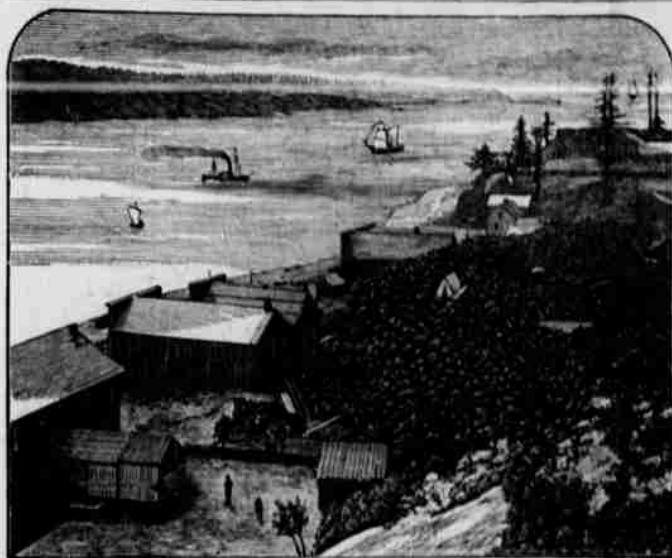


The city is situated on the west bank of the Willamette river on high table land; is well laid out, with wide streets crossing at right angles and no breaks or divergencies in the line of streets, to mar the beauty or symmetry of its plan. It has a neat county court-house standing amid a beautiful grove of maples; the state agricultural college, two good public schools, five churches, two good hotels, warehouses, a large number of stores, (of which we intend to speak more fully in our March number), numerous beautiful residences, two

very good newspapers, *The Benton Co. Blade*, and *Corvallis Gazette*, are published here weekly. The distance from Portland by river is 115 miles, while by rail it is but 95. Since the completion of the west side branch of the O. & C. R. R., Corvallis has enjoyed a degree of prosperity equalled by no other town of its size in the state, and from its natural advantages of salubrity of climate and central location, we conclude that it has by no means reached its full growth yet.

The growth of the wool industry in Oregon has received a material check by the hard winter in the counties of Wasco and Umatilla. But its severe lesson will not be lost upon breeders. They will find out that fall shearing is practicable in some parts of California, but not in Oregon. Let the sheep be shorn but once a year, and Oregon wool-growers will be rich. It does not pay to be greedy.

Two northwesterners discuss the fertility of their respective sections of the country: "In Washington Territory, if you let a match fall to the ground, the next year there will grow up a forest." "In Oregon," cried the other, triumphantly, "you let a suspender button fall, and in eight days, you'll have a pair of pantaloons ready made."



NEWPORT, ENTRANCE TO YAQUINA BAY, OR.—Photo by Crawford.

PASSAGE OF THE DALLES.

The splendid steamer, *Harvest Queen*, the finest of all the O. R. & N. Co.'s fleet above The Dalles, was brought safely through The Dalles' rapids, six miles in length, by Capt. Jas. Troup, the youngest captain in the company's service. The following table shows the steamers brought over and their dimensions:

Year.	Name of Boat.	Length.	Beam.
1864—	*Cayuse.....	140	20
1865—	Lewiston.....	94	21
1865—	Okanagon.....	106	23
1870—	†Nez Perces Chief.....	133	25
1870—	†Shoshone.....	139	28
1878—	*Owyhee.....	130	26
1881—	Harvest Queen.....	200	38

*Brought down with steam machinery.
†Came through same day.

The Lewiston was brought through

by Capt. A. Horn; the Okanagon, by Capt. T. J. Stump; the Celilo, by Daniel Baughman; the Nez Perces Chief and Shoshone, by Capt. McNulty. The Shoshone struck three times during the passage and the Nez Perces Chief, once. When we look at the difference in the size of these vessels, the feat of Capt. Troup, is really wonderful, for he never struck at all.

Justice consists in doing no injury to man; decency, in giving them no offense.

Potter's American Monthly published at Philadelphia, Pa., is one of the very best magazines that reaches this office. It is well illustrated, clearly printed on fine paper and contains valuable, instructive literature.

The Californian, for March, is brimful of sparkling western literature, and is just such a magazine as every resident of the Pacific coast should furnish their families with. Published at \$4.00 per year, 202 Sansome street, San Francisco, California.

Most people are like eggs—too full of themselves to hold anything else.

Much as he loves roast beef, John Bull is continually getting into Irish stews.

The most beneficial discovery of the century to man is Ammen's Cough Syrup. A wealthy gentleman, who claims that it entirely cured him of incipient consumption, offered \$5,000 for the formula and the right to manufacture and sell to the world, which was refused. The Remedy stands upon its own merits. A 15-cent sample bottle will convince the most skeptical of its virtues. Try it. It may save your life. All respectable druggists keep it, at 15 cts., 50 cts., and \$1.

The woman who marries does well, but the woman who does not marry does better nine times out of ten.



HOTEL AT CORVALLIS.—Photo by Dr. Heloap.