

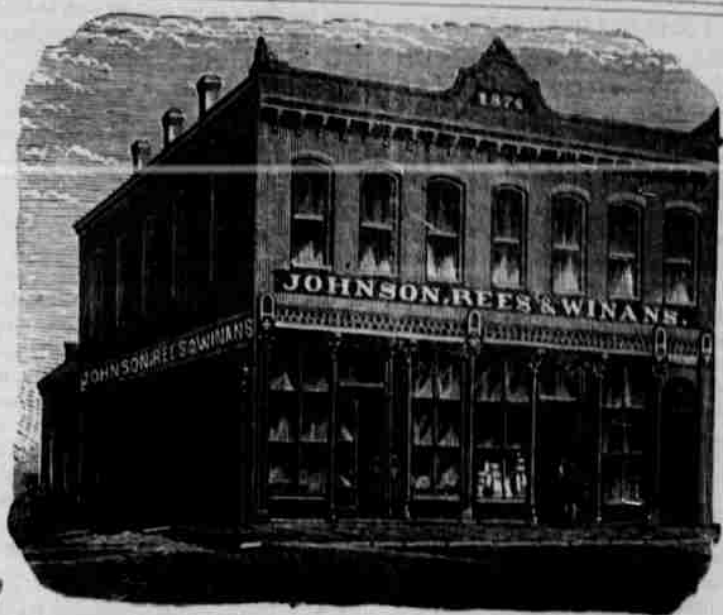
ago they are getting. H. E. Holmes' drug store next claims our attention, and here, indeed, we find a sample of what pluck and enterprise will do. About 1872 Mr. Holmes came to take a look at this country, wasn't very much pleased with it, and determined to return to his Eastern home. Whilst sitting in one of our Portland hotels he accidentally picked up one of our publications, (*The Gazetteer*) and in it he noticed a glowing description of Walla Walla; next day found him on his way there. He was so pleased with the general prospects of the place, that he started a drug store on a small scale. Close attention to business, and a knack of making friends, have placed Mr. Holmes where he is—at the head of the drug business in Walla Walla.

The Walla Walla bakery (see illustration) is located in the handsome brick building, thirty feet front by sixty feet in depth, and is the property of O. Brechtel, who came to this city in 1861. In 1869 he erected this building, at an expense of \$18,000, and it is considered as near fireproof as brick and iron can possibly make a building. Besides supplying Walla Walla with an excellent article of bread and cakes, Mr. Brechtel does considerable of an export business in crackers, competing successfully with San Francisco and Eastern manufactories, as he uses steam in their manufacture and has all the latest improved machinery.

We might enumerate dozens of other live, enterprising business firms, banks, professional men, and manufacturing places, but the want of space forbids. In our next number, however, we shall illustrate and describe Doyell & Co.'s planing mill and furniture manufactory, the largest establishment of the kind east of the Cascades. Leaving Walla Walla, and for the present skipping Watsburg, of which we shall speak hereafter, we come to

DAYTON,

The county seat of Columbia county, a town of most wonderful growth. We have heard of mining towns, built of canvas and rough board shanties, going up in a night, but never have we heard of a town, at present containing at least 1,500 inhabitants, having stores built of brick, a \$40,000 woolen mill, one of the best flouring mills in the upper country, and other manufactories, commodious three-story hotels, several residences costing each \$5,000 and one of them



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nearly \$10,000, in fact, one of the handsomest little cities on the Pacific Coast, all erected in six years, on ground where in 1872 grain was still growing. Dayton is picturesquely located on the Touchet, in a little valley between rolling hills, surrounded by some of the best farming soil in the upper country, is bountifully supplied with clear, sparkling water from a rapid, little mountain stream which also furnishes excellent water-power, at present partly utilized. Dayton makes strong pretensions to being a rival of Walla Walla which is only 30 miles southwest of it, and its excellent location, rapid growth and general prosperity, would certainly warrant it in assuming airs over its older and heretofore domineering sister city, Walla Walla. The natural outlet for Dayton, is for the present, by way of a good, 20-mile long road to Grange City on the Columbia river, but before many months, the W. W. & C. R. R. will be extended, when all its shipments will be made to Walla.

In our last issue, we illustrated two of the handsomest residences of the town. In this issue we show the woolen mill located here, and which is the means of distributing thousands of

dollars annually. The raw wool consumed by the mill and which is bought in the immediate vicinity, amounts to a little over \$30,000 per annum, whilst for labor, outside of repairs and incidental expenses, nearly \$25,000 per annum are expended. This in itself is quite a help to the town, although it possesses many other manufacturing establishments, each contributing its quota towards bringing life and prosperity to the place. The president of the woolen mill is S. M. Wait, a remarkably enterprising man, deserving more than a passing notice, for it is mainly owing to him that the present town of Dayton is in existence at all. He was born in Vermont, but raised in New York, and came to California in 1836 at the age of 28. Being naturally of an enterprising nature, his first venture on this Coast was in 1831, when he took an immense drove of hogs (the first ever taken) from the Willamette valley to California, and the following year followed it up with an immense band of cattle. His trips to Oregon naturally got him acquainted with the country and its wants, and in 1854, he built a large flouring mill in Rogue river valley, (See page 74.)

