

# NEWS FROM THE WEST SIDE

## A NEW CITY SPRINGING UP

### Residences and Business Blocks Under Construction—Beach Notes.

There continues to be a general movement of property on the West side of the bay, and it looks very much as if an old-fashioned boom headed in that direction. A new city is certainly springing up over there and almost at the same time. One who visited Warrenton and vicinity two months ago would scarcely recognize the place now, so great has been the change occasioned by the improvements since that time. All along the line, from the eastern line of Sunnymeade to East Warrenton, roads are being planked and bridges built.

At Flavel the hotel has opened and Manager Locke has a number of guests with him. But it is early, and the crowd expected at the new hotel will not materialize until after the beach resorts open for the summer. When the Flavel tourist is placed on the market and pushed with the usual and well-known energy of that company, great changes may be expected to take place. So far the hotel property is the only change made in the tract, except the building of a very substantial dock.

New Astoria, Kindred Park, Flavel Center and other West Side tracts are receiving more or less attention from buyers, but the owners do not seem disposed to do anything to bring the inerts of their property before the people. This is in striking contrast to their more enterprising neighbors at Warrenton. Warrenton people advertise and they are doing business as a result.

The question of water supply for the West Side will probably be settled in a few days. Several meetings of prominent citizens have been held of late, and it has been decided that a company shall be organized and water brought into Warrenton at an early day. Several sources of supply have been named, but the most desirable for temporary use is the Carthagen place, about three and a half miles from Warrenton.

### WARRENTON.

Engineers are at work locating the new bicycle track from Flavel to the Ocean beach. Contractor Bayes is prepared to push the work to completion at the earliest possible date.

Fifty men are at work on the construction train south of Warrenton, where the road is being placed in excellent condition for sea-side travel.

J. W. Preston has completed his new building in the depot block. The lower story is occupied with his butcher shop.

Mrs. and Miss I. Smith of Montana have been in Warrenton the past week looking about for a restaurant location.

People on the West side of the bay have determined to have a celebration of their own on the Fourth. The program has not yet been arranged, but it is known that a clam bake will be a feature of the day.

Mr. Chris Grammas' new store building is practically completed and he will move in within the next two weeks. It will be occupied as a grocery store.

John Nicoll has purchased two lots of Mason & Warren in East Warrenton, first extension, and already has lumber on the ground for a new residence.

### NEW ASTORIA.

Mrs. Charles Jacobson is making an extended visit to North Cove, Wash.

Mrs. L. T. Russell returned Wednesday from Portland, after a week's visit.

Mr. J. C. Shafer has moved his family from Portland to Fort Stevens.

Mrs. Elizabeth Watson has left us to take up her sojourn for the summer at Cannon beach.

Mr. C. E. Ford is building a feed and flour store along the side of his blacksmith shop on First avenue.

Pacific avocets from Park avenue to Harrietta street, has recently been graded and the residences fronting thereon are being put in neat trim by their owners.

The ladies are taking advantage of these many bright warm days in caring for the front yard and vine with each other as to who can show the finest blossoms. Mrs. Herman Johnson, Mrs. Maggie Kewenow, Mrs. Kate Beilke, Mrs. Frank Babrowick, Mrs. Albert Johnson, Mrs. Myrtle Stone and Mrs. Robert Turk may be especially mentioned in the matter.

The Southwester of Friday turned a part of that large school of salmon, that the boys reported as being outside for a fortnight, into the breakers and the boys made for them without delay.

Bob Gray was high boat for the week.

The St. Augusta is anchored on the water front and is converted into a receiving station for Elmore.

Mrs. Mat Nyland has been visiting this week with Mrs. Andrew Hansen.

The Meccabees are making plans for building a large building, the lower floor will be used for a store room on one side and a bowling alley on the other, while the upper floor will be a large assembly room.

Mr. Frank Carlson has so recovered from his recent illness as to be about and is now building a fruit and ice cream stand alongside of the station.

Mrs. J. W. and Miss Callie Manson of the Point Adams lighthouse are almost daily visitors to town.

The post office at New Astoria has been designated as a money order office.

Mr. August Learsons' family have taken up their abode on Pacific avenue, in their new residence.

There are several fine honey bees here and there are two ladies here, Mrs. Harvey Thompson and Mrs. Herman Johnson, who have broods of young chickens that would do honor to the best regulated hatchery.

John Carlson of the North Shore, announces

his intent of improving his beautiful lot on Pacific avenue by building a home this fall, when he will take up his permanent residence with us.

Mr. Andrew I. Hansen and Mr. I. T. Lemmon, have each secured lots on Pacific avenue and by next year will have built their houses and will join the fray of making some beautiful homes.

