



SHOPS AND ROUND HOUSES OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, ALBINA.

Albina is built upon the north bank of the Willamette where the stream bends to the westward to join the Columbia. The business portion of the town is upon that south slope, but the new city limits will include most of the peninsula lying between the Columbia and Willamette rivers. The situation seems adapted by nature for a large city. The great Columbia on the north with its free channel to the sea, and the Willamette on the southwest draining one of the world's richest valleys, both navigable for ocean vessels, give it unsurpassed advantages for accommodating shipping, and the railroads and river transportation lines bring the vast bulk of inland produce to that point for export. All the great railways—Northern Pacific, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific—have tracks to Albina and handle a large volume of business there.

On the ridge between the two rivers is one of the pleasantest residence localities in the northwest. Indeed the business portion of the city is rapidly pushing back to occupy some of the higher ground. The elevation is not a rugged bluff but an incline that is traveled without inconvenience. The high land is sufficiently elevated to be slightly and above the river fogs, but it is not rough. The additions to the original townsite contain some of the most eligible property about the vicinity of Portland, and a large part of the growth of Albina has been in that direction. An institution that will bring a good deal of interest from every part of the northwest has been located on the high land of Albina—the Methodist university for Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Buildings will soon be erected and the university will be organized with a handsome endowment before many months

pass. The site has been determined upon and much of the preliminary work has been done. This institution will perform an important service in supplementing the excellent work of the public schools for residents of Albina, while it will draw students from every part of the northwest and thus be an aid to the town in a business way.

The Portland & Vancouver narrow gauge railway running between East Portland and Vancouver, Washington, passes through Albina, and its operation has been a great factor in building up the city back from the water front, because it offered a convenient means of transportation to and from the metropolis. Many people doing business in Portland built homes on the line of the Vancouver railway where land was comparatively cheap, and many large and beautiful residences were erected. That slightly and pleasant locality has been greatly improved in the past year and made one of the most attractive and eligible of the suburban districts. From it a view of the whole city of

Portland, and both the Willamette and Columbia rivers, may be had. The Cascade mountains describe a jagged eastern horizon, with Mount Hood due east, to the northeast Adams, and St. Helens in the north, all perpetually snow clad. An abundance of water for domestic purposes is obtained from pure springs.

A little less than a year ago the Northern Pacific Terminal company sold the big car shops in Albina, together with a considerable tract of ground, to the Union Pacific company for \$1,500,000. This, however, did not materially change the main purposes of the plant. It is the general outfitting point for rolling stock at this end of the transcontinental run, and besides the manufacturing of



PORTLAND FLOURING MILLS, ALBINA.