

Elgin, Oregon

Where the Apple is King and the People are Happy

THE FULL-JEWELLED AND CONSTANTLY RUNNING CITY

One of the strong financial institutions of eastern Oregon is located in Elgin. It is the First National bank and has been established for many years. The officers are J. A. Master-son, president; J. W. Galoway, vice president; J. B. Thorsen, cashier; R. L. Shoemaker, assistant cashier. On January 7th this institution had over \$188,000 on deposit and an account of \$144,000. It is conservative and does not permit any day to find its business in a shape that should trouble spread over the country it could not take care of its people.

R. L. Shoemaker, a home boy of Elgin, is assistant cashier and whenever Mr. Thorsen is away attends to all the duties of the bank.

All Lines Represented.

All lines of business are well represented in Elgin and everyone who has invested money in that city and stayed with it has made good. While the every day business is satisfactory the people there are looking forward to a time when the fruit will bring in many new faces.

The old feeling that once existed between La Grande the metropolis of the north end of the valley is dying out and only occasionally can one hear an ill word spoken of the county seat. Business is exchanged back and forth between the two towns and each year shows the former gulf more permanently bridged.

"I have lived here since the first house was built," said an old citizen to the Observer representative. "I learned to swear at La Grande in the most approved manner and then I learned that it was all foolishness, for what benefits La Grande is bound to benefit Elgin. If La Grande can grow to be a city of 50,000 people Elgin will grow in proportion. Yes, most of us feel the same way and we believe the La Grande people feel all right toward us."

Brown Returns to Elgin.

J. W. Brown, owner of the Fair Department store, has been away for some time trying. It is claimed, to find a town that suited him better.

He has now returned to his home

and announces that there are no towns in the west the size of Elgin that offer as good business locations. He intends to add to his stock of goods and make that his permanent abode.

Will Have a New Postmaster.

For nineteen years Postmaster Pro-

trusted to another and in each instance he made good. After running a newspaper in Union for many years he retired and bought a dairy ranch near Elgin. Lately his health has failed him but to this day the old man is consulted on many matters of im-



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portance that affect this part of the country.

An Attorney With a Business. L. Denham, attorney at law, is the legal advisor of Elgin and its people. He tries to keep them out of court rather than get them into court. As a result the litigation from that part of the country is not heavy and Mr. Denham has the respect and confidence of his whole section. It is admitted by many that through Mr. Denham many dollars has been saved to the people who were about to enter into litigation.

Streets Macadamized. The civic pride of Elgin is pronounced and apparent. The city council has just finished macadamizing the main street of the city. After excavating for two feet, wash gravel was hauled from the river and the county roller, through courtesy of the county court, was used to roll down the gravel and make a solid roadbed.

Lots have been purchased opposite

town of prospects and bright future.

McIntyre and Potter.

This firm sells the staff of life, also feed and other commodities besides buying what the farmer has to sell. They have been in business for some time and announce increasing trade. Thoroughly familiar with what this country will produce they say it is the best place known for the farmer that take one year with another the Elgin farmer can make more money than farmers in any other locality.

Ice Crop is Poor.

After working several days putting up ice for the city workmen have announced that the crop is poor and not worth harvesting. There is time yet to get an ice crop but no certainty about it coming, is the way citizens put it, and should the natural ice crop fall this year La Grande's ice plant will have to work overtime to supply the demand.

A Big Concern and a Strong Man.

The Goodnough Mercantile and

leaves trade is as good for the size of the town as Elgin. He has a neat store in the Halgarth building, and is now ordering a larger stock for spring trade.

Grande Ronde Lady as Milliner.

Mrs. Martha Russell runs the Elgin millinery store and she has a good business. Mrs. Russell is a Grande Ronde lady, born and raised here.

She is intensely loyal to the country and every time one speaks of the wind blowing she laughs and tells some instance of wind blowing other places. After living in Elgin for a number of years she is convinced that it is the

It has been a business factor in the growth of Elgin and will continue to be in the future.

