

In the Wonderland Of North America.

Twenty-third Letter of Northwestern Travel. Puget Sound and Its Adjacent Timber Land.

By far the most interesting feature of the Pacific coast to me is the featureless inland sea, Puget Sound, and the stupendous forest which surrounds its shores.

great sights in "this my own, my native land." Prior to the purchase of Alaska, in 1867, Washington was the extreme northwest territory of the United States.

Nature has indeed been lavish to this favored region. Here are nearly 6,000,000 acres of the finest fir, cedar, spruce, hemlock and other varieties of timber growing upon soils of the greatest depth and richness in the known world.

When compared with Washington the nine Northern timber states are not to be mentioned. The census reports give them only 280,000,000,000 feet of timber.

Just think of these islands, bays and inlets being lined with the native giants of these evergreen forests, whose timbered spires are lost in the snow-crowned peaks above and surrounding them.

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Some Big Western Trees. The trees on Puget Sound are noted not only for size, but strength. They are mainly fir, spruce and cedar--the latter produces the best shingles in the world.

They claim the red and yellow fir is in greater demand for ship timbers, bridges, trusses, etc., owing to its strength, flexibility, lightness, tenacity and evenness of fibre.

It is easy to share the enthusiasm of the writer, who says: "Puget Sound scenery is the finest scenery on the earth. One has here in combination the sublimity of Switzerland, the picturesque beauty of Norway, the breezy variety of the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence, or the Hebrides of the North Sea, and the vast wastes of the alps, the pastoral landscape of Switzerland, with velvet meadows and magnificent groves massed with floral bloom and the blending tints and bold color of the New England Indian summer.

Through the courtesy of the general passenger agent of the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern railroad, a branch of the Northern Pacific, we took a ride up the coast to Sumas, at the British Columbian boundary line, a distance of 155 miles.

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limb was one hundred and seventy feet (1 1/2 feet) from the ground. "Here is a saw log forty inches in diameter and one hundred feet long. The average saw-logs range, though, from two to ten feet through."

ber of men employed, 12,000, and the wages paid yearly, \$7,000,000. J. E. Richmond. THE FETE CHAMPETRE.

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Glimpses of Welsh Mining Life.

Will Acha Wew's Ghostly Partner.

Written for The Tribune. Of course, it was a foolhardy thing to do, but times were hard. Four hundred men had been temporarily discharged from the Victoria pit, pending more orders for coal.

wedges, hammers were to this workman either unknown or obsolete inventions; in any case, unnecessary. In spite of his bewilderment, however, Will kept his eye on the main chance of things, and carried the coal without asking any questions.

Will was not allowed a partner, as Dal objected to the breaking of the alignment of the stalls, which would result from overdriving the double-shift plan, for as miners know, the stalls are worked very much like a piece of painting--no single part is to be developed very far in advance of all the other parts.

Both squeezed themselves back over the pile of coal. The full train was pushed in the night, but the empty one was brought in. The operation was repeated several times before the stall was clear.

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man, for whenever he met a reckless youngster, he had a strange adieu to give him. "Never offer the devil more than his due," Rhys Wynne.

A New Use for the Horse. In regard to auto-mobility, Professor Bell says: "These developments have led me to think of what is to become of the horse. Man has invented the bicycle to increase his powers of propulsion, and while I do not say that a horse could ride a bicycle, I am confident that a machine could be built whereby the horse could be taken off the ground and used as a motor power. With a proper system of gearing great speed could in this way be attained."

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