and J. S. Hitchen.

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