

come the residents of the county to attend court and transact official business.

The Dalles is the most substantially built of all the cities of Oregon, except Portland. This is fully shown by the engraving of Second street, on page 851. It has twenty-five brick and stone business buildings and six brick residences. The court house is a handsome brick structure, erected in 1882, at a cost of \$25,000.00. An engraving of the court house is given on page 842; also of the St. Mary's academy. The latter is a handsome brick building, with a chapel adjoining. Here the sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary maintain an excellent school for young ladies, which has an attendance of about one hundred. The buildings cost \$25,000.00. On page 852 are given views of the Wasco Independent Academy, an educational institution of great merit, having four instructors and seventy pupils, and the public school. The latter occupies one brick and two wooden buildings. It is a thoroughly graded school, under the charge of a principal and eight assistants, and has an attendance of about five hundred pupils. The Young Men's Christian Association has a library and free reading room. There is also a good library for the employes of the O. R. & N. Co., the gift of Mr. Henry Villard when he was president of the company. Among the educational features may be classed the two most excellent newspapers, the *Times-Mountaineer* and the *Wasco County Sun*. They are recognized as among the leading papers of Oregon, closely following the metropolitan papers in influence. The Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal and Congregational denominations all have church edifices, those of the first three being quite ornamental, and the last is about to erect a new building. Of secret and benevolent societies, there are several, such as the Masons, Odd Fel-

lows, Knights of Pythias, Workmen, Good Templars, Grand Army of the Republic, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and Knights of Labor.

The population of The Dalles is about four thousand, an increase of nearly twenty-five per cent. since the census of 1880. The city was originally incorporated in 1855, its last charter being granted in 1880. The corporate limits are nearly one mile square. Its location is most picturesque, being the apparent center of a vast amphitheatre, whose walls are mountain heights. On clear days, the white crest of Mt. Hood towers above the mountains to the southwest. The older portion of the city (see page 841) occupies a plateau, elevated above the river and gradually rising to the basaltic bluffs, which hem it in on three sides. During the past few years, the city's growth has carried it over the bluffs on the south, and many nice residences have been erected there. The streets are laid out at right angles, and are well lined with thrifty shade trees, while the greater number of residences have ample grounds, planted with fruit and ornamental trees, shrubbery and flowers.

The line of the O. R. & N. Co. passes along Front street, nearest the river. The company has no regular depot, but trains land passengers in front of the Umatilla House, in which its ticket office is located, and where meals are served. The business men have organized a board of trade, which does much to further the city's interests in all directions. It has taken a prominent part in the movement to open the Columbia to continuous navigation. Recognizing the fact that an open river would result in a material lowering of the rates of freight, and thus, by giving the producer greater returns for his products, greatly magnify the production and shipment