

## THE WEST SHORE.

### PORTLAND'S MOST BEAUTIFUL SUBURB.

LIVING on the northern slope of the low summit between the Willamette and the Columbia, on the road to Vancouver, is the beautiful town of Woodlawn, possessing a more healthful and charming site than any other of the suburban tracts in the immediate vicinity of Portland. It lies on the line of the Portland & Vancouver motor railway, whose track runs through the heart of the town, and is thus one of the most accessible for business men and mechanics of all the city's suburbs, while its position on the line of that great artery of travel renders the probable increase in the value of property there greater than in those places not so favorably located. The motor company, as soon as the work of strengthening the trestles along the route is completed, will inaugurate a rapid transit service on the line for the express purpose of accommodating those who wish to reside there and do business in Portland. Trains will run both ways every forty minutes, including both early and late trains, for the accommodation of those who must be in the city during work hours. In this way Woodlawn may be reached with the greatest facility at any hour of the day.

In laying out the town of Woodlawn, as will be seen by reference to the plat of the town on the next page, the company has endeavored to render all portions of it as nearly equally accessible from the depot as possible. In order to do this it was necessary to depart from the usual plan of platting towns in square blocks with streets running at right angles, giving them a stiff and mechanical appearance. With an eye to both convenience and beauty it was decided to lay out a system of boulevards centering at the depot, with cross streets connecting with them, thus rendering every portion of the town within easy reach of that central point by the shortest possible route. In addition to this advantage of convenience, this also adds much to the beauty of the site, and when the town is built up with tasteful residences and the streets and boulevards are lined with shade trees, as they soon will be, Woodlawn will be the most beautiful town in this region. This system of boulevards and irregular blocks gives purchasers the choice of many beautiful building sites, no two of which are exactly alike, and thus relieves the town of that monotonous sameness of appearance which those laid out in the regulation way always present.

The site of Woodlawn slopes gently to the north, affording perfect drainage and insuring an excellent sanitary condition of the town at all times. It also, in connection with the irregular plat, enables nearly every house to command a fine scenic prospect with less danger of the view being cut off by other houses than would be the case if the ground was perfectly level. The view from Woodlawn is one of the finest to be found, even in this land of entrancing landscapes. In the foreground lies the broad Columbia with its wooded isles, across which may be seen the city and military post of Vancouver. In the background are the timbered sides of the Cascades, surmounted by three great snow-crowned mountains—Hood, St. Helens and Adams. On another page is given a view of the site of Woodlawn as it will appear when the company has finished the work of clearing it of all timber, stumps and brush. In this respect also the company has made a notable departure from the usual custom of selling lots covered with timber and brush, upon which the purchaser must expend much time and money before the ground is ready to be built upon. Every lot will be turned over to the purchaser free from such incumbrance, and the cost and trouble of building a home there will thus be materially lessened. It is not proposed to clear lots as

they are sold, but the entire tract will be cleared as speedily as possible.

The work of building on the town plat will be commenced at once, and the summer and fall weather will no doubt be improved by those desirous of having their homes ready for occupation next winter. A large passenger station will be erected by the motor company, which will occupy the central position noted on the plat and view, and will form the nucleus of what will soon be the prettiest residence town in the state of Oregon. The soil is fertile, as was demonstrated by the dense growth of trees and vines that covered the ground, and this is an important feature to one who desires to ornament his grounds with trees, shrubs and flowers. The ease with which tasteful lawns and flower gardens may be made will hasten the time when it will present a most attractive appearance and thus render it more charming as a place of residence and the land more valuable. Health is a great consideration with many who prefer to live beyond the confines of the city, and in this respect Woodlawn offers special advantages. Its elevation renders it free from malaria and its perfect drainage protects it from diseases caused by bad sewerage and accumulations of filth. Negotiations are on foot looking to the extension of the water system of Albina to the town by means of a six-inch main, which will furnish running water of a good quality throughout the entire town. By this means the cost, annoyance and unhealthfulness of wells will be avoided.

Woodlawn station is but fifteen minutes distant by the motor line from the Stark street ferry or the Morrison street bridge, and as cars will run every forty minutes, or oftener, the ease of going to and from the city is remarkable for a town possessing the other advantages there offered. Commutation tickets will be sold at \$4.50 per month for one round trip per day. This is but little more than street car fare by lines that do not reach any place where building lots can be had at four times the price asked here. Prices of lots vary according to location and size, and will be made known upon application to the company's agents, who are A. E. Borthwick, No. 2 Washington street, Portland, and Lambert & Sargent, No. 1117 Fourth street, East Portland. Terms of payment will be easy, as lots will be sold on installments, without interest, and a discount will be made for cash at any time. Prices of lots will be advanced very soon, so that the first purchasers will secure the best terms as well as the choicest lots. When the prices and inferior location of a multitude of outside lots which have been purchased in the past few months are considered, this opportunity now offered to secure a pleasant and conveniently-situated home at Woodlawn appears all the more favorable. It is expected that the increase in value of this property will be very rapid, as the erection of a few houses will add much to the market value of all property in the tract. This increase will be reaped by those who purchase first at the extremely low rates fixed by the company for the first few weeks. In fact, the clearing of the lots and streets by the company alone adds much to the value of the property as compared with that in other localities not thus cleared, and will tend to render the building up of the town and the ornamentation of the lots and streets much more rapid, thus increasing the value of the property so much the faster. Here is an opportunity to secure a home in a lovely, healthful and accessible spot where one can enjoy the pleasure, benefits and economy of life in a beautiful country town with many of the conveniences and luxuries of the city. No opportunity equal to this will again be offered to the people of Portland, and even this opportunity will not be so good a few weeks hence when increase in value renders it necessary to raise the price of lots.