

GOLDEN FUTURE HERE FOR YOUNG

An address recently made before the Young Men's Christian association of Portland by Tom Richardson is replete with wisdom and cogent reasons why the young man should locate in the Northwest. The arguments adduced by Mr. Richardson are convincing, and are set forth as follows:

First of all, the most important reason why young men and young women should seek this portion of the United States as a permanent home is on account of what I believe to be the most invigorating and pleasant climate anywhere in the world. I base this somewhat upon my personal experience, for when I came here some 20 months ago I was pretty well filled with malaria and tired the scales at 135 pounds—since my arrival I have been quite busy, and have spent a great many hours at my desk, without the privilege of taking as much outdoor exercise as I would have liked. Still I now weigh a little over 160 pounds. My health approaches perfection, and my appetite is all that I could ask. My children, who were natives of the Gulf Coast country, and typical children of that climate, are today as rosy-cheeked as if Oregon born, and Mrs. Richardson has been as much benefited as the children and myself. Climate is the most important item to every man, woman and child in selecting a permanent home. While it is not, by any means, all the difference between heaven and perdition, the Bible gives it first place in describing the joys of the one and the terrors of the other.

There is no place where the soil produces more bountiful returns, where there is a greater abundance of pure water, and with an acceptable climate, of gold soil and pure water the basis of life is more than half won. The best minds of the commercial world agree that there is to be an enormous development in the trade of the Pacific, and there are more opportunities for river transportation throughout the section of which Portland is the metropolis than in any other portion of the United States. The very fact that rail transportation is limited and that the immediate future assures tremendous activity in this most important item of material development presents so many practical opportunities for young men throughout the Northwest that it seems unnecessary to name them.

Before becoming specific, let me say that when you name "young men" we mean capable young men, young men of good morals and good courage, young men who have confidence in themselves and in their city, county, state and country, young men who are willing to do objectionable work if it is honest, while waiting for an opportunity to get something better.

This great Pacific Northwest country is the home of the greatest available timber supply in the world, and that practical, hard-headed business man, James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, which is now building into Portland in connection with the Northern Pacific, says that from a traffic standpoint there is no other timber in the world equal to the hundred and eighty acres of wheat. That is a startling proposition—that the crop of timber which God gave us on one acre of this fertile Northwest will furnish as much freight from one acre as will a field here sown in wheat, the world's great cereal, in 180 years, and Mr. Hill in making this statement has told the commercial and financial world why it is that the great railroads are seeking an outlet to the Pacific and the Orient with a view of helping handle this timber before the great forests of the Northwest are devastated.

The opportunities which will come from the introduction of electricity to universal transportation and the many factories to be built offers to the young man many opportunities to accumulate money. I have a young friend at Newburg, son of a Quaker family, who makes a good living out of an electric plant in that village. It is possible for him to make money out of this plant because he uses every possible common-sense economy, burning the saw dust from one of the saw mills for fuel. And such opportunities as these present themselves everywhere.

In Portland from February 10th, 1905, until November 22, 1905, there were issued by authority of the city government 1887 building permits, and the month from October 15 to November 15 beat the record, showing 287 permits or more than 10 for every business day in the month. I mention this especially as it follows immediately after the close of the season, where so many doubters had predicted a slump, and this particular 30 days was vital to Portland for the reason that many people throughout the entire country were watching her with a great deal more attention than ever before.

The three states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho have about 40 per cent greater area than the Japanese Empire, and there is about the same proportion of waste land in both sections. Japan has 45,000,000 people, and these three great states have not to exceed 1,000,000.

Now I am not going to tell the young man who expects to be a merchant just what he should locate in, nor have any advice of this kind for the young man who expects to engage in the banking business nor those who follow any of the given trades. Still, it is to say, the every branch of human endeavor will develop proportionately here just as they have in other sections of advanced modern civilization. It will be but a short time when the surplus money of this country can't be loaned at the rates of interest, and then money will be seeking investment in industrial lines.

As a boy I lived in Quincy, Illinois. We had a very large wholesale trade. There grew up such a competition here, however, between Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and other Missouri River points that our trade area became restricted—we had to fight for all the business we secured—the money advanced in the trade was not paid until we had not pay ourselves—so we went into manufacturing. The present and the immediate future will make it necessary that we should diversify investments to every possible extent throughout the Pacific Northwest, and this diversification and the growth which must come in all lines offers openings, not only for the right kind of young men as employees, but as heads of the business, who will improve the opportunities that are presented.

Are you aware that a cow raised just outside the city limits of Portland proved in competition at the World's Fair at St. Louis that she was the greatest butter producer in this country, and that there are splendid openings in the dairy business in all of its departments, and that it can be

increased to 10 times its present output without danger, because the population is going to grow even faster than the dairy business? This is true with regard to the production of poultry. Then there are opportunities in the raising of horses, in the cattle and sheep business, in many departments of mercantile trade, while the industrial field is so rich in its possibilities that to recount even a portion of them would keep me here talking to you all night.

We feel that our fruits, and especially our apples, prunes and strawberries, have a world-wide reputation, but we are just beginning this branch of industry and 50 times the present production would find ready sale at good prices. Particularly is this true of apples, which command an immense foreign market in addition to those sold in the United States.

Irrigation is not a speculation any longer, and there are many sections of Oregon, Washington and Idaho where plenty of water and good productive lands are adjacent, and therefore available. Even with no greater population than we have at present, the livestock interests would make the production of alfalfa upon a million acres profitable.

I have not touched upon mining, although it is by no means one of the small interests of the Pacific Northwest, and while there is considerable risk in mining, as there must be in all branches of industry that occasionally pay enormous returns, placer mining, an important industry throughout many sections, gives returns which can be depended upon with almost the certainty of a payroll.

