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THE NEED OF REFORM.

In all the rejoicing over the bright promise of reviving industry, required labor, and large commerce and general diffusing of prosperity throughout all conditions and classes in the country, it is to be feared the people of Astoria will find themselves without part or parcel unless a way can be devised to arouse them to see the importance of changing some of their methods of doing business.

Astoria has a regular income from the salmon industry, which, if kept at home and circulated among its people, would make a greater annual increment of wealth than that of any thriving New England manufacturing town of four times its population, but at the end of the year there seems absolutely nothing left to show for it. The complaint is often heard that there are now more people in Astoria than it is possible to support with the single industry of fishing. It may surprise those who are given to urge this excuse for Astoria's backwardness to know that the government statistics show that nature is now sending to the people of Astoria each year a crop which, without the labor or expense of planting or cultivation, exceeds in value that produced by any equal number of people in the whole country. It is a startling fact that notwithstanding the salmon business for twenty-five years past has brought into the community more cash money each year, on the average, than the total assessed valuation of all the property in the county, there are yet fewer visible evidences of material wealth and prosperity in Astoria today than in any year of that period in its history.

What is the cause of this anomalous condition, and what is its remedy? The answer to these questions is so simple and easily comprehended as to deserve the thoughtful attention and consideration of every intelligent citizen.

The money produced by our great salmon industry, instead of adding with and going to improve the condition and enhance the wealth of Astoria's people, merely passes through their hands and goes elsewhere to build up other sections and increase the accumulations of those who live in other cities and other states of the country. The modern fishery for salmon in the Columbia river are precisely in the same class with their original forerunners of the time of the Hudson Bay Company. Astoria is but the same trading post now that it was then. The only real difference is that white men, instead of Indians, now harvest their fish not needed for actual home consumption to the strangers of other places for articles of common necessity produced elsewhere and brought here for sale or exchange at exorbitant prices.

Today, without any visible return for the investment, if we except the new city water works, the taxpayers of Clatsop county and Astoria are sending out each year the enormous sum of more than \$50,000 of interest on money borrowed for public purposes. For every article of food consumed in the city, with the single exception of milk, our people are dependent upon outside sources of supply. With hundreds and perhaps thousands of acres of fine tide and bottom lands capable of producing, it is said, the incredible quantity of from six to eight tons of hay per acre, the provision dealers who supply our people with their meat, butter and eggs, chickens, potatoes, cabbages and turnips, bought in San Francisco or Portland, are actually feeding their delivery teams on hay imported from California. With hundreds of thousands of feet of the finest fir and spruce timber actually standing within the city limits, the municipal authorities are obliged to import the timber with which to plank our streets from a sawmill located fifty miles up the river; while the firewood to heat

the homes and cook the Portland meat and California vegetables consumed by our people is brought from neighboring towns up the Columbia river. Such a drain on the substance and resources of a people is simply suicidal. Besides the rich Nehalem valley, within but a few miles of Astoria, there are up and down the various water courses centering here innumerable acres of the finest productive land on the Pacific coast utterly uninhabited and non-productive, which in any other state would be utilized to maintain and support in abundance hundreds of thousands of people. But it is said there are no roads leading to Astoria over which the farmer can transport his products to market. Such an excuse is unworthy a civilized people. More money is paid out in any single year in Astoria for ocean and river freights on products which could be raised within five miles of Astoria than would suffice to establish a good system of improved roads accessible to all parts of the county. The plain truth of the whole matter is the lack of a spirit of thrift and enterprise on the part of our people.

If the Astoria Progressive Commercial Association should accomplish nothing else in the course of its existence than to awaken the people of this county and city to a realizing sense of the necessity of patronizing home industry and establishing such a system of home economics as will retain among the people where it is produced the large revenue yearly received here, they will have earned a monument of fame that will live as long as the Columbia rolls into the Pacific.

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