

The wool, cattle, horses and other products of the region thus opened, including the extensive and fertile Harney valley, will thus be offered a new and cheaper route to market, and will find at Albany the first diverging point. At that place they will not only connect with the line of the Southern Pacific, but with the steamers plying on the Willamette. It requires but the most ordinary intelligence to understand the wonderful advantages Albany possesses as the point of junction of two such systems as the Oregon Pacific and Southern Pacific, advantages which are about to be largely enhanced by a short narrow gauge line connecting the city with the extensive narrow gauge system running through the valley midway between the river and the foot hills. It is expected that the Oregon Pacific will make Albany the operating headquarters of the road, and will build extensive machine and car shops there. A fine depot will be erected, and it is more than probable that the company will be instrumental in the erection in the city of a large hotel building.

It is expected that a line of street cars will be put in operation by the fourth of July next. The Albany Street Railway Co. has been incorporated, the subscribers to the stock being the business men and citizens. This is a popular movement, and is participated in by a large number of those interested in the welfare of the city, and who are willing to do their share in pushing forward the car of progress. It has been the experience of other cities that street car lines are great developers of business, and add much to the value of all property within a convenient distance of the lines. They are not merely a convenience, but are a great aid to the growth and prosperity of a city.

Another enterprise which will have a beneficial effect is the Albany Building & Loan Association, just organized upon the plan that has been so successful in Portland the past five years, and in eastern cities for longer periods. The officers of the association are all well known and responsible citizens, and the stock is subscribed by a large number of industrious and frugal people who expect to reap the full benefits flowing from such co-operative action.

It is confidently expected that a number of additional manufacturing enterprises will be established in Albany before the end of the year. In respect to water power, nearness to raw materials and advantages of shipment, both by rail and river, Albany has undoubted advantages which must be apparent to intelligent manufacturers. Already the value of manufactured products turned out yearly reaches a large sum, and a large increase may be expected, not only from a development of industries now established, but by the springing up of new ones.

In the Santiam mines, which are rendered tributary to the city by the Oregon Pacific railroad, and in which many of Albany's citizens are financially interested, it possesses an element of growth of much importance. The extent and value of these mines are just becoming known, and expert miners of long experience state that the Santiam district is one of the most promising on the Pacific coast. Great developments may be expected there during the next few years, and Albany is in a position to reap greater benefits therefrom than any other city. It only remains for its citizens to fully comprehend the opportunities offered them, and grasp them with a firm and energetic hand.

AN ENTERPRISING TOWN.

A MOVEMENT is on foot in the enterprising town of Newberg to increase the school facilities, urgently demanded by the rapidly increasing population. It is proposed to build a school house enough larger than the present inadequate one to accommodate the increased growth of the town for a number of years. It is especially noticeable that the most progressive citizens favor the thorough grading of the school and the establishment of a high school department. As the seat of the Friends' Pacific Academy, Newberg is already one of the important educational points of the northwest. The academy, which is rapidly achieving an enviable reputation among our educational institutions, will no doubt develop into a college within a very few years. The liberal enterprise exhibited by the citizens of Newberg in educational matters is but an indication of the way they manage the affairs of the town generally. A more moral, intelligent, progressive community can not be found in Oregon. Additions to the population in the form of new comers who have been attracted by the fertile acres of the Chehalem valley and the opportunities offered there for the industrious man of moderate means, are being made daily. The location there of this most desirable class of people is chiefly due to the exertions of the Chehalem Valley Board of Immigration, of Newberg, which has acquired large tracts of valuable land near the city, as well as residence property in the city itself, which it holds at reasonable figures for the benefit of immigrants. It is the policy of the board to divide up the surrounding farms into tracts of from five to thirty acres, and hold them for sale to individuals who will improve them and become actual residents and producers. Any one desiring to plant for himself a fruit orchard in one of the most lovely and fertile valleys of Oregon should see what this board has to offer.