Frank Smith is a California boy, but he came to the northwest ten years ago and would under no consideration return to a tropical sun. He has the finest faith in the future of this valley, but he is no pipe dreamer and banking on fruit to a certain extent, he urges that it is up to the people whether or not they will have a fruit country, as so much depends upon the fruit grower even though the climate and soil are perfectly adapted to the business.

"We have faith in the fruit, and we believe the Elgin apple will some day rank with that of Hood River," remarked Mr. Smith, "but should such not be the case we still have a great valley and a great country. Figure out the carloads of produce that Elgin sends to the world's markets each year and compare the result with that of other towns. It is cause for home pride, and I am pleased to state that there is a remarkable degree of home pride in all our people, which is admirable."

Wheat Has Been Sold.

While farmers in this section were among the number in the northwest who held their wheat, that cereal has now about all been marketed. Kiddle Brothers, of Island City, bought heavily at Elgin lately paying from 70 to 71 cents a bushel and the warehouses are about empty.

Make Medicine Too.

Aside from the other industries in Elgin the Whirlwind Remedy company is marketing an Indian compound that is reaching almost around the world. Bob Mays is office man

vived, is a money saving cause. What can this form be? Merely an old-fashioned wood pile, a good sharp axe and a will to cut the wood. There is that much of the old-fashioned man about Bailey. He believes in work—good, healthy, honest toil and he practices what he preaches. But when he enters the school room he is just as thorough in his work as he is when he chops wood, and as a result, Elgin children are learning something that will benefit them in after years.

The City Drug Store.

S. E. Harris has the City Drug store and it is well named for he carries a line of drugs and drug sundries that is good enough for any city. Equipped with every modern appliance to make a store convenient and up to the minute the City drug store takes care of its trade in a way that seems to abundantly satisfy its customers.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

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One of the Good Business Houses of Elgin.

and general manager of this concern. He has testimonials from all classes and from all parts of the country. It is the intent of the company to develop this into a large medicine concern. Mays is the new postmaster and he also was a number of years the manager of a big forwarding company at Elgin when all freight for the Wallowa country passed through his hands. Many years he bought the entire wool output of that country for Charlie Green.

Two Telephones.

The Bell and the Independent telephone lines furnish outside communication for the people of this city. Miss Pauline Becker is manager of the Bell and Mrs. Baird manages the Home phone.

Schools are Excellent.

This is where Professor Bailey holds forth. He has built the Elgin schools up to a point where they are recognized all over the state and he is still building. A new form of physical culture and athletics is recommended by Bailey. At any rate he follows and believes thoroughly that it is of more service than football or basket ball. If constantly followed at stated intervals he guarantees it to develop the muscle and brain, make new blood and do all the things that a Battle Creek course will do. Connected with this new form of athletics or rather an old form just re-

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The great danger of kidney troubles is that they get a firm hold before the sufferer recognizes them. Health is gradually undermined. Backache, headache, nervousness, lameness, soreness, diabetes and Bright's disease SHRDLU lumbago, urinary troubles, dropsy diabetes and Bright's disease follow in merciless succession. Don't neglect your kidneys. Cure the kidneys with the certain and safe remedy, Doan's Kidney Pills, which has cured people right here in this locality.

G. W. Knight, 513 Franklin St., Pendleton, Ore., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills benefited me so greatly that I do not hesitate to recommend them. For eight or ten years I was troubled by pains across my back and kidneys and at times my loins and sides were affected. I had to get up several times at night to pass the kidney secretions and often noticed sediment in them. Doan's Kidney Pills relieved my aches and pains in a short time and corrected the trouble with the kidney secretions."

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The Elgin Flouring Mills.

doubtless, not be strong, as it is understood that Mr. Proctor wants to retire.

Several Physicians There.

While the general health of Elgin is "distressingly good", according to the remark of a doctor, there are three physicians who practice in that city and valley. Dr. E. G. Kirby has been there for ten years, Dr. Whiting about eight years and Dr. McKinney has recently located there. The profession is harmonious and because of the large area of settled country to draw from each of the doctors has a nice business.

Dr. E. O. Wilson, the resident dentist, is one of the busy men of Elgin and has a splendid patronage.

