

# "WHERE ROLLS the OREGON"



A movement is on foot to improve the Columbia River above the Dalles, and in this way open a long stretch of the Upper Columbia and Snake rivers to navigation. It is accomplished, it will be an important link in the great scheme of inland waterways. Upon this arm of the sea have floated the ships that were with Dewey at Manila and with Sampson at Santiago. The commerce of the world enters its waters. Cargoes of tea, lumber, flour and wheat pass over it, and its foreign trade averages twelve million dollars a year.

The Columbia is the only fresh-water harbor on the north-west coast of our state. With its tributaries it drains a region larger than the combined areas of New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. More than this, it is the scenic wonder of the north-west. Its gorge is stupendous and its mighty current puts to shame even the Mississippi to which in size it is a close second.

Though this mighty river is a thriving rival of the railroads, its history calls to every traveler on its waters. People stream with long rolls of Spanish adventurers and the Indians that preceded them, and every headland will speak of thrilling incidents. It was in 1805 that travel-stained and weary Lewis and Clark, those doughty soldiers, reached the mouth of the Columbia after travelling 4,000 miles from their starting point. They had crossed the Rockies and travelled along the Missouri. After reaching the Columbia, they passed the winter in the camp on the Oregon side at a place they called Fort Clatsop after neighboring tribe of Indians. Capt. Gray had already entered the river's mouth and gave it the name of his noble ship, but it remained for Lewis and Clark to influence the United States to follow up the claim based on Gray's discovery and to hold the country west of the Rockies and south of the 49th parallel.

One other name this mighty stream has borne—and this is "the Oregon." Its origin is shrouded in mystery—one of the many that envelop this stream—but it is known that Carver used the word in describing a river which he said the Indians told him flowed to the west and was so named. Jefferson used the word Oregon in his instructions to Lewis and Clark, but it was really Hryant's "The Oregon" that brought the name "Oregon" into notice. Columbia or Oregon, it presents many phases of wild nature. The usual trip for sightseers is to the coast, where is the old fur trading post, Astoria, and up the river to the Dalles, where there is a delightful stretch in Canada where the river winds between the foothills of the Rockies and the Selkirk. In one place it widens into one of its mother lakes, Lake Windermere. Just below are salmon spawning grounds, where twenty years ago the Kootenay Indians used to spear many a thousand fish in one night, but this has ceased since the salmon industry has been carried on so vigorously near its mouth. Another fascinating stretch of the Upper Columbia is where it widens into Arrow Lakes, here the scenery reminds one of the Scotch lakes.

The historian will wish to take a

boat to Astoria and follow the course made memorable by Lewis and Clark and agents of John Jacob Astor. This part of the river, though not as picturesque as the Upper Columbia, teems with history. At its mouth the river is seven miles wide, and its tide is so great it can be felt on hundred and fifty miles. There are many reminders of a hundred years ago—among them Tongue Point, Chinook Point, Gray's Bay and Astoria. The view from the lighthouse at Cape Disappointment is superb. In the distance are the government jetties, and the lightship far out to sea, while the waters tumble over the bar at the mouth in a series of eddies and whirlpools.

Port Columbia at the river's mouth, is equipped with the newest of heavy marine ordnance, and a short distance away is Fort Clatsop where Lewis and Clark camped. When they left, feeling the uncertainty of returning East alive, they left notices with the Indians and in various places describing their journey and what they had seen. It is a curious fact that one of these in after years reached Philadelphia by way of China. At this end, too, the river is not alone associated with Lewis and Clark. At old Fort Vancouver, Grant, Sheridan and other army officers were stationed. Grant commanded the fort in 1856, and took part in two Indian uprisings.

Just as the Columbia near its mouth is associated with history, every one agrees that the scenery of the Upper Columbia cannot be duplicated even by the palaces of Hudson or Mississippi. A succession of surprises continues for one hundred and seventy-five miles to the Dalles. It is beyond this that most of the improvements will be made, and that are considered necessary for, just as this great river, so to-day it is important for civilized man. The canoes of the Indian have vanished and steamboats have taken their place. At the entrance to the Gorge one catches a first glimpse of the titanic forms that border on each side of the river.

