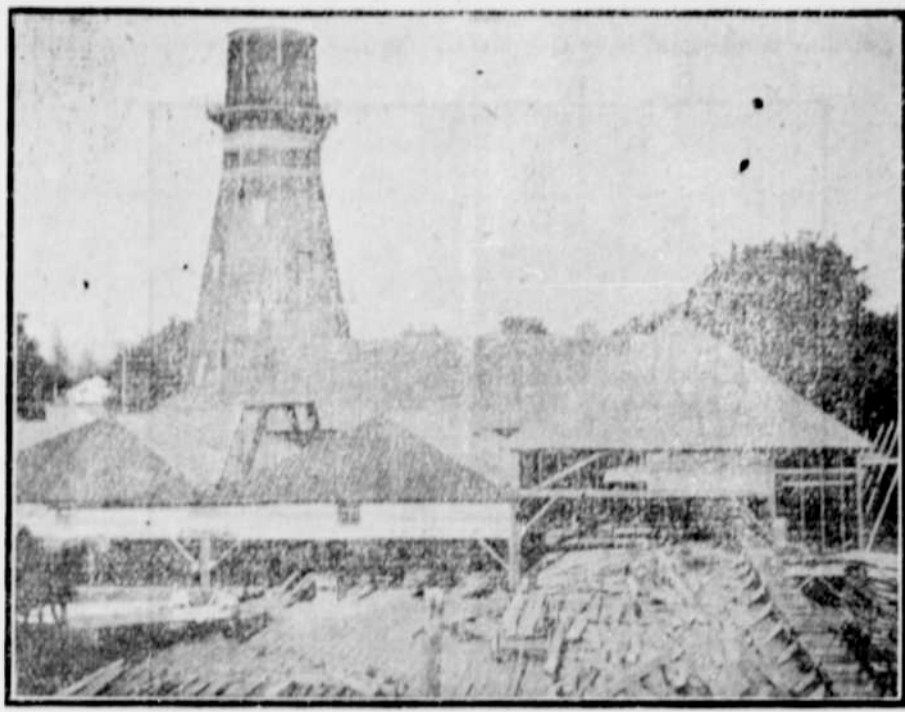


Stayton and Its Live Industries



Lee Brown & Sons' Saw Mill.

One of the oldest and best known firms of Stayton is that of Lee Brown & Sons, owners of the Stayton Saw Mills.

This firm began business here several years ago. Soon after locating in Stayton the mill and all mill products were destroyed by fire. The plant was immediately rebuilt and has since been busy turning out lumber of all kinds. The mill is one of the best equipped for its size on the Coast. They have all modern conveniences to do work quickly and in the best possible manner. The capacity of the mill is 22,000 feet of lumber per day or 500 ties. The company has the past year been manufacturing a great many railroad ties, besides keeping the trade well supplied with lumber. During the past year they have shipped an average of 18 cars of ties per month.

The pay roll of this company is a big advantage to Stayton, for besides giving employment to a large number of hands at the mill, there is always a logging crew at work cutting down the timber and floating it down the

Santiam river to the mill. There is scarcely a day in the year when a laboring man cannot secure employment from Lee Brown & Sons.

The senior member of the firm being aged and in poor health, the business is conducted by his sons, C. E. and G. L. Brown. Both are good business men, enterprising and industrious. They are always willing to give any worthy enterprise their support and are interested in the welfare of their town and have faith in its future.

Besides rough and dressed lumber, the firm manufactures mouldings of all kinds, and handles sash, doors, etc.

Lee Brown came here with his family from Kansas, buying the mill soon after his arrival. Full of energy and at that time being blessed with health, he soon made the mill a paying institution. Since the rebuilding of the mill he and his sons have been constantly adding to it until it is now up-to-date in every way. Mr. Brown has been identified in the upbuilding of Stayton and served for a time on the town council.

A. D. GARDNER. Santiam Flour, Bran, Shorts, Etc.

Santiam Flour is known the length and breadth of the Willamette valley, and commands a ready sale—in fact the mill frequently has to run double time to keep up with its orders.

Gardner Bros.—A. D. and W.—purchased the mill sixteen years ago, at which time it was idle. Entire new machinery was put in and the building added to and improved, giving the mill a capacity of eighty barrels per day. A. D. Gardner has had the management of the mill since he became interested in it and several months ago purchased his brother's interest. He has always aimed for a high standard in the flour manufactured and Santiam flour is in greatest demand where best known.

Only No. 1 wheat is used for flour and wheat is bro't to this mill from long distances on account of the advance over market price which Mr. Gardner always pays.

Santiam flour was awarded prize medals at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, in 1892, for good milling, color and granulation. Also at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, Omaha, 1898.



A. D. Gardner is one of Stayton's best business men and has been longer in continuous business here than any other man. He is practically a self-made man, being raised on a farm east of Stayton. He was for twenty-three years in the drug business, thirteen of which he was also post-master. He sold his drug store to enter the milling business, in which he has made a decided success.

