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 Sea Shore
 Hundreds from the Willamette Valley spent their vacation at North (Long) Beach, Washington, last summer, and it is safe to say that this popular resort of the North Pacific Coast will be visited by many more this year than ever within its history. The change from the valley to the sea level opens up an entirely new realm of scenic charms.
 The trip on the Willamette and Columbia rivers, out of Portland, is

one long to be remembered, the usual heat of a summer afternoon being tempered by a gentle breeze freighted with the aroma of pine trees and seasoned with salt sea air. The scenery includes much that is beautiful. Leaving Portland on one of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company's palatial river steamers, (the T. J. Potter being queen of river flyers) the excursionist is carried through its harbor where fly the flags of many nations. The twelve miles on the Willamette are quickly made, and, after saluting the government lighthouse, marking the junction of the two rivers, the boat swings into the Columbia for the trip down stream. The morning is clear (generally so from June until September), and a magnificent and inspiring sight meets the eye as the sweep around the bend is made—five snow-capped peaks, Mount Hood, Mount Adams, Mount Saint Helen, Mount Ranier and Mount Jefferson, looming into view—a sight worth traveling thousands of miles to see. On down the picturesque river, past villages, sawmills, fishing fleets, salmon canneries, perpendicular basaltic bluffs, and pretty side-hill farms, the boat pursues its way. The majestic sweep of the river is awe-inspiring. Gradually the shores grow farther apart and, scarcely realizing that the five hours have been consumed in making the trip, the boat steams alongside the wharf at Astoria.

One hour from Astoria, through the famous fishing waters of the Columbia, past scores of salmon traps and nets and as many white-winged fishing boats, lands the passengers at Ilwaco, on Baker's Bay, where connection for beach points is made with trains of the Ilwaco Railroad & Navigation Company, whose cars stand on the wharf awaiting the steamer. North Beach, where the surf bathing is unexcelled, at low tide is from 200 to 400 feet wide, twenty-three miles long and so compact that a carriage or wagon scarcely leaves a trace upon it. Scattered along the beach are hundreds of cottages and hotels in which summer life is an unceasing round of pleasure from the opening until the closing of the season. The much dreaded "Resort Mosquito" is unknown and no venomous snakes or insects are found. The thermometer rarely goes above 80 degrees in July or August, but light overcoats, fires morning and evening and blankets at night are comfortable during the season.

Rates for accommodations at North Beach points are reasonable and vary to suit the visitor. At European hotels and lodging houses rooms range from twenty-five cents to one dollar a day; at restaurants meals run from twenty-five to fifty cents; and at the American-plan hotels, the charges range from one dollar a day to two dollars and upward.
 Dozens of delightful side trips may be taken from the beach into the country of wild and picturesque beauty, quiet and secluded among hills and forest, with hunting and fishing in native haunts; to the United States Saving stations and lighthouses, cranberry farms, oyster beds, salmon fishing grounds and canneries.

For particulars about the trip to North Beach ask the nearest O. R. & N. agent, or send two cents in stamps to A. L. Craig, general passenger agent, Portland, for "Restful Recreation Resorts," which tells all about the Columbia River summering places.

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