The Columbia avenue people do not intend to allow Pacific avenue to take the cake with out a strong contest, however, as is shown by the beautiful homes of Mrs. Andrew Hansen, Mrs. Charles Pearson, Mr. John Leaska and Mrs. Mike Erickson.

On First avenue Mrs. Mabel Ford has set the step, and her flower gardens are one of the lovely spots in New Astoria.

Mrs. Eric was on visit this week from Portland.

Keeper Johnson of the Point Adams life saving station is continuing on the short for the property in his charge and is keeping it in splendid condition.

Miss Luella Sars and Miss Castel were visiting among friends here this week.

Will Carlson was the first to strike the school of chinook that turned into the breakers Friday evening. He made a good killing and reports himself as feeling like a small millionnaire.

First avenue is being graded throughout the length of the town, and is now finished from Kinney street to Park avenue, a distance of 1800 feet. The county road on Kinney street has been graded entirely across the town, a distance of 2000 feet, and when a couple of bridges have been placed over the branches of Tany creek this road will be in fine condition. Road supervisor Emory Houghton has done some good work this spring in picking up the Tany point and Skipsion county road at a point on Henrietta street where the New Astoria Land Company left off grading, and putting the balance of the road in good order. Considerable grading has been done on Augustus street and on Third, Fifth and Eighth avenues.

### SEASIDE.

Earlier this year than ever before, people from the interior are flocking to seaside. So far Clatsop beach is getting the bulk of the travel, though a number of parties have gone to Long beach during the past week. There remains no doubt, however, that the excellent train service over the Seaside branch of the A. C. R. R. is having a very important bearing on the beach situation this year, and it can be expected with a certainty that the resorts on the Oregon side of the Columbia will reap the greater harvest for 1897.

At the various resorts, with the exception of Seaside proper, there has been little or no improvement since last year. At Seaside, however, the visitor of 1896 would scarcely know the place, for it has had many changes for the better. New and handsome cottages have gone up in every direction and they add greatly to the beauty of that place. Mr. Herbert Logan has been the prime mover in improvements there, and has had erected several cottages and a fine business block, besides extensive improvements around his mill.

The Hermons Park Land Company are now having built a fine bridge across the Necanicum, connecting the East side with their property. Several new cottages will go up on this tract as soon as the bridge is finished. In Grimes' Grove several cottages are now under course of construction, and a number have been completed in the vicinity of Cleveland station.

It is not known as yet whether the Holiday house will be opened this year, though it was reported some time ago that Mr. Jerome Dillon, who has long been connected with the affairs of the estate, would conduct the house this season. The once famous and beautiful Holiday resort is fast going into decay, simply because of sheer neglect. It is to be hoped that Mr. Hammond will get hold of the place and restore it to its former splendor.

It is a little early just now to expect much fruit to the south side of Tillamook Head, where Clatsop's famous benches are located. Sundays, however, find many people making the trip, but their stay is of short duration. The road between Seaside and Elk creek is in excellent condition, which is something to marvel at this early in the season.

At Elk creek the Logan house is now open and ready to receive visitors to that lovely resort. The hotel this year will be presided over by Miss Host Geo. Rowe, well known to Oregon's seaside visitors. The place has been much improved since a year ago. Mrs. Anderson's new hotel at Cannon beach has been opened all winter and the name of quite a number of visitors can be found on the register since last fall.

At Brighton beach, near Haystack Rock, both Robert Gibson and Mark Warren are hard at work improving their places. Improvements have been made since last year at Silver Point cliffs, Lion Rock and Arch Cape, as well as many other places along the beach from Elk creek south. It is expected that these resorts will see many more visitors this year than in any previous season, and already all the available cottages have been engaged.

Early this spring Rev. J. J. Walters, Mr. Thorsen and several associates purchased of Mr. Frank Bralier 20 acres of land overlooking the beach just south of Brighton near Silver Point cliffs. They have had the land cleared and planted and named it "Sylvian Park." It is a beautiful tract and well watered by mountain streams, and is situated on the property at one of which assures another delightful colony for the beach this summer.

Mrs. Fanny Clayton, daughter of Mrs. S. F. Clayton of Seaside, is expected home this week from California, where she has resided for the past four years.

Mrs. Perry Trullinger will ride at Seaside this summer, where her husband is engaged as manager of the Logan saw mill.

R. L. Jeffrey and F. Fisher have two handsome slide-wheel pleasure boats for the Necanicum this summer. They were built in Astoria by R. M. Leathers.

Nr. Fred Newell, superintendent of the Astoria Street Railway, has leased for the season the fine new cottage of Mrs. Clayton at Lion Rock.