Old Editor-an Elgin Citizen.

If you are in Elgin often you will notice an old man driving a gray horse. That man is Editor McComas, one of the strong characters of eastern Oregon. For years he held forth at Union and in those days he was a pronounced factor in politics of the west. Several times his state has dispatched him to Washington on important business that could not be en-



One of Nature's Beauty Spots Near Elgin.

the Recorder office for a new city hall and this summer it is the intention to erect a modern structure of this kind and surround it with a handsome park.

Lighting is Poor.

If the people of Elgin were not patient they would rise up in their might and discard the present electric lighting system, for without a doubt it is the poorest on the coast. There is considerable murmur among the citizens and unless better service is given there will likely be a municipal plant erected the coming summer. Several are studying the proposition of municipal lighting and find there is a great saving to the people in it.

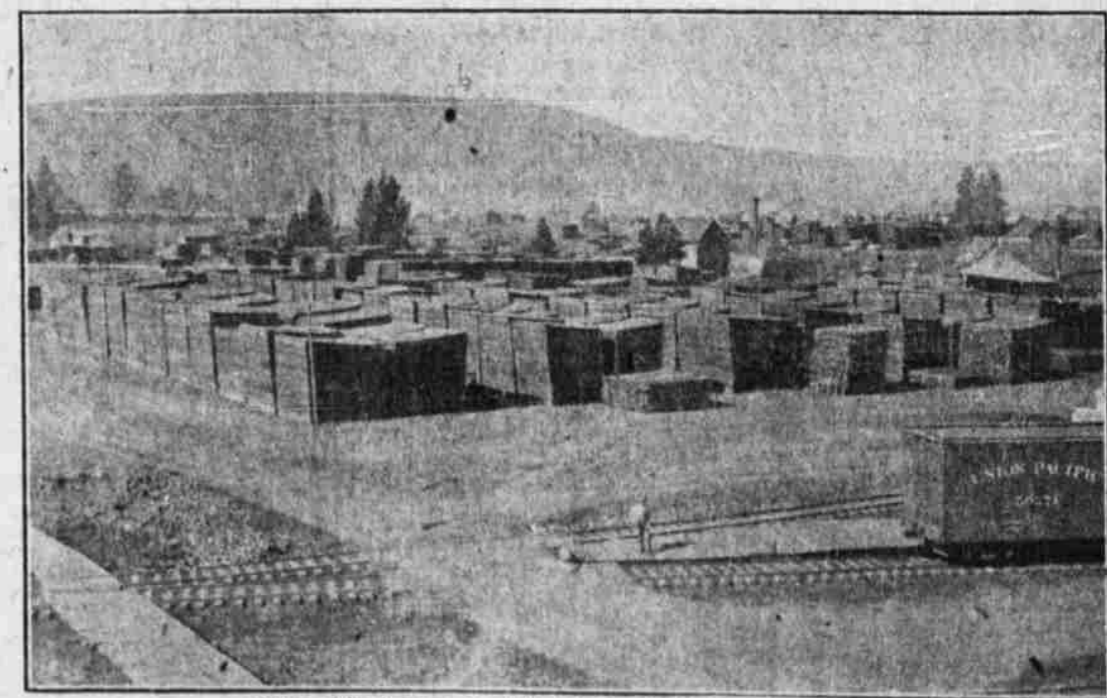
Beats California.

L. J. Bibler, who runs the corner grocery in Elgin, is a California man. When asked if he liked this country he said, "I most certainly do. I came from what is considered the best state in the west, but I am frank to say that the country in eastern Oregon far exceeds the California country." Mr. Bibler has a nice trade, carries a good stock and is a thorough business man.

Another Happy Merchant.

J. H. Buell, who runs the Elgin Fair store, is also a happy merchant. He says there is no place where he be-

Stock company is one of the largest institutions in Elgin, but it is no larger than its manager, Frank Smith. This concern is an offspring from the old M. & M. company which is really the parent of all merchandising in the Grande Ronde valley. The company carries everything in stock and buys everything that a farmer has for sale.



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