

duced most interesting designs. Typical is the Kraus home across the street from the Kraus store, and if you turn off the highway down the one or two back streets you will find other houses to excite the imagination and interest. Tragic was the recent destruction by the American Legion of the very interesting building which had served as a newspaper office and their own Legion Hall. It was located just off the main highway.

By the 1870's Oregonians began to build houses similar to those which were fashionable throughout the east. Typical in design is the front of Salem's oldest house, the Jason Lee house, on the east side of North Broadway, right where Liberty and High Streets begin. The original house built by Jason Lee was a Missouri house in style, and it served as Salem's first store and first post office. Later it was purchased by the late Rueben Boise of the Supreme Court, and he added a handsome 1870 Mansion to the front for which the original house is the back ell. In style the resulting structure is most deceptive to those who are looking for old houses. With cut work designs to ornament gables, roof beams, braces and bays, the Boise addition is very similar to the Bush house in Bush's Pasture, Salem, someday to be a city

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