

BUILD CARS RIGHT IN ASTORIA.

STRAIGHT TALK FROM A PRACTICAL ASTORIAN ON THE PROPOSITION OF SOLVING THE CAR SHORTAGE FOR OURSELVES.

One of the gravest problems confronting the business men of the west is the car-shortage, and in discussing this yesterday with a level-headed, practical Astoria, he made the rather startling announcement that the people of this city might well undertake to relieve themselves of the weight of delay and deprivation to which they were subjected by building their own cars. The reporter of the Astorian was a bit staggered with the proposition, at first, but the elaboration presented by this active and intelligent worker, soon made the matter quite plausible. Said he:

"Why should we of the West sit down, waiting and growling over a situation, the remedy for which lies directly at our own hand? Why not start a set of shops right here in Astoria? They are doing it at Tacoma and Eureka and will make a pronounced success of it. If they can do it, we can."

"The established manufacturers of freight cars throughout the East are at this moment actually five years behind their orders, and if relief is to come in any sort of time, it must come from communities with the facilities and the snap to 'butt in' and do the work themselves. The Eastern shops are not able to handle 10 per cent of their orders. The freight on a freight car shipped to this coast from an Eastern shop costs exactly \$190, and this item alone in the acquirement of an immense string of cars, such as is needed out here, would more than constitute the capital necessary for the equipment and maintenance of a good plant here, or anywhere else."

"The average cost of a forty-ton car is \$800, and every item of material is directly at hand here, except the Westinghouse air brake equipment, which must be bought of that plant, of course. We have the timber, since the rule today with the Eastern builder is to use Oregon fir, which, it is said, has a tensile strength nearly equal to oak, from which cars were, formerly, built, and which goes from here in almost endless quantities for this very purpose; and besides, it saves the tonnage of the completed car."

"The wood-work of the cars is all a matter of milling and can be done as well right in Astoria as it can in any place in the Union. The patent car-couplers can be had from the manufacturers, or they can be made here, by paying a reasonable royalty to the patenting house in the East."

"All trucks, wheels and castings can be founded right here, a small foundry being set up for the purpose, and at a nominal outlay. The pig iron basic material can be brought out from the East for a mere song as to expense, for it can be had at a flat market rate in gross quantities there, and can be brought here 'around the Horn,' as ballast in sailing ships."

"Any, and every way the question is viewed it demonstrates a decided profit for the investor, and such a plant would give an immense impetus to local business and employment to a lot of skilled and common labor as well."

"There is no question of money wherewith to inaugurate such an enterprise. It is plentiful and lots of it, despite the fact that Astoria has many active industries afoot, and for one I would like to see some steps taken in this direction. Brains and money and the raw stuff are here in plenty; all it needs is the initial movement by men of standing."

The Astorian man said he would quote him, and here it is!

IN THE CITY CHURCHES.

First M. E.

The services Sunday are designed to be of special interest and value. The morning sermon will be from the subject, "The Schools of the Prophets." The evening theme, "The Wages of Sin and the Gift of God." There will be also mid-week revival services held on Wednesday evening at 7:30. We also urge an attendance on the class meeting at 10:15 a. m., the Sunday school at 12:15 and the Epworth League service at 6:30 p. m. The League lesson topic for Sunday will be, "Our Heavenly Father's Consideration." All Methodists in the city are urged to be present at all these services. People who do not have a church home elsewhere are invited to unite with us. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

First Congregational.

Services as usual Sunday morning and evening. The pastor will preach at both services and cordially invites all Congregationalists in the city to attend. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Subject: "Faith Found Where Least Expected." Evening service at 7:30, subject, "The Old and the New Creation." This will be the first of a series of sermons on the general topic "Gospel Lessons in the Pentateuch." Sunday school at 12:20 noon. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Midweek meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. A very cordial invitation is extended to all strangers and visitors in the city to worship with us at any or all of these services. G. E. Moorehouse, Ph. D., pastor, 661 Irving Avenue.

First Lutheran.

First Lutheran church, 1717 Franklin avenue. Gustave E. Rydquist, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Miss Alema Nyland, superintendent. Morning service at 10:45. Sunday school and service at the German Lutheran church on Grand avenue, at 2 and 3 o'clock respectively. Evening service at 7:30. Themes for the three sermons are as follows: "Christ at the Wedding Feast at Cana;" "Christ in Joy and Sorrow;" "Christ in the Home." The English language is used except at the morning service. Young and old are respectfully invited.

First Baptist.

Special services both morning and evening. Sunday school and Young People's meeting will be held at the usual hours. Rev. F. W. Cliffe of Salem, Ore., will preach at 11 a. m. and also at 7:30 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited. It is especially desired that members of the church and others interested attend.

