

OPPORTUNITY FOR OMAHA

What Would Be Gained by Trading with the Puget Sound People. HOW AN OLD NEBRASKAN LOOKS AT IT Direct and Profitable Exchanges Could Be Established that Would Greatly Enhance Commercial Interests at this Point - The Promising Industries.

John T. Hartman, a prominent lawyer and banker of Tacoma, was in the city a few days ago. Mr. Hartman was once a resident of Nebraska, having spent eighteen years of his life in Kearney. Several years ago he removed to the state of Washington, and now almost all of his interests are in that state. He is on a trip to the east, and he stopped over in this city to open the eyes of the jobbers of Omaha to the trade that is open to them in the state that he represents.

There are a number of industries in the country about Puget sound which are still in their infancy, but around which Mr. Hartman is very enthusiastic. There is no reason in the world, Mr. Hartman thinks, why the products of these industries should not be exchanged for the products of this state, and thus a very advantageous trade be opened up between the two states.

"Some time ago," said Mr. Hartman, "it would have been impossible to start such a trade, but now the Burlington has extended its line to Billings, where it connects with the Northern Pacific, thus making, practically, a through line between Puget sound and Omaha. An agreement has been entered into by the two roads which will result in a through line from which the same to all Missouri river points. This gives Omaha jobbers access to a territory that they should not overlook.

The exchange of Nebraska cereals and its products for the lumber and other products of the Puget sound country would be mutually advantageous to both states. As it is now, St. Paul and Minneapolis obtain fully one-half of the trade of the state. The freight rates on the lines that now connect Puget sound and Omaha would not be greater than on the single Northern Pacific line that connects that country with St. Paul and Minneapolis.

"The greatest industry which the Puget sound country possesses, but which is still young, is the lumber industry. They know how large the timber district is, but it is fully 300 miles long and 200 wide. This is very thickly covered with trees that are over 100 feet high. The trees are chiefly Washington fir, which is in many ways adapted to take the place of oak. It is fully as strong and is about one-third lighter. The lumber is made from this, and from its lightness it can be much cheaper to transport than oak. Then, we are beginning to ship an enormous amount of shingles. They are made from cedar, the wood of which is more durable than the pine. During the first year of the shingle industry, in 1889, 16,000,000 shingles were shipped away. Up to the present time this year 1,600,000 shingles have been shipped.

"Another industry which is still in its infancy, but which will in time become great, is the fishing. The Japan current runs north to the Aleutian islands, and then turns back down the American coast right into Puget sound. The water is cooled by the icebergs in the north, so that its temperature in the sound is between 40 and 45 degrees, not rising above the latter point even in the summer. The water is packed with salmon, sturgeon, halibut and other fish, and the coldness of the water makes the flesh of the fish firm and hard, more so than those caught in the warmer waters. After the fish are caught they are frozen, almost before they are dead, and packed in ice boxes, the temperature of which is 7 or 8 degrees below zero. When they reach the market they are fresh. They are shipped in refrigerators cars. Almost all that have been caught have been going to Chicago. When it was here a year ago I filled some of these fish that were being sold at 25 cents a pound. The storekeeper told me that he had received them from Chicago. They had been shipped there from Puget sound and then to Omaha. Now, these fish could be brought directly to Omaha and sold here at from 10 to 12 cents a pound, as they are brought from the fishermen at less than 2 cents a pound.

"The hop industry is old and large. The largest hop grower in the world is at the present time in Oregon. He grows about 50,000 bales, each bale weighing 200 pounds. He clears \$100 an acre net. The state is peculiarly suited to the cultivation of hops. There are only a few countries that can grow them, these being England, Bavaria, two places in Germany, and a part of Oregon. The hop industry in Washington is smaller than in any of these places.

"Omaha is in a position to get a part of this trade, and sell it at the rate of one cent more per pound. We in Washington have no corn products and we want to get them. In return we are ready to give lumber, hops, fish and other commodities of effecting the exchange is at hand."

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A Melton (SLATE COLOR) and Ulster (CASSIMERE LINED) clothing advertisement.

\$4.00 (Worth at least \$7.50) clothing advertisement.

A Shetland (Deep Grey Color) clothing advertisement.

Ulster (Silk Corded Loop Buckles) clothing advertisement.

Nebraska Clothing Co. advertisement.

CHEAPER THAN CANAL POWER advertisement for Otto Gas Engine Works.

WHAT \$15 BUYS advertisement for XMAS GIFTS.

Charles Shiverick & Co. advertisement for FURNITURE of Every Description.

THE FRANCISCAN DROPS advertisement for Purely Vegetable.

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THE MERCER HOTEL advertisement for Highest Honors World's Fair.

SCOFFIELD CLOAKS SUITS advertisement for LUXURIANT HAIR and BALEY THE DENTIST.