

AIRLIE MAKES DECIDED IMPROVEMENTS IN CITY

Some of Most Successful Farmers of County Here Cream Shipments Are Immense

Airlie first sprang into existence in the early eighties when the Dundee, Scotland, capitalists completed the narrow gauge railroad to this point from Portland, making it the terminus. At that time this line was planned to extend in through the Kings Valley section of the county, but this territory is to be opened only by the building of the Valley and Siletz line which skirts along the edge of this town.

Airlie is the principal town of Polk county south of Monmouth and has two general merchandise stores, two confectionery stores, a lumber yard, a physician, a livery stable, blacksmith shop, hotel, postoffice, Southern Pacific station and a large grain warehouse.

It is the center of a rich dairy, hop and grain section of the county. Its principal trade comes from the Luckiamute country, the Peedee and Kings Valley, while some trade comes from the Suver section.

It is estimated that 600 acres are in hops tributary to Airlie while the annual shipment of cream from the station here is placed at 500,000 pounds. This is a big growth from that of twelve years ago when I. Simpson was the only cream exporter, shipping as he did, the cream from ten head of dairy cows. Now he alone has forty milk cows and expects to increase this to sixty inside of a year's time. The warehouse here handles a large quantity of grain annually and this is one of the best grain producing sections of the county.

Wilberg and French opened their new lumber yard last fall, putting in new yards and a full stock of all kinds of building material. They are experienced lumber men of twenty two years experience and are building up a large and growing trade. G. A. Conn has one of the most complete stocks of general merchandise to be found in any community and prides himself in the fact that he can meet the price of the city stores. He carries implements of all kinds and states his sales are all that

could be desired. C. V. Johnson is the proprietor of the second general store, purchasing but a short time ago. He is also the postmaster of the city. A. R. Lewis owns the blacksmith shop, a Mr. Cooper the livery stable, V. Williams, son of W. E. Williams the prosperous Airlie farmer and baseball enthusiast, runs the large confectionery store opposite the Johnson merchandise store, while Delmer Hedgepath owns the opposition store. Mrs. Rose



SLOPER BROTHERS' IRRIGATION PLANT

The above cut shows the water plant on Sloper Brothers' farm, five miles from Independence. It shows the plant in operation pumping water for hop and garden irrigation. One of these plants will irrigate five acres of land two inches deep daily in a day of twelve hours. It is estimated with one well in one year a crop of \$5,000 additional hops was raised two years ago on 25 acres by this system. Many hop men are establishing these systems to increase their hop returns.

has the only hotel.

Among the first settlers we mention I. M. Simpson Sr., the father of Ike Simpson, Jas. Williams, the father of W. E. Williams and Isaac Staats, all settling in 1845. Many others came in the early days, mention of whom may be found in the Polk county history write up. I. M. Simpson owns 560 acres of the old donation land claim, which he has enlarged by purchase until now he owns 800 acres of land and W. E. Williams still resides on the old donation claim of his father, which he also has made produce profitable crops. I. M. Simpson is a breeder of pure bred Lincoln sheep and high grade Jersey cattle and for feed raises corn, kale, carrots, and beets. He uses oats which he makes into chop for feed and farms about 350 acres of

grain annually, thus having a diversity of crops that brings large returns.

The history of the Luckiamute country is the history of Airlie, and Lewisville before the days of the railroad was the main town of this section. The first history we find woven around such pioneers as the Montgomerys, Wm. B. Prather, James W. Suver, J. E. Elkins and the Tetherows. In the first history we find the Lewis Smiths and Tedrows here in this section and forty odd years ago stores were doing a thriving business. As a protection from Indians Fort Hoskins, was built and government soldiers established at that point. Lewisville was then considered a principal trade center and the Kings Valley country was part of

