

The principal mountain ranges are the Olympian, Cascades, and spurs from the latter. Of the former Mount Olympus is the most prominent peak, having an elevation of 8,138 feet, and is a most conspicuous object to mariners on the coast, as well as to people in the region of the Sound. The great peaks of the Cascade Range are: Mount St. Helens, 9,550; Mount Adams, 9,570; Mount Ranier, 12,360, and Mount Baker, 10,700 feet above the sea. These are grand and attractive objects, towering in symmetrical beauty, and their summits covered with perpetual snow. These were anciently volcanoes, and Mounts St. Helens and Baker have, on several occasions, given startling evidence of the fires raging within.

The climate of Washington varies with the locality, the coast being cool in summer and subject to heavy rains in winter; the temperature of western valleys being pleasant and very favorable for agriculture; and the eastern part is cold in winter, and warm in summer, with less rainfall than the western portion. At Cape Flattery the rainfall is very heavy, being as much as one hundred and thirty-two inches in a year. At Olympia the maximum is ninety inches, and the minimum fifteen. At Walla Walla, in Eastern Washington, the average fall is eighteen inches. About Puget Sound the temperature is usually mild and without excessive heat or cold. The thermometer only on rare occasions showing 100°, the maximum of the summer months generally being below 90°, and ranging to 40° as the minimum. In winter the average maximum is about 50° and the minimum about 20°. The small grains grow well, but corn flourishes only in favored localities. Only light snows fall in the valleys, and it is never cold enough to form thick, solid ice. On the higher elevations and in Eastern Washington, the cold is much more severe, but in no section does it reach the extremes of the New England States or New York, being more like the region of the Ohio River.

The rivers of Washington are like her other physical features, grand and attractive. The Pen d'Oreille, or Clarke's Fork, flowing from the Rocky Mountains, crosses the northeastern portion of the Territory; the Spokane enters from the east, and the Palouse and Snake rivers are in the southeast. The Okanogan, another large river, crosses the northern border, in longitude 120° 30', and empties into the Columbia; and the Yakima, formed of many branches rising on the eastern slope of the Cascade Mountains, flows southeasterly to the great river.

West of the Cascades are several navigable streams, among which are the Cowlitz, a tributary of the Columbia; the Chehalis, emptying into Gray's Harbor, and the Nisqually, Puyallup, Dwamish, Snohomish, Skagit and others, of Puget Sound. These many streams and bays, entering and crossing the Territory in every direction, give easy access to all sections. The navigation of the Columbia, however, is broken by several falls and rapids; but, notwithstanding this, few sections of the world of equal area are more favored with navigable streams than is Washington.

The resources of Washington are of the grandest character, and invite development by the easy access its bays, sounds and rivers afford; by the equability of the climate; by the demand for the products, and by the bright future that awaits a country of such natural wealth. The abundant game of the rivers, prairies and forests first attracted the hunters and fur-traders to make the land their home. Following these were farmers and stock-raisers, and the fertile soil of the region west of the Cascades, and the broad, grassy plains of the upper Columbia, gave ample fields for the most extended operations. The great forests were the most inviting to enterprise, and growing from the water's edge, where ships of the largest class may land, furnish a grand resource of wealth which seems almost inexhaustible. The forests of Washington cannot be surpassed in the world. They are composed of pine, fir, spruce, cedar, hemlock, maple, oak, ash and alder, from which the most perfect spars and ship timbers are obtained. From the abundance of these magnificent trees, and their contiguity to so many and such excellent harbors, it is confidently predicted that the region of Puget Sound will, at no distant day, become the great ship-building section of the world.

The land now covered by dense forests is exceedingly fertile, and when cleared of its trees most productive farms are made. There are also quite large tracts of open land ready for the farmer. The chief agricultural sections are the valleys west of the Cascades, and the country in the vicinity of the junction of the Snake with the Columbia. The great plains of the Palouse, Spokane, Yakima and upper Columbia, comprising one-third of the Territory, are well adapted to grazing, particularly for sheep, and for this their capacity is unlimited.

Mines of great importance are added to the resources of this Territory. At Bellingham Bay, Seattle, and other localities, is coal of excellent quality, and inexhaustible in quantity, and gold is successfully mined on the bars and banks of the Columbia, and on other streams in the northeast. Few sections of the world show greater natural wealth than Washington, with its unequalled forests, fertile soil, productive mines, salubrious climate, and commercial advantages; and with the addition of the Northern Pacific Railroad, which is expected soon to cross it, its settlement and development must be rapid, and soon place it in the rank of the great States of the Union.

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