

not be excelled. It is pure, and, flowing from the line of perpetual snow, it is always cool. There are white sulphur and soda springs in and near the city, which are well patronized by the home people as well as by visitors from abroad. The warm sulphur spring in one edge of the city is a rare attraction. It is fitted for bathing and is a very popular resort. Ashland has not pushed before the world its advantages as a natural sanitarium, but its merits are gradually becoming known and it promises to be in a few years one of the most popular health resorts in the country. In addition to its specific merits its surroundings are all pleasant, and there is not a single unhealthy symptom in the locality. The city claims the lowest death rate in the United States, notwithstanding the fact that many people have become residents there because of their broken health.



RESIDENCE OF H. B. CARTER, ASHLAND, OREGON.

Besides being on the overland route of travel between Portland and San Francisco and a divisional point on the railroad, Ashland is the nearest railroad station to that celebrated body of water that is proving such an attraction to curious tourists, Crater lake. A wagon road leads from the city directly to the lake, a distance of about sixty miles. As a natural curiosity, as well as for the beauty of its surroundings, Crater lake is well worth a visit. The excellent hotel accommodations of Ashland make it a comfortable stopping place for travelers, and its central location makes it the most convenient headquarters in Southern Oregon for hunters and tourists, as well as for business men having interests in that section. There is regular communication with the settlements of Lake and Klamath counties, lying to the east of Jackson, and a large volume of trade from that region goes to Ashland. A semi-weekly stage runs to Link-

ville, carrying the mail, but a proposition to increase the service so that a daily mail will be afforded the people of the interior is now being considered, with a probability that such a service will soon be established. The trade flowing to Ashland from the country immediately surrounding it is important and is constantly growing in volume.

The resources of the Rogue river valley are by no means confined to farming, grazing and orcharding. The sides of the hills are covered with a good growth of valuable timber, such as sugar pine, fir, cedar and oak. The sugar pine is a particularly fine timber for manufacturing. The country is also rich in minerals. Last year Jackson county yielded more gold than any other county of Oregon. Since their discovery in 1852 the placer mines of that region have produced \$25,000,000.00. There are quartz

ledges showing rich prospects, but the want of sufficient capital has thus far prevented their development. Among the other minerals found there are marble, limestone, granite, sandstone, coal, iron, cinnabar and kaolin. There is a good opening for manufactories to aid in developing and working these minerals. The kaolin, as well as most of the others, has been thoroughly tested and found to be of excellent quality.

Ashland is making more rapid progress now than ever before in its history. Though it already has a water works plant the citizens have just voted to have a new one that will be more in keeping with the constantly growing needs of the

city. The source of supply will be the same but the reservoir will be over four hundred feet above the point of service in any part of the city, giving a natural pressure for all purposes. A bonus has just been raised that secures the building of a large fruit drying and canning establishment in Ashland. An avenue one hundred feet wide was recently made, leading from the business portion of the city to the sulphur springs at the base of the Siskiyou mountains, three miles distant, and preparations for building a street car line out to the springs are now in progress. Many buildings of a substantial character are in course of erection, and everywhere with the evidences of thrift and prosperity may be seen preparations for improvement. The post office receipts last year exceeded those of the previous year nearly fifty per cent. Ashland is a repeating station on the lines of both the Western Union and the Pacific Pos-