

in a superb agricultural country, and approached by good roads from all directions. It more than any other place will be benefited by the opening of the reservation, since the greater portion of that tract is naturally tributary to it. Its railroad advantages are superior. The Baker City Branch of the O. R. & N. Co.'s line passes through it, thus placing it on the recently completed through route to the East by way of the Oregon Short Line. A branch line runs north from the city to the new town of Adams, within a few miles of Blue Mountain Station, the terminus of a line running south from Walla Walla. When this is completed there will be a route to Walla Walla and beyond. The Pendleton Roller Mills, owned by Messrs. W. S. Byers & Co., have recently been fitted up with the most approved system of gradual reduction machinery, and have a daily capacity of 500 barrels of flour. Messrs. Watson & Luhrs have a large planing mill and sash and door factory. The business men are liberal and enterprising, as becomes the citizens of the most conspicuous town in Eastern Oregon. There are a national bank, five large general merchandise stores and a great many other stores of a special nature, such as crockery, hardware, groceries, furniture, drugs, etc., with the usual number of hotels, shops, etc. The semi-weekly *East Oregonian* is the leading newspaper of that region, and is a political journal of wide influence and a most excellent local paper. It is published by an association, J. P. Wager being editor and C. S. Jackson business manager. The *Tribune* is an ably conducted weekly paper, devoted to the best interests of the county, and is published by Messrs. Burroughs & Reading. The Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist and Catholic denominations are represented and possess neat edifices. A good public school and several private schools afford most excellent educational facilities. The Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Good Templars have lodges of the various degrees of their orders, and, with other social organizations, have a large membership. On the 10th of June, 1884, J. H. Turner, J. Despain, Lehman Blum, J. B. Keeney, W. F. Matlock, S. L. Morse, C. J. Matlock, R. Sargent, J. H. Raley and Homer Howard incorporated the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Association, with a capital stock of \$10,000, divided into 400 shares, each incorporator subscribing for twenty shares. Thirty-eight acres were purchased from the Government at the time 640 acres of the reservation were sold to the city as an addition to its limits a few months ago. The association has expended upwards of \$8,000 since its organization in fitting up the grounds. The first annual meeting was held in October, and attracted many of the turfmen of Oregon and adjoining Territories. The track is one of the best mile tracks in the State, and the accommodations for stock are excellent. The meeting was financially successful. To the energy of Mr. C. J. Matlock, the President, is largely due this success, as well as the excellent condition of the track and all the varied appointments of the grounds. The officers of the association are: C. J. Matlock, President; J. Despain, Vice-President; J. H. Turner, Secretary; Lehman Blum, Treasurer; J. H.

Raley, Homer Howard, R. Sargent and J. B. Keeney Directors. Pendleton is rapidly assuming the position of metropolis of Eastern Oregon. Its business is very great, and the assessed valuation of its property is about one-third that of the whole county. There are a few substantial brick structures, and the cheap wooden buildings that were erected in former years are gradually being supplanted by more permanent and commodious brick ones. Few cities of the "Inland Empire" have better prospects for the future than has Pendleton, and none of them are surrounded by a better agricultural country.

The terminus of the branch railroad running northward along the edge of the reservation from Pendleton is Adams, a town laid out in July, 1883. Its advantages as a business centre were recognized by enterprising men, since it was fourteen miles from Pendleton, in the midst of a rich farming section, and was destined to be, for a time at least, the terminal station, and several at once located there. It has now a population of 300, and has become a thriving trade centre. Nearly every line of business is represented. The prospects for Adams becoming a commercial town of considerable size, such as the surrounding country can well support, are very flattering. Mr. I. T. Reese, of the firm of Reese & Redman, has erected a handsome residence at a cost of \$6,000, which is an evidence that his removal there from Weston was a permanent one, and is an expression of his confidence in the future of Adams. A good public school is a feature of the town.

Five miles northeast of Adams, and opposite the extreme corner of the reservation, lies the town of Centreville, containing a population of about 400. It lies in the very heart of the famous wheat lands which have given Umatilla County its reputation, and is a thriving commercial point. It is on the line of the railroad to Walla Walla, which is completed to that point but is not yet in operation. There are two churches—Christian and Methodist—Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges, and a good public school, which is maintained in a handsome brick structure, the only brick school house in the county. As in the case of Pendleton and Adams, the opening of the reservation will help Centreville wonderfully. There are in the town two general merchandise stores and a full complement of other stores, shops, etc. The *Examiner* is a good local paper, published weekly by F. R. Mitchell.

The next town in this great wheat belt is Weston, three miles northeast of Centreville. It is prettily located on Pine Creek, and is a flourishing business point, notwithstanding it suffered severely a few months ago from fire. The surrounding country is one broad expanse of grain-covered hills. Weston has a population of about 600, a steam flouring mill, steam planing mill, a two-story school house, Episcopal and Methodist churches, lodges of Masons, Odd Fellows and Workmen, two general merchandise stores and numerous other stores and shops. The *Leader* is an excellent weekly paper, published by Dr. G. P. McColl. Weston possesses all the elements of permanent prosperity, and must keep pace