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OUR PROSPECTS.

Notwithstanding the cry of "hard times" comes from all other sections of the United States, Oregon's prosperity still continues, and from the present outlook we have every reason to believe that this year will prove an extraordinary favorable one for all kinds of business here. Late reliable informa-

tion from several States indicates that our immigration will be by far the largest that has ever come to the Pacific Northwest in one year. Our crop prospects are better than they ever have been so early in the season; the acreage sown is by far the largest in the history of the State and should grain come up to a fair price, a season of plenty may be looked for.

\* THE FUTURE OF CORVALLIS.

Since it has become a fixed fact that the Oregon Central Railroad will be extended to Corvallis, next summer, real estate has perceptibly enhanced in value, and is changing hands. Several new buildings will go up early in the spring, and various improvements will be made. With railroad connections, Corvallis is destined to be one of the liveliest and most desirable business places, as it is the handsomest, in Oregon. Located in the geographical center of the State, within sixty miles of one of the best harbors between San Francisco and Puget Sound, it needs no prophetic ken to foretell a brilliant future.

Every person visiting Corvallis, especially in the spring and early summer, is struck with its lovely location, magnificent scenery, clear, sparkling water, healthful climate, and refreshing sea breezes, wafted through a gap in the mountains in the immediate vicinity of Mary's Peak. It is situated upon a beautiful level plateau, at the confluence of Mary's river with the Willamette, the banks of the latter along the entire city front, on the east, being very high, giving wonderful advantages for drainage. The streets, in their nat-

ural condition, are splendid, and are sufficiently inclined to the north and east for easy and natural drainage. There are no "cuts" and "fills," no grading of lots, etc. The plateau upon which the city is built extends back to the foothills, until it is lost in the Coast range of mountains which divides the Willamette valley from the Pacific ocean.

Possessing so many natural advantages, and surrounded by an unlimited extent of the finest agricultural and grazing land in the State, well watered and timbered, it seems marvelous to strangers that Corvallis should have so long remained in the background. But the day of deliverance from obscurity is brightly dawning, and every railroad project and public improvement in the State will, eventually, pay tribute to our beautiful city, which, as its name indicates, is the "Heart of the Valley."  
—Gazette.

WOMAN'S sphere—that she won't get a rich husband.

THE girl who wears a diamond ring generally has an itchy nose.

A FAINT heart will never win a fair lady half as quick as a fat pocket-book.

A GIRL who has been very observant of her parents' mode of exhibiting charity, when asked what generosity was, replied: "It is giving to the poor all the old stuff you don't want yourself."

THE WEST SHORE.—The January issue of this enterprising Portland publication was unusually good, even for a paper which maintains a high average of excellence. A praiseworthy effort is made continually to show local enterprises, improvements, scenery, etc., both by engraving and description, and the work done is much to the advantage of our northern coast. Mr. Samuel has reason to congratulate himself upon the results of his labors.—Pacific Rural Press.