Now I want to say to you gentlemen present, those of you who have an interest in the Young Men's Christian association have an interest in the upbuilding of Portland and the growth of the portion of the United States, and you don't want to induce young men to come here who are failures elsewhere. No process has ever been discovered yet that will make the careless, improvident boy or man a success in any country or in any climate, though it seems necessary that we should have a certain percentage of that character of people in all communities. The dreamer who seems to think that money grows on trees in some foreign land is not wanted here. The character of individual to whom distance lends enchantment to the view would walk by a river full of salmon or over land a verid of great forests of pine, ever so rich as that of our best orchards, and wonder how in the world he could make a living. To this kind of man there are no opportunities in the Pacific Northwest, and to those of you present who on average such people to come here I would say that you not only do them an injustice, but you are treating Portland, Oregon and the Northwest unfairly.

Not long since I was present at a dinner given in honor of William E. Curtis, the famous correspondent, and at that board were the actual working newspaper men of Portland, the men who build the newspapers. Mr. Curtis opened his remarks by saying that the day of the tramp reporter as well as the tramp printer was a thing of the past; that the newspaper writer of today was not only well dressed and an educated gentleman, but he respected himself and the confidence of the community. He told us numerous experiences and gave us a word of advice to his brother workers: "Be scooped 40 times rather than break faith once." And that is just as applicable to the men of any other occupation.

My avocation in life has given me the opportunity of becoming intimately acquainted with the prominent business men of many communities, and I am pleased to say that these successful men, with very few exceptions, find their greatest pleasure in being of assistance to worthy young men. After you gain the confidence of men who have made a big mark, who have surmounted their spurs in finance, commerce and the professions, they enjoy above everything else telling you that they picked certain young men as winners and have had as much pleasure in the success of their proteges as they derive personally from being winners in the battle of life. Portland is especially blessed in this regard, for most of our big men not only accept but invite the confidence of young men. Go over in your mind to whom I refer—I will mention no names.

This is not addressed to the sensitive plant, which withers at the slightest blow—it is not directed to the young man who anticipates in advance having his feelings hurt, and when he tries to see the busy professional or business man feels an affront because the man can't see him that special hour, for the young man with meth in him will go again. He must, however, have something to ask for, and get to the meeting of the coconut at once.

Portland is full of institutions paid for by her citizens. You can get money here for any good cause just as readily as in any city in the United States, and it is a community composed of men who do the things which is always ready to extend to the right kind of a young man a helping hand.

The Northwest has not as much poverty and sentiment as the South, it probably lacks the reserve of the East, but good character counts for as much here as it does anywhere on earth, and if a newcomer expects to back upon his prestige gained from his family tree, he is counting without his best. I remember upon one occasion in Denver, a young man whose father was a distinguished national character was looking for a position and called up Mr. David Moffitt, the leading financier of the Colorado metropolis. His introduction to Mr. Moffitt was a story about his father, about his social and family connections. When he was about half through, Mr. Moffitt stopped him and said: "Say, young man, is the old man outside? If he is, please have him come in and make his own application—I'm busy."

The United States goes ahead as a whole with about an equal ratio of progress, except that there are always one or two sections which seem to have the right of way. That proud distinction is now the property of the Pacific Northwest. The next two decades will see untold millions of created wealth, and there is no line of occupation of investment of which the human mind can conceive, which is not open and will continue open, for young men of real worth.

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Spirits have been getting in their work at Wenatchee, where fact, romance and spiritualism are so interwoven in a case as to be almost incredible unless there was something to substantiate the fact; but W. E. Bartlett and M. C. Black have substantial proof in the shape of a bottle of gold to prove that the find they have made is genuine. These two men, acting on the advice of a spiritualistic medium of Portland, have found a 10' long hidden in the mountains, and which was discovered nearly 50 years ago by Mr. Bartlett's grandfather.

The Bartlett family are all spiritualists, and a short time ago Mr. Bartlett's grandfather, dead for nearly 50 years, sent word to him through a medium to find the mine, which would make him independently rich, and gave minute directions of the location. He was told to select M. C. Black, a second hand dealer of Wenatchee, as his companion. Black consented to go and they made the trip. While they were out there the location of the find, they say it is rich beyond belief and that the gold is practically virgin. To prove it they exhibit a bottle filled with metal which tests have proven to be gold.

They state it was found in rough and mountainous region and the ledge is of grey quartz, literally filled with gold. Small pieces were broken off and pounded up in a frying pan which they had with them. From this they picked enough chunks of gold out with their fingers to fill the bottle. Should the ledge prove as rich as the samples, a man could go into the mountains with a mortar and gold pan and in a week be independently rich. They state the trip is perilous now, but that in the spring they will return and develop the find.

The find is not as marvelous as the manner in which the mine was located. D. E. Ingalls, Mr. Bartlett's grandfather, was a pio ser prospector and in 1855 drifted into location of Wenatchee with eight others from the California gold fields. While alone one day he made a find in the mountains near Wenatchee that he considered the greatest discovery of his life. To the members of his family he confided his secret and they have kept it as an heirloom. He went into the mountains one day and was murdered by a companion, Jack Knott. His body is buried up the Columbia, about two and one-half miles from Wenatchee. Last summer the medium communicated the message to Mr. Bartlett's grandfather and Black was selected to go along. Although the trip was a long one, the directions were so minutely given that the men went directly to the spot. Another peculiar fact is that the family thought Ingalls' body was buried in Southern Oregon, until a medium last summer told where the body would be found, and upon investigation the spot where he was buried was exactly located.—Exchange.

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