It has been several years since crabs and clams have been so numerous on the beach as this season. Visitors will find great sport awaiting them, for shell fish are plentiful.

In former years a great hole, just off Hag Point has made that place a very mean point

to get around, especially if the tide was not extremely low. This year the waves have washed the sand in so that at half tide one can drive around the point with ease. This is so with Silver Point as well.

Mrs. J. T. Ross and children are quartered for the summer at the Butterfield farm north of Gearhart Park. They were living here last year.

The railroad company will erect a handsome new depot at Seaside this month. It is probable an agent and telegraph operator will be stationed here by the time through.

Several carloads of lumber have been shipped from Astoria to Seaside the past week. The local mill was unable to turn out the orders, so crowded are they with orders for foreign shipment.

Mrs. F. P. Kendall visited Seaside Friday and inspected their new cottage at Cleveland. Mr. Kendall will soon move his family to Seaside for the summer.

A large number of campers are already located in the groves about Seaside.

Sheriff Hare contemplates the erection of a cottage at Seaside this month.

The Grimes house has been all renovated, cleaned, and will receive guests about the middle of the month.

McGintire's hotel, which is open the year round, is making preparations for a good season.

The Seaside house will be opened about the 20th inst.

It is to be hoped that there is some truth in the report about Hammond having purchased the Holiday property.

Among the summer visitors are Leonard C. Jones and family of Portland who are occupying the Webber cottage. Steve McDonald and family of the Columbia River Transportation Co. are in the S. J. Allen cottage. A. L. McLeod and family are in the Wilson cottage.

Astorian are seen on the beach more now than ever and it is to be hoped that many more will take advantage of the beach this summer.

Mrs. Dr. Bishop and children are now in Mrs. Bryan's house. Geo. Trullinger and family have rented the Oscar Wilson cottage, and G. M. Gille and family are nicely situated in Mrs. Austin's cottage.

Among the improvements made are: A. F. Fisher, who is reconstructing his old cottage. R. L. Jeffrey is making extensive improvements to his fine cottage and J. H. Johnson, the postmaster, is putting in a new front and generally fixing up preparatory to the season's rush.

Among the new buildings under construction are the McGregor cottage, J. L. Carlson and Ben Young cottages, and Mr. Bridges of Portland, all in the Grimes' Grove Land Co. tract, which is bound to be one of the beauty spots on the beach.

F. P. Kendall's cottage is about finished.

Gust Holmes' fine cottage is a ready for occupancy and a half dozen small houses are being built in all directions.

Among the visitors during the week were Capt. and Mrs. Jas. T. Gray, who were looking for a cottage for the summer.

C. W. Fulton spent Sunday on the beach.

G. A. Lonsberry and family and C. H. Cooper and family spent last Sunday on the beach. Mr. Cooper's cottage is one of the finest on the beach.

W. J. Barry, ex-chief of police of Astoria, was seen here on Tuesday last.

Mrs. F. A. Fisher and Mrs. Oscar Wilson are in the Fisher cottage for a few weeks.

The bridge built by the Hermons Park people is nearing completion.

Clarence Brown has accepted a position with J. B. Johansen this summer.

Fishing is very good and many are availing themselves of the opportunity of catching them.

Ed E. Covert and Al Butterfield of Portland made a trip up the Necanicum last Sunday and caught a nice lot of fish. Messrs. Good and Wilson also reported good catches.

The roads are now in good condition, thanks to an efficient road supervisor Jerome Dillon.

The railroad seems to be doing a good business, not less than 10 carloads of lumber were brought in from Astoria during the week. The mill here does not seem able to supply what is wanted.

Harrison Allen visited Seaside on Tuesday last.

Hon. Ben Young spent several days here supervising the construction of his fine cottage.

Rev. S. Short enjoyed a day on the beach during the week.

E. M. Dunne and wife arrived on Friday to spend a few days.

### LATE ELSE NEWS.

By J. E. W.

The crops look well, although the warm weather that we have been having may make the hay crop short if we have no more rain, and hay harvest will be ten days earlier than usual. The oats and other grain look fine and the small patches of flax sown here are growing nicely. There may be no profit in growing it, but it will certainly look well, and I intend giving it a fair trial.

The thermometer registered 90 degrees in the shade last Friday.

The supervisor of district No. 15 is doing some good work on the road. The supervisors of district No. 13, together with volunteer work, has opened up the new road across the Little Fishhawk. The people of Elsie are to be congratulated, as it is a great improvement over the old route.

William Smith is busy working on a new fence around the school house in district No. 24, and will do some improvement on the house.

A recent assay on some ores from this section showed \$1 per ton of gold. Who knows but gold may be found in paying quantities, 1 to \$2.