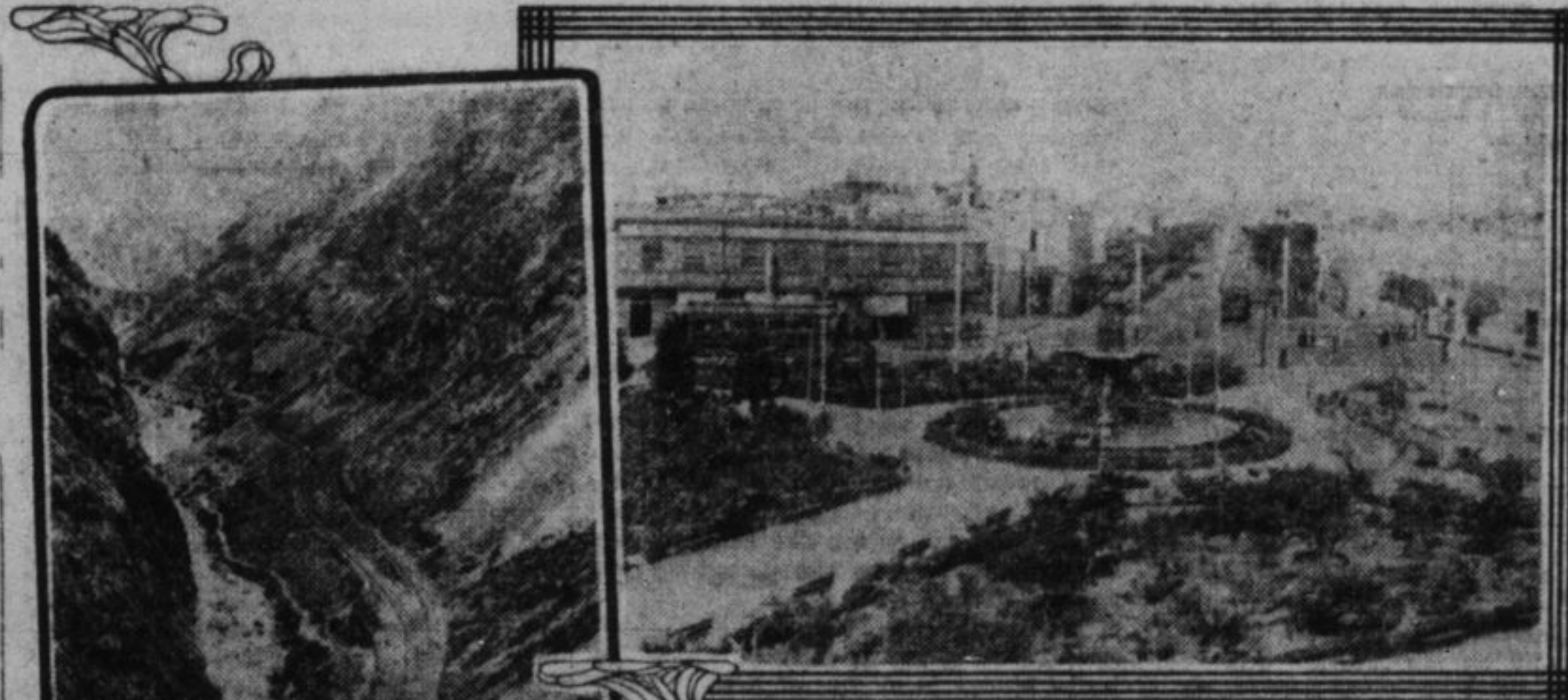
It is also apparent why the Cascade Mountains are so named. Down the rocky sides of the huge basaltic projections that stand up sheer from the stream are numerous beautiful little falls. They come from the top and in one place at least twelve of these cascades with their foaming spray can be seen glittering like snow wreaths. Some send down tiny threads of foam, others are beautiful hidden in evergreen nooks, and still others spread over broad ledges like veils. The most beautiful of these is Multnomah Falls, 800 feet high, a cascade in two drops, long, limy and falling with wonderful grace and gentleness. Other noted falls are Bridal Veil, Latourelle, Horse Tail, and Onocota.

Cape Horn is the most prominent projection on the Columbia banks. It consists of pillars of 500 to 2,000 feet high, and by its side looks like a miniature. Further on is Castle Rock, and immediately following is the old Bridge of the Gods. From abutments on the mountain sides one can understand that the Indians

Cape Disappointment Lighthouse at Mouth of Columbia



Falls said to be the Most Beautiful on the Continent



Pizza, Calisto

may have some foundation for their story, that there once existed a natural bridge which spanned the river. The Indians say they were able to cross the stream dryshod, and account for the disappearance of the bridge in various ways. One legend tells that a dusky maiden on the Oregon side was stolen by her enemies on the other side of the river. When her friends pursued the Indian tried to escape across the bridge, and in revenge the gods less the bridge fall. This is but one of several fanciful tales. Scientists think that there may have been an uplift across the stream, which if composed of lava, would in the process of time be so eaten away that the water would run through and thus make a natural bridge. Nearby by this are the queer submerged trees that were in the water when Lewis and Clark saw the stream. They are evidently submerged forests, and stand in their natural position, and are 20 to 35 feet high. They are supposed to be caused by landslides from the mountains damming the river.