Two years ago in company with Chas. Stayton he established the excelsior works. Under his management this enterprise is proving a success.

Mr. Gardner is president of the Stayton Woolen Mills Co., which he helped establish, the Stayton Water Ditch Co., which ditch he took the contract to build, and also of the Stayton Mutual Telephone Co., another enterprise which he was largely instrumental in building. He is one of a class of men who doesn't want it all himself and is willing to see the other fellow prosper. In his manufacturing industries and on his farms he always keeps a number of men employed, some of whom have been with him several years. He is ever willing to help any public improvement, and shows his faith in the future prosperity of Stayton by his works.

EXCELSIOR FACTORY.

Prominent among Stayton's manufacturing institutions is the excelsior plant of Gardner & Stayton. This institution furnishes employment to a large number of hands during the year. Last summer and fall over 1800 tiers of balm wood were cut to be used by this plant in the manufacture of excelsior. Next year the probability is that there will be more than that amount cut. The pay roll of the company during the wood cutting season is quite an item in a place of this size.

The plant makes on an average two tons per day of ten hours. For some time past there has been a double set of hands working 20 hours and turning out about 5 tons during that time. The company contemplates increasing the capacity of the plant in the near future. The quality of excelsior turned out by this factory is of a superior kind.

Oregon pears take the lead of all others in size and flavor.

PROSPEROUS STAYTON— THE FUTURE METROPOLIS

It Offers Many Advantages for the Homeseeker, the Manufacturer, and the Capitalist.

That Stayton will one day be the metropolis of Marion county is not an unreasonable statement. Few towns have the location, and many other natural advantages that this has.

Situated eighteen miles southeast of Salem, the county seat and state capital, on the Santiam river, surrounded by a splendid farming territory, adjacent to valuable mining properties now in the course of development, near vast forests of valuable timber, with a splendid water power now turning many wheels of industry and capable of turning many more, with a wide-awake lot of citizens ever ready to do their part toward the upbuilding of their town, there is every reason to believe that Stayton will one day be a city of no small proportions.

There was a small settlement on the present site of Stayton nearly if not quite forty years ago. For many years there was scarcely any growth, and the present town has been practically built within the last twenty years. The past three years has seen the greatest improvement of any during its existence.

One of the chief requisites of a town is healthfulness, and on this score Stayton is second to none. Here is the purest mountain water, flowing from the snow-capped peaks down the Santiam valley and filtering through the gravel sub-soil underlying the town. Analysis shows the water of this place chemically pure. No housewife needs to "cleanse" the water or use skin-destroying "wash powders" for washing. The water is as soft as that which falls from the clouds, and as satisfying and refreshing as any "Adam's ale" ever brewed.

On the river above town are two

dams—one turning water into what is known as the Salem ditch—a ditch running from this place to the capital city, and carrying a large stream that turns water wheels at Aumsville, Turner and Salem—and one turning water into the Stayton ditch, which furnishes water for the many water wheels in Stayton. This last ditch passes along the south side of the town, where the mills and factories are located, and would easily furnish water for as many more plants. There is plenty of room along the ditch for a number of factories, and the future will see many more located there. The soil in the immediate vicinity of Stayton is somewhat gravelly but very rich, and will grow anything that can be raised anywhere in the valley. It seems to be an ideal soil for apples, pears, prunes, peaches, cherries and berries of all kinds. Vegetables of all kinds grow to perfection, and the writer believes that better potatoes were never raised than those grown in this neighborhood.

The town is well supplied with good stores, churches and handsome homes. In fact few towns of its size have as many handsome residences as this. Four churches of neat appearance and good size have regular services.

Stayton offers many inducements for men of all classes, farmers, dairymen, fruit growers, stockman, lumbermen, etc. Its advantages to manufacturing industries are unsurpassed. Many improvements are under way and many more are contemplated.

A hearty welcome will be found if you, reader, conclude to visit Stayton and see our thriving town and its many advantages.



GEO. SPANIOL. Eureka Flouring Mills.

This is another of Stayton's worthy enterprises, and one that is obliged to keep the wheels turning most of the time in order to fill its many orders. Besides supplying a large local trade the mill ships flour and other mill products to Salem and other valley points and sells in competition with the products of other mills. Besides flour, feed, bran, shorts, etc., Mr. Spaniol also grinds a first-class grade of buckwheat flour. To show that

this mill is kept busy, we will state that it ships on an average over 20 tons of flour per month, besides feed, etc.

In company with his father, John Spaniol, Mr. Spaniol purchased the mill several years ago. About three years ago he bought his father's interest and has since been in sole control. He is a wide-awake business man, greatly interested in the welfare of his town, and ready at all times to help in its progress. He is a director and stockholder in the Stayton Woolen Mills Co.

STAYTON CHAIR CO.

One of the oldest established institutions of Stayton is the chair factory. Nearly forty years ago a factory was started by J. W. Thomas, near where the present large factory is located. Chairs were then made only for local use. About 3 years ago the present factory was built. For the past eight years Willis Caldwