

tion. The higher portions of the city are supplied from springs in the hills. The present system is unsatisfactory, both on account of the quality of water and the price at which it is supplied. The water of mountain streams can be brought in pipes to the city at a reasonable expense, and at the recent session of the Legislature the city was authorized to construct water works of its own, or to purchase the existing works, provided that water shall not be taken from the Willamette, and that not more than \$750,000 shall be expended. It seems probable that the city will be supplied soon with the purest of mountain water at rates about one-fourth those now charged by the water company.

Front, First and a portion of Second streets are paved with stone blocks, and the other chief thoroughfares are macadamized. Experiments with wooden block pavements have not been satisfactory owing to the long wet season. The macadamized streets make fine drives, the favorites being Montgomery, Eleventh and B. The last leads to the City Park, a beautiful tract donated to the people for a public park. It lies on the hill at the end of B street, and is visited in summer, especially on Sunday, by scores of carriages and hundreds of pedestrians. A sketch of the park is given on page 33. The drive may be prolonged from B street through the canyon and across the summit to the picturesque farms of Washington County. A fine macadamized road also leads into this same region through the canyon at the head of Jefferson street. From the end of Montgomery street a winding road leads to the summit of Robinson's Hill, whence can be had one of the most pleasing views imaginable. At the base of the hill lies the city, wrapped in a mantle of green foliage, all blending harmoniously, save where here and there a tall spire or imposing structure thrusts itself above the others and asserts its claim to special notice. The winding course of the Willamette can be traced for miles. East Portland, Albina, Sellwood and numerous suburban villages are plainly visible, and Vancouver, six miles distant, on the north bank of the Columbia, can be distinctly seen, while the eye follows the course of the great "River of the West" till it is lost between the towering walls of the Columbia Gorge. In the middle ground rise the wooded slopes of Mount Tabor, while in the extensive background is the long blue ridge of the Cascade Mountains, above which towers the kingly Mount Hood, its base resting on the very crest of the range, its crown and robe of purest white sparkling in the rays of the noonday sun, or suffused with the most delicate tints of crimson, purple and gold as the evening sun sinks behind the hills. To the left appear the rounded cone of St. Helens and the crests of Rainier and Adams, while to the right is the white top of Jefferson. Five snow peaks, set in such beautiful surroundings, is a sight never to be forgotten. Another drive leads up the White House road, along the banks of the Willamette and past the beautiful River View Cemetery. Beautiful driveways lead through the cemetery, climbing gradually to the top of the hill, the well-graded way bordered with flowers and trailing vines. From the hillside

lovely landscapes stretch out before the eye whether looking up or down the river. The artist has given us views from this point on pages 8 and 32. On the east side of the river good roads lead into the country back of Mount Tabor and up the river to Milwaukie. These many beautiful drives, the charming scenery, the splendid boating and yachting on the river, the good hotel accommodations, the facilities for evening amusement, and the fact that all railroad and steamboat routes to points of interest in Western Oregon and Washington centre in Portland, make this the best point for tourists as a base from which to operate in viewing the country.

There is one view of a city which does much to impress a stranger either favorably or the reverse—the social and intellectual aspect. Socially and morally Portland differs little from an Eastern city of the same proportions. It has numerous churches, embracing all the leading denominations. There are no very large or elegant church edifices, but the services are well attended, and Sunday is a day of rest and cessation of business. Excursions on the Willamette and Columbia are frequent on Sunday, and they are participated in by a large class of our respectable people, who take the opportunity to thus recruit themselves after the cares and labors of the week. In the matter of education Portland has always occupied an advanced position. The school system of this city is modeled upon the best ideas of educators, and is equal to that of any city in the Union. The school buildings, of which there are seven, are large, comfortable and well ventilated, and are supplied with the best of seats, desks, apparatus, libraries, etc. An imposing four-story brick high school has just been completed at a cost of \$150,000, a large engraving of which, in four colors, accompanies this number of THE WEST SHORE as a special supplement. There are a number of academies for both sexes, some of them denominational, which are well attended. The school census of 1885 showed 6,658 children between the ages of four and twenty residing in the city, of which 570 attended private schools. There were registered in the public schools 3,978, the average number belonging being 3,084, and the average daily attendance 2,971. Considering that many parents do not send their children to school until six years of age, and that a great many are compelled to leave school and earn a livelihood long before they are twenty, the above figures indicate that there are few children of proper age not receiving the benefit of a free education. Portland has many newspapers and periodical publications, some of which are of a superior character both as to contents and appearance. The *Oregonian* and *News* are morning dailies, with weekly editions; the *Standard*, *Telegram* and *Freie Presse* are evening papers, the first with a weekly issue; the *Sunday Oregonian*, *Sunday Welcome*, *Sunday Mercury*, *New Northwest*, *Rural Spirit*, *Northwestern Farmer and Dairyman*, *Catholic Sentinel*, *Pacific Christian Advocate*, *Journal of Commerce*, *Oregon Siftings* and *Staats Zeitung* are issued weekly, and *THE WEST SHORE*, *Travelers' Guide*, *Columbia Churchman* and *Y. M. C. A. Bulletin* appear monthly.