That some upheaval took place is evidenced by the Cascades, which are now passed by means of a lock. This stretch of river has been called Robber's Roost, because in early times the Indians annoyed every exploring party that tried to pass. From the Cascades to the Great or Collio Falls, the scenery is of superlative degree, for the river has eaten its way by means of rapids, falls and whirlpools through the blackest of basalt. The Great Falls are a drop of forty feet through the dark, spongy looking lava, and the water falls as if for a thousand miles above it had been nerving itself for the ordeal. At the Dalles the river begins to compress into a narrow channel.

An interesting phase of the Columbia River is the old Indian burial grounds. Many of these were situated on islands near the Great Falls, and years ago the graves contained many pieces of pottery and Indian ornaments. Another curious Indian cemetery existed for years on the bank of the river. Time and process of civilization have changed this old spot, but early explorers found vaults, over the doors of which were painted colored totems in the form of animals. Many kettles, baskets, and medicine bags have been taken from these graves, and remains of skulls show that this tribe had some method of flattening

## THE TRADITIONAL SITE.

Engineer to Restore Garden of Eden.

Constantinople, Aug. 12.—Sir William Willcocks, who has resigned his post as advisor to the Turkish ministry of public works, and who built the great Nile dam at Assuan, has been working for the last three years on plans to restore the traditional site of the Garden of Eden between the Tigris and the Euphrates. He has completed the design of a great engineering scheme by which the once superb Chaldean system of irrigation

in Mesopotamia will again bring to the dry desert the water that alone is needed to make it one of the great wheat fields in the world. Last January the contract to begin the first dam was undertaken by Sir John Jackson.

Note of Disengagement.

A Philadelphia lawyer who spends his summers in the Adirondacks tells an amusing story of a country bumpkin whose friend he was. The countryman was courting a girl of the countryside, but he grew discouraged over the progress of his love affair. At times, when he was certain the

girl loved him, he was gay to the point of being foolish. Then, again, when he thought he detected coolness, he was sad and dejected.

One day he called on the girl, and she was just leaving. He had balanced accounts, and was convinced the girl didn't want him.

"And she's breaking it gently," he said. "She has such a delicate way of telling me, sir."

"How's that?" asked the lawyer.

"Oh, she's just delicate that all," was the explanation. "We were sitting in the parlor last night, and I wasn't sayin' much, an' nuther waz she, but she says, says she, 'Albert, did ye know that I's a twin an' my sister's a twin, an' my mother and her sister was twins, an' grandmothers and her sister was twins.' Philadelphia Times.

The Landlord's Blunder.

St. Paul, Minn.

Newport was accused last month over a story that he had been

## HENRY C. FRICK RELIGES.

Well-Known Capitalist Leaves Field of Activities.

New York, Aug. 11.—The retirement of Henry C. Frick from the directorate of the Union Pacific Railway company is announced. Mr. Frick resigned his resignation some days ago, but for some reason nothing was said about his retirement until today. It is understood that he will retire from other large corporations with which he has been prominently identified for many years, including the United States Steel Corporation.

Payment in Full.

A train travelling through the west was held up by masked bandits. Two friends, who were on their way to California, were among the passengers.

"Here's where we lose all our money," one said, as a robber cut the car.

"You don't think they'll take every thing, do you?" the other asked, nervously.

"Certainly," the first replied. "These fellows never miss anything."

"That will be terrible," the second friend said. "Are you quite sure they won't leave us any money?"

"Oh, certainly," was the reply. "Why do you ask?"

The other was silent for a minute. Then, taking a \$50 note he handed it to his friend.

"What is this for?" the first asked, taking the money.

"That's the \$50 I owe you," the other answered. "Now, we're square."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Regard that man as your enemy who directs you to the road to dishonesty.

## MUST CHANGE RESIDENCES.

Palatial Dormitories Under the Ban of Yale.

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 12.—Wealthy Yale College students have been ordered to abandon their luxurious dormitories in town and find apartments on the campus. Dean Jones announced that the change would take effect next summer. The palatial dormitories have been ordered to be abandoned directly affected. William Averill Harriman, resident at Garland's last year.

For years President Hadley has written of the dangers of segregation of the wealthier students. He will now put an end to such segregation.

Couldn't Stand It.

New York Sun.

C. E. Ashburn, of Staunton, Virginia, has held what is probably the most unique office in the United States.

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