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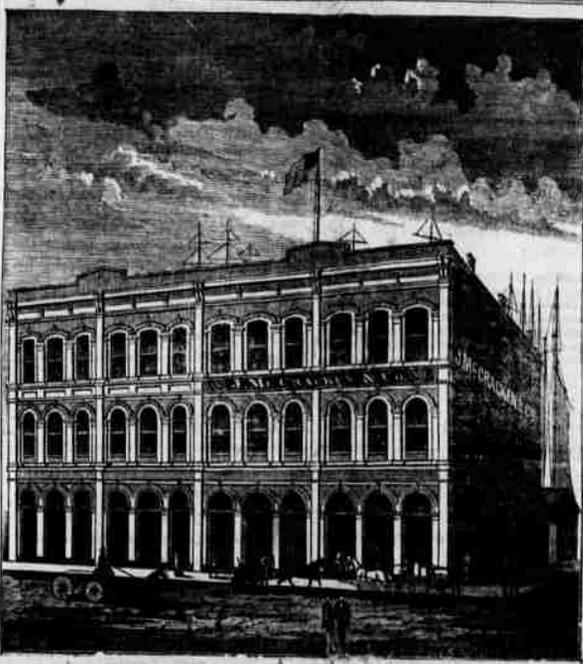
For the guidance of all competitors, we will state that their articles must be addressed "Editor WEST SHORE, Box 3, Portland, Oregon." Articles intended for competition must be subscribed by the writer with his or her true name, and children, in addition to their names, must state their ages and places of residence. No rejected manuscript will be returned to the writer unless it is accompanied with sufficient stamps to pay return postage.

Every accepted article will be esteemed our exclusive property, and as such will be copyrighted and published in the WEST SHORE.

ADVICE.

Were we to offer the advice of a friend, we would say to the sufferers from heat in all parts of the world, that if they would go to a country where summer is a paradise, where its hills are ever shaded, and its prairies always scented summer breezes with the fragrance of flowers; where cool mountain streams are coursing through every valley, and wild berries are ripening all summer; where the snows of winter rest coolly on the summits of mountains, while rich golden grain waves in the fields below; where beautiful lakes are numerous in the land, and fish are caught in abundance, and where it is much of life to live, we would say, by all means, go to the Puget Sound Basin, at once.—*Olympia Echo.*

The door-sill of home is the threshold of heaven!



WAREHOUSE OF J. J. McORAKEN & CO.—See page 5.

SCIO, LINN COUNTY.

If we were called upon to name the neatest, snugest and handsomest little hamlet in the valley, we should without any hesitation name Scio. The village contains about 600 people, with neat residences, having large roomy yards, good sidewalks, well-shaded smooth streets, commodious stores and shops. The town, or rather city, for it is incorporated, is picturesquely located on the Santiam at its junction with Thomas Creek, a rapid flowing mountain stream, and in the midst of as fine a farming country as ever laid out of doors. It is connected with the out-

side world by a stage line running to Marion Station daily, a distance of seven miles and a telegraph line to the same place. Among the enterprising firms and individuals doing business there are Messrs. Brown & Johnson, J. B. Irvine, D. P. Mason, Dr. G. H. Davis, and the amount of trade done yearly in the town, taking everything into consideration, is bordering on the marvelous. Two churches and a neat school house are the principal public buildings of the city. A good hotel makes the stranger "within its gates" feel at home; and taken all together, Scio is a good place to live in, to do business, or to visit for recreation.—*Albany Democrat.*



SALESROOMS OF THE OREGON FURNITURE MANUFACTURING CO.—See page 5.

TO OUR PATRONS.

With this issue we close our first volume and we feel constrained to return many thanks for that patronage which has enabled us to make THE WEST SHORE what it is to-day—the pride of every well-wisher of the Pacific Northwest. The promises contained in our Salutatory have been more than fulfilled, for within six months after it reached the public, THE WEST SHORE was increased from eight to twelve pages, and with our next number—the commencement of the second volume—our publication will be enlarged to 16 pages, making it the largest paper published on the Pacific Coast. Our subscription list is now, with but one exception, by far the largest of any paper published north of San Francisco. We shall be pleased to have our friends renew their subscriptions and induce others to become subscribers, for should we, as we have reasons to hope, double our circulation during the coming year, we can promise THE WEST SHORE as a weekly with the commencement of the third volume. We are persuaded that independent of any pleasure afforded to our readers, our illustrations and articles upon the resources of Oregon and Washington Territory have attracted attention abroad, and consequently have accomplished much good in behalf of this section of the country. We feel under obligations to the press throughout the country for the many kind notices, of which THE WEST SHORE has been the subject, and our efforts will be exerted that it may ever merit their praise.

WE BELIEVE IN FORTUNE TELLING.

"Do you believe in fortune telling?" asks a young correspondent. Yes, certainly we do, and practice it too. Would you like a few trials of our skill? Well, then, give attention. When a boy with black hair and eyes always tells the truth, he will be believed and respected as long as he lives, and as people would prefer to keep him alive, he will stand a good chance to arrive at old age. A girl with brown hair and blue eyes, who obeys her parents, is good tempered and industrious, will have many admirers, particularly among sensible men, and she will therefore be in the way of getting a good husband. If a girl with rosy cheeks and curly hair will avoid late hours, tight dresses, too many nice things to eat, will take plenty of exercise in the open air, and keep good natured, she will probably be a good-looking and happy lady, and, if she obtains a good education, she will be a fit wife for a Governor or President. In all these cases, the hair and eyes are of no great importance, but the other requisites must be strictly observed to have the good fortune come out right.

Shingle roofs can be made more durable by giving them a coat of thin linseed-oil before they get wet.