

asylum, are all here now, although the asylum for the insane is not yet completed. This public business and these institutions make Salem a centre of culture and progress, and a pleasant place to live. Here annually meets the State agricultural society and the state fair, where, ten to twenty thousand people gather from all parts of the State, many coming in as entire families in covered wagons, and camping in tents in the beautiful oak groves adjoining the fair grounds. Here also is located the

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY.

This well known and oldest institution of learning in Oregon, an engraving of the main building of which may be seen in this issue, has its literary department in Salem, and its medical department in Portland. It has in actual attendance in its various branches of instruction, at present, over three hundred students. Its faculty consists of twenty-six professors and instructors, most of whom are graduates of the best eastern colleges, and have large experience in teaching.

A woman's college department has recently been added to the facilities of instruction. It provides, a home for girls from a distance under the immediate care and oversight of Mrs. E. M. Andrew, the lady dean, who lives in the same building; 2, an art department, conducted by Miss Della M. Quivey, B. P., a graduate in the school of fine arts, of Syracuse University, N. Y., who teaches all branches of drawing, painting, decorative art; 3, a conservatory of music, Prof. W. J. Stabler, director, and Miss Nettie Piper, instructor. The conservatory alone has now one hundred and five pupils.

Aside from these special provisions for home comfort and education of girls away from parental oversight, they are admitted into all the classes of the university, in the usual courses of study.

The *College Journal*, a paper of sixteen pages, and an annual catalogue are published, which may be had on application to the President, and in which may be found full particulars of the school. One special advantage of the university is the low price at which boarding is furnished. Boarding and incidentals in the Woman's college for the entire school year, will cost a young lady only \$140, with everything furnished, except towels, napkins, pillows, sheets and comfoter. In the university hall, boys and

young men board with President Van Scoy for \$2.50 per week, and they provide room furniture.

The degrees conferred, are Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Philosophy; Bachelor of Science; Mistress of English Literature, and Doctor of Medicine.

The morals, refinement and beauty of the capital city, make it peculiarly fitted for the seat of a university.

Besides the State buildings, the city is ornamented by many handsome and imposing churches, hotels and business houses. The county court house costing over \$100,000, the Chemeketa hotel costing \$120,000, and the Methodist church would be an ornament to any city.

Salem has the largest and most flourishing flouring mills on the Pacific coast, which annually ships immense quantities of flour to the British Islands. Besides these, there is a bank, linseed oil works, foundry and machine shops, sash, door and furniture factories, marble works, the inevitable beer brewery, with shops and stores of every description and population of about 5,000.

Salem is now the permanent capital of the State, and its future prosperity is assured; and for this it made a long and valiant fight. The capital was at one time moved to Corvallis in Benton county, and at another time Col. Chapman had it on wheels for removal to Eugene City in Lane county; but it returned again to Salem. The first capital building at Salem was burned down, and malicious gossips charged the misfortune up to the envy of its rivals; but in the language of the Scotch verdict, "it was not proved." Salem is at the head of continuous navigation of the Willamette river, and located on the Oregon and California Railroad. Its leading citizens are making efforts to extend a local line of railway to the great wheat region of the Waldo hills country and make the city the "Minneapolis" of the Pacific.

The other towns in the county, are Silverton, the capital of the Waldo hills region, with a large and flourishing trade; Stayton, the central point on the upper Santiam; Jefferson, the chief town in the south end of the county, with a fine water power, flouring and saw mills. Gervais, the capital of French prairie; Aurora, the central point of the German colony, with the smaller places of Butteville, Champoeg,

Woodburn, Hubbard, Brooks, Turner, Marion, Sublimity and Aumsville.

The German colony at Aurora, deserves more than a passing notice, the great success of which, showing, as it does, what patient energy and perseverance, united with harmonious co-operation can do in securing comfort and independence, to a colony of poor men, determined to succeed. When the leaders of the German colony selected the lands at Aurora for their future home, it was by no means an inviting spot. The country was in the main a dense forest of heavy fir timber, or scattered firs and hazel brush, and it offered no inducements but the soil, which must first be cleared by an enormous expenditure of toil and labor. But these German people, under the paternal leadership of Dr. Keil, were equal to the undertaking, and now, where once flourished the forest jungle, there can be seen a smiling village, the busy mills, the church, the school-house, and the only improved park for recreation worthy of the name of "a park" in Oregon. This has all been accomplished in a few years; an excellent example for others to imitate. Prior to Dr. Keil's death, all property was held as a common estate, although each family was separate to itself and working on an individual farm in all respects; and the title to this fine estate covering some sixteen thousand acres of land was invested in Dr. Keil. And since his death the lands and property have all been divided and distributed among the families of the *commune* in severalty, to the entire satisfaction of all, and making as it does, a proud monument to the honor and integrity of its founder, and for so many years, trusted leader—William Keil.

COMMERCE AND INTERCOURSE.

Marion county is already well supplied with facilities to build up a large and flourishing trade both at home and with adjoining sections. The Oregon and California Railroad crosses the entire county from north to south, while the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co.'s narrow gauge line traverses the entire width of the county, entering at Ray's landing on the river on the northwest, and passing out at the foot hills of the Cascade on the south-east. The Willamette river washing the entire western boundary of the county, affords a cheap and independent water way,