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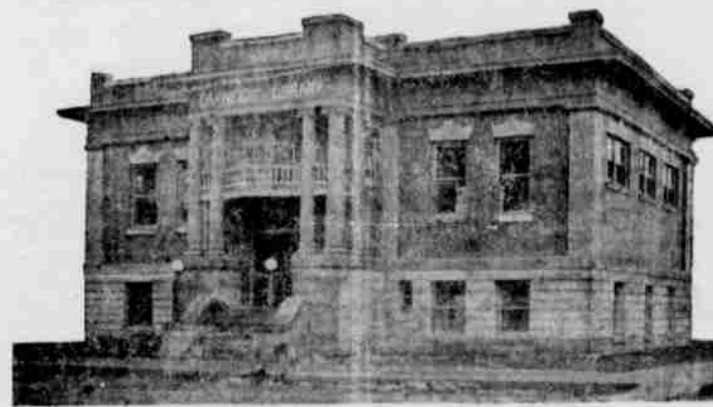
Perrydale lies upon the Yamhill division of the Southern Pacific and one of the late improvements is a fine high school where manual training and domestic science is taught besides the usual school branches. Many new homes have been built in and near Perrydale lately

and the Christian church has been built here within the last year, while several store buildings are practically new.

Wire for fencing has been sold by our merchant in car lots and red and alsike clover has done so well that our farmers feel the call for more intensive farming. Mr. McCrow produced 1600 bushels of clover seed from his farm, selling at 16 cents per pound last year, bringing \$96 per acre. Perrydale land sells readily at from \$75 to \$200 per acre and a good return comes from the investment.

Henry Key and F. E. Lynn are among the leading stock men of the county and their Cotswold sheep and Jersey cows are prize winners at all fairs. We also mention Felix Comegys as a breeder of Clydesdale horses, his winning at the state fair.

Fine ranch houses, dairy barns and well stocked farms are the rule in this section. It is no misstatement to say that the farmers of Perrydale are among the richest in the Willamette valley. There is a reason for this and that reason is they are progressive and energetic and their soil is good.



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BUENA VISTA, HOP CENTER HAS PROMISE OF RAILROAD

Early History of This Little River City Is Interesting to Those Who Like to Meditate of the Past

Buena Vista was the home of some settlement as early as 1846. Before Reason B. Hall had taken up his donation land claim in the late fifties a river boat landing was established at this point and it was named Bloomington in 1853, when Eli W. Foster was the postmaster, and later it was known as Hall's Ferry, this ferry crossing the river at the foot of Main street as the town is now laid out. This point in those days was an important location from the fact that the farmers as far east as Seio and west to King's Valley and Tampico made this their supply point.

Mr. Hall named the place Buena Vista, meaning good view in Spanish, and in 1862 he laid out a town site eight blocks long along the river front and seven blocks deep. A pottery, a flour mill and a saw mill soon came here and stores of every kind were opened.

In 1870 Buena Vista had a fire that destroyed several stores, the cause being the result of a feud between those

desiring the destruction of a place called "Bost Head Gulch" and those wishing the grocery to stay.

The town was again rebuilt, but 1889, 1900 and 1905 again saw destructive fires in the place.

In 1889 the terra cotta and pottery works left this section for Portland.

This is the story of the past, although we would say that the lack of railroads has been the cause of the slow development of Buena Vista. The town is situated in the midst of fine hop ranches, rich dairy and grain farms and at the mouth of streams where mills would be profitable to such an extent that the one great need of the past has been transportation facilities.

Now Buena Vista is a good trading center, where J. K. Neal has the only store but handles a large and growing business, and W. S. McClain takes care of the needs of the farmers with an up-to-date feed and chop mill, where he handles a large

amount of the grain grown in this section. Buena Vista has a strong lodge of Odd Fellows, which was first organized in 1868 by W. L. Riggs, A. J. Brown, H. Holman, J. H. Miller, D. E. Thomas and Dr. J. O. Nicklen. This lodge was established in a hall over the store of Abe Weil. There is a blacksmith shop here and there has been one almost from the earliest days of Buena Vista.

Now new life is coming to Buena Vista with the announcement of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern electric plans to put Buena Vista on its line from Albany to Independence, thus giving that rich farming section an outlet to the markets of the world other than by boat.

The farmers of this section are making money and they are doing it with hogs, cattle, clover and dairying, while some prunes and other fruits are grown successfully here. This section is also rich in hops and the farmers are all prosperous.

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