

# COLONY OF POLES

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**It Will Be Established in the  
City of Portland.**

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**CHURCH WILL BE ERECTED**

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**Between Four and Five Thousand  
Will Arrive From the East, Many  
of Whom Will Seek Work  
in the Mills.**

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Several thousand Polish families will locate in Portland and vicinity within the next two years and about 500 families are expected to arrive in this city within the next three months. A vast colonization scheme is on foot and working and Portland is to be the center of the district in which thousands of Poles will locate.

A meeting of the prominent Poles of Portland will be held next Sunday afternoon to discuss plans and to raise funds for the erection of a Roman Catholic Polish Church.

The church will be erected at Twentieth and Irving streets upon a block which will be set aside by Archbishop Christie. Father Serocki, of the Roman Catholic Polish Church, who will be the parish priest of the new house of worship, is now in Portland. It is understood that a very handsome and costly edifice will be erected. There are now in Portland about 400 Polish families.

**Will Settle in Portland.**

John J. Von Gostonoski and Charles Chylinski, organizers for the Polish colonies which will come to Oregon, are now in Portland. They have been in the state for some time looking over the different sections and they have decided to have the first of the immigrants locate in

Portland and the surrounding country. Later arrivals may be advised to settle at Eugene.

For a time it was believed that the colonies would be directed to Eugene, but one of the reasons why most of the Poles will come here is because of the church which will be erected. Mr. Von Gostonoski and Mr. Chylinski stated yesterday that most of the several thousand Poles who will come to Portland are in well-to-do circumstances and that the large majority of them are now in the Eastern states. They declared that most of them have been in this country for several years and are Americanized.

**Thousands Are Coming.**

"From 4000 to 5000 Poles will immigrate to Portland and this immediate section of the state within the next few years," said Mr. Von Gostonoski yesterday afternoon. "Practically all that come will be of a very desirable class of people and are good citizens.

"Many of them are mechanics or have learned trades, but a large number of them are laborers. The laborers will secure work about Portland and in the numerous saw mills and lumber camps. We have visited some of the big lumbermen and they assure us that our laborers will be given employment at higher wages than prevail in the East."

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