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Portland is also 400 MILES NEARER THE WHEAT MARKET, and her FRESH WATER HARBOR, according to competent authority, adds 10 per cent to the SPEED OF HER VESSELS.

Yet, strange to tell, Portland's railroad charges the farmers of the Inland Empire AS MUCH FOR WHEAT RATES as the Tacoma railroad.

Stranger still, the Portland railroad is forced to pay out of its overplus freights a BONUS OF SOME 50 CENTS A TON to induce foreign grain ships to go to the riverport of Portland.

But stranger far than all is the fact that, despite all these advantages, wheat at Tacoma is worth SIXTY CENTS A TON MORE than at Portland!

Why does the Portland railroad charge so much more per ton per mile for freight to the farmer's loss?

Why does Portland's railroad pay this bonus out of the farmer's toll to get grain ships to Portland's wharves?

Why do the farmers lose so much on their products through the efforts of the O. R. & N. Company to make Portland an artificial seaport, and the refusal of that company to put Astoria and Tacoma on equal terms as to freight?

The answer is plain: Because Portland is an inferior port where only the small ships of commerce can go. Small ships mean high charters; large ships mean cheap ocean charters. Tacoma's HEAVY SHIP TONNAGE and cheaper inland sea navigation against Portland's small ships and shallow inland river navigation explains the trouble. Portland gets a "differential" out of the farmer's pocket to make up for her vast inferiority as a port.

Astoria as a seaport is as much superior to Tacoma as Tacoma is superior to Portland, and more, so far as the effect of the price of wheat is concerned, for Astoria offers, like San Francisco, the HEAVIEST TONNAGE of ocean commerce, without the handicap of either inland sea or shallow river navigation. Astoria is equi-distant with Tacoma from the wheat fields and has a GRAVITY GRADE, against Tacoma's ridgy and mountainous route, with 500 miles nearer distance to the Liverpool wheat market in Astoria's favor. No one can can fail to see on these great facts of nature that Astoria is NATURE'S SEAPORT, and would, as a "common point" with Tacoma, add at least $2.50 per ton, or some four million dollars annually, to the wheat values of our producers, with a resulting rapid upbuilding of the entire Pacific Northwest.

The Astorian defies the Oregonian to refute these propositions. If they are not true, let that paper dispute them and give the Astorian an opportunity to debate them in its columns, by the reproduction of some of the repeated brief summary of the Astorian's position. The people are entitled to know the truth as to this great economic problem. Let the Oregonian cease to evade the truth and the performance of its duty. It must take this question up; let it do so at once and do it fairly.

The Pacific coast forests are not "inexhaustible"—far from it—but, with proper care, they should be equal to the future needs of home and foreign consumption. The forests now standing are mature, and are not bettered by not being cut. At least 90 per cent of the cut-over lands are of absolutely no value for agricultural purposes. They are adapted only to timber growing. Moreover, the native species, if protected from fire, are, as a rule, readily and quickly reproduced. The lumber industry is a legitimate and necessary business, despite certain sentimentalists; moreover, if properly managed, its future has more in store for the Pacific coast than all that her gold fields have yielded.—Engineering Magazine.

The advocates of currency reform, having about given up the hope of an extra session of congress, will concentrate their efforts to securing the enactment of the three following amendments to existing law: To increase the circulation of national banks to the face value of the bonds; to authorize the incorporation of national banks with $25,000 capital, instead of $50,000, and to provide that when greenbacks have been redeemed in gold, they shall only be again paid out in exchange for wold. The house committees on banking and currency will probably take action on these amendments before the close of next week.

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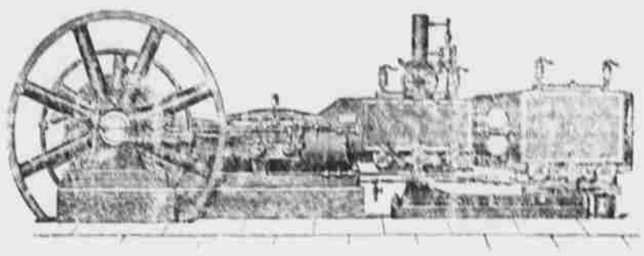

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