This country needs a small flouring mill. Hundreds of dollars are going out of here every year that might be kept at home. We

can raise the best of wheat and if some one who understands the work will put up a good mill he might get some help and have a paying business.

### STOKE-POGGS CHURCH.

The old Edifice Immortalized by Gray is Greatly in Need of Repairs.

Stoke-Poggs Church, in Buckinghamshire, England, which was immortalized by Gray's "Elegy," is greatly in need of repairs, and an effort is now being made to raise a fund for carrying them out as a fitting memorial of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee year. In undertaking this work, an appeal for assistance is made to Americans, which seems eminently proper when it is said that 1,300 visitors from different parts of the United States registered their names at the church last year. The intention is to clean and renovate the interior, with all recent care for the antiquity of the building, provide means for ventilation, and cover the steeple with oak shingles. This will require a large sum of money, of which about \$200 has already been subscribed in the parish, says a writer in the Chicago Times-Herald. Many Americans who have visited the world-famed church, or are interested in it as an account of its associations with the poet Gray and the Penn family, will doubtless be glad of an opportunity to extend their help.

Near the country town of Slough stands this historic church, Slough is the center of a district which all around it according to some accounts. The typical tower is of the early English style, and stands at the east end of the north side of the chancel arch is Norman and the east window perpendicular. In the chancel is the decorated canopy of a tomb, believed to be that of Sir Edward Moleyns, treasurer to Edward III, and there are brasses for several members of that family, as Sir John (1285), and Eleanor Moleyns, Lady Hungerford (1276). On the south side is the Hastings Chapel, which the coronet and heraldic mouch above it is of late perpendicular character. The west front was at one time (indulgent restorer), a window being substituted for a door, although there was already a large window above.

Near the east end of the church is a plain tomb, with an epitaph by Gray, to Mary Antrous and "Dorothy Gray, the careful, tender mother of many children, of whom one alone had the misfortune to survive her." The solitary survivor was, of course, the poet himself. The poet was afterwards according to his own wish, buried in the same vault—a fact recorded by the following inscription on the window sill of Hastings chapel: "Opposite this stone, in the same tomb in which he has so fittingly recorded the loss of a beloved parent, are deposited the remains of Thomas Gray, the author of the 'Elegy Written in a Country Church-yard.' He was buried August 6, 1751."

Though there are other surnames, Stoke churchyard is usually regarded as the scene of Gray's "Elegy," the different points in its descriptions—the "ivy-maned shrubs," "the rugged elm," "the yew tree's shade," "yew wood," "the heath," etc., applying more exactly there than elsewhere. Gray was accustomed to spend his college vacations at Stoke, at the house of his aunt, Mrs. Radgers, and in 1743 his mother and his Aunt Antrous went there to live, in a house described by him as a compact box of red brick, with such windows, when Stoke became his home. It was called West End Cottage, and is still standing known as Stoke Court, though much enlarged, altered and beautified. His room is now, and a walnut tree, alluded to in one of his letters, is still existing.

Just outside the churchyard is a monument in the shape of a sarcophagus, or large ledge, containing on each face a few lines from the "Elegy," or other of Gray's poems. This was erected by John Penn, a grandson of William Penn of Pennsylvania. It is impossible to approach Stoke church and graveyard without feeling that it is a spot calculated to inspire the poet with those sentiments which drew from him his "Elegy."

Stoke-Poggs is so named from the fact that Annia de Stoke, an heiress, brought her name in marriage to one Robert Pogs, a knight of the shire in the twelfth century. His granddaughter and here, Margaret, marrying Sir John Moleyns, a member of the household of Edward III, the estate passed into the possession of this family, who had a license from the king to fortify and embellish a mansion

deserving special notice as a most remarkable work of that period. Its artist, however, was an Englishman of great promise, who died young at Rome. He was patronized by Mr. Penn, for whom he did this work. In the park, which has a fine sheet of water, is a column surrounded by a statue of Coke. Many Americans traveling abroad this summer will doubtless visit Stoke-Poggs and its environs. Subscriptions to assist in repairing the church may be sent to Vernon Blage, the Vicarage, Stoke-Poggs, Slough, England; to Algeron Ollhat and E. H. Parry, church wardens, same address, or to H. H. Howard-Vyse, Stoke place, Slough. Contributions will be promptly acknowledged.

### COUNTERBALANCED.

When the tax comes up on the foaming beer, Oh, then, alas I greatly fear That we'll find as we sip the malted brew That a higher tax means a higher froth.

### A GREEK PROTEST.

We can stand the foreign powers, But we dangle threatenly notes, 'Tis these hoards of hungry pot a Getting off their frightful croes.

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# IN BEAUTIFUL SUNNYMEAD

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