

new stock, a great amount of repairing is done. All the through trains repair to these shops for examination, cleaning and general overhauling before going out on another long run.



THE ALBINA, ALBINA.

J. H. Steffen, Prop.

Of course Albina has all the conveniences of the modern city, such as electric lights, water works, graded streets, good side-walks, street railways, public schools, churches, newspapers, benevolent organizations, etc., indeed it is better off in this respect than a town of its size would be if it were not a suburb of a large and rich city like Portland. This is one of the prominent advantages Albina has. The school houses and churches are modern structures, commodious and of neat architectural style.

The improvements in view this year for the town include the construction of boulevards, on which \$100,000 will be expended. These broad driveways will be something entirely new in the northwest and will be unsurpassed in the charm of the scenes brought before those who seek recreation there. The illustrations of business houses and residences, appearing in this paper, give an idea of the substantial character of the buildings of the town, and also show that architectural skill is employed in their construction. The big steel bridge of the Union Pacific railway company affords direct communication with Portland, and two ferry lines run across the river between the two cities.

As time passes, the bonds of fellowship between Albina and Portland become more firmly knit. Even now the question of consolidation of the three cities, Portland, East Portland and Albina, is discussed with deep interest, and it is probable that this may be done next month. It is in the fact that hundreds of people employed in Portland are building themselves homes in Albina, and the two cities are becoming one in a practical sense. The high and comparatively level land around Albina offers most attractive sites for homes, and is selling more rapidly for that purpose than residence property anywhere else at an equal distance from the business portion of Portland. Prices here are still low, as compared with property in other localities, and sales are made largely on the installment plan, thus bringing a home within the reach of every industrious and frugal man. Not only will the great number of men finding employment in Albina make their homes there, but thousands who work or engage in business in Portland will cross the river for residence.

The same causes that have led to the establishment of a number of large industries in Albina will operate to found still others on that side of the river. The accessibility of raw materials and the cheapness of land for large manufacturing plants are prominent advantages for the town, and to these may be added the fact that workmen can secure good, healthful and pleasant homes for a small outlay of money. When one considers the location of the city with reference to the tributary country, the great strength of its position becomes apparent. The Columbia river drains one of the largest and richest agricultural areas in the United States, and besides the water transportation possible, the only practically level railway from the great inland empire to tidewater is along the south bank of that stream. Then the equally rich Willamette valley to the southward finds its only natural outlet down the river. Thus there converges at this point, by reason of the nature of the country, the commerce of by far the larger portion of the entire northwest. There are boat lines on both rivers. Railways ramify the valleys in all directions and bring produce down to meet ocean steamers. Sea craft of all kinds ascend the Columbia and Willamette this far and exchange their cargoes of merchandise from foreign lands for the products of this country to carry back. This must in a little time be a large city.

Albina's new fire proof hotel was built and is owned by J. H. Steffen, who has the distinction of having built the first house in Albina, and was Albina's first mayor. He was burned out last year, but with his accustomed enterprise he set to work and erected "The Albina" at a cost of \$25,000, and which is the finest building in that city. It is arranged with all modern conveniences, heated by steam and lighted by gas made by Mr. Steffen's own plant. It has sixty rooms and so arranged that every one is an outside room and well ventilated. The dining parlor is fitted in grand style, one noticeable feature being a new style dining table that for convenience cannot be surpassed. It is a circular table with an extra leaf, or second story, which revolves on a pivot. On this is placed the food, while the plates, etc., are on the table proper. Anything on the table can be brought within reach of a guest by simply a touch of the upper leaf, which turns easily, and passes the article without trouble to any other person or the service of a waiter.

The fine structure on Russell street, in which is located the bank of Albina was erected by Messrs. Manefee & Peacher, two of Albina's foremost citizens. The building is an elegant three-story fire proof building, well finished, and the owners are deserving of credit for adding this ornament to the thriving and progressive city of Albina. J. P. Manefee, the part owner, has been in the real estate business in Albina for upwards of five years, and enjoys the confidence of the people and the reputation of doing a square real estate business. His brother, R. E., is associated with him, and the firm of Manefee Brothers do the leading business of the city. Their knowledge of values is of great assistance to their customers, and having on their lists a very large number of choice inside as well as suburban properties, they are able always to offer property suitable for all classes. Their reliability is unquestioned, and those having business to do in the real estate line will make no mistake if they become the clients of Manefee Bros.

The Bank of Albina has a capital of \$100,000 with Van B. DeLashmuth as president; D. F. Sherman, vice president; J. M. Pittenger, cashier, and Fred B. Shultz, assistant cashier.



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