First Presbyterian.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. "A Day in Arithmetic Addition—A Word or Two About Church Membership." Sunday school at 12:15. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Evening worship at 7:30. "Multiplication." On Thursday evening the quarterly social will be held. All invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Norwegian-Danish M. E.

The Norwegian-Danish Methodist church, corner of 37th and Duane streets. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The Scandinavian public are cordially invited to attend. Elias Gjerding, pastor.

Alderbrook Presbyterian.

Morning worship at 10 o'clock. Sunday school at 11. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7:30 p. m.

Warrenton Presbyterian.

Sunday school at the Warren hall at 10:30 a. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m.

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COLUMBIA STILL ICE BOUND

Roanoke and Aragonia Both in the Pack with Her—Gerald C Arrives in, as Do the Schooners C. S. Holmes, Buena Ventura.

At 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon word was received at the O. R. & N. headquarters in this city, from Portland, that the steamship Columbia is still embedded in the ice at Warrior Rock, and had for company the steamships Roanoke and Aragonia, this despite the fact published in yesterday's Oregonian that the China liner had come through and was at her berth in the Willamette River. It is barely possible the thaw of yesterday reached the stranded fleet last night and that they will break through today some time, in which event the Columbia will be down this evening ready for her trip out to San Francisco, but this is, of course, problematical.

The oil tank steamer Santa Maria, of the Union Oil Company's service, the biggest thing in the oil fleet on the Pacific coast, entered port yesterday afternoon from San Francisco. She was met here by Captain Tom Crang, but did not continue her trip to the metropolis in the face of the aggravated river conditions. She came in with 40,000 gallons of fuel oil, 12,500 short of her actual capacity. She is a big fine vessel, 440 feet long and splendidly equipped for her work. She will put all her stuff ashore here and return to her "Southern Sunny Home" at once.

The steamer Yosemite was among the arrivals from San Francisco yesterday, but when her officers were confronted with the stories of the river blockade, she was turned seaward again and went on to Puget Sound, where the salt water does not freeze, but where it takes four days longer to get in and out on a cargo hunt.

The marine men around here are not real pleased with the thawing weather, as, according to the lore of the sea, it indicates a stiffer freeze than ever, and more trouble for all hands in their line.

The plucky little Gerald C came in from Nehalem and Tillamook yesterday. She was all done up in ice and Captain Layton reports a hard time off the coast.

The steamer Nome City went to sea and San Francisco yesterday, after a twenty-four hour delay in this port.

The four-masted schooner C. S. Holmes arrived yesterday from San Francisco after a load of lumber.

The schooner San Buenaventura

came in from California and will load lumber outward.

CURED OF LUNG TROUBLE.

It is now eleven years since I had a narrow escape from consumption," writes C. O. Floyd, a leading business man of Kershaw, S. C. "I had run down in weight to 135 pounds and coughing was constant both by day and by night. Finally I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and continued this for about six months, when my cough and lung trouble were entirely gone, and I was restored to my normal weight, 170 pounds." Thousands of persons are healed every year. Guaranteed at Chas. Rogers' drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

That marriage is a lottery is not merely a figure of speech. In the province of Smolensk, Russia, it is an actual fact. There, four times every year, a lottery is held; the capital prize being a young country girl, with sometimes a good dowry in sheep. The price of a ticket is about \$1. At a single drawing 5,000 tickets are sold. He who is fortunate enough to draw the lucky ticket has his alternative—he may marry the girl, also gaining thereby \$4,275. In addition to whatever the girl brings with her as dowry, or if the "prize" in question does not please him, he can turn the ticket over to a friend.

CARRIE NATION

certainly smashed a hole in the barrooms of Kansas, but Ballard's Horehound Syrup has smashed all records as a cure for coughs, Bronchitis, Influenza and all Pulmonary diseases. T. C. H., Horton, Kansas, writes: "I have never found a medicine that would cure a cough so quickly as Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it for years." Hart's drug store.

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Mrs. Anna Redline, whose home is at Sabetha, Kansas, claims she is the largest woman living. Her weight is 511 pounds, waist measure, eleven feet and eleven inches; arm, thirty-two inches; calf of leg, thirty-seven inches; bust nearly thirteen feet, and height four feet eight inches. She wears a number four shoe, but prefers moccasins, as they are more expansive. By profession she is a music teacher, and a singer of ability, and on occasions she appears in public, just to show what Kansas can do, as she puts it, but confines her appearance principally to her native state, for Mrs. Redline comes from Kansas where all the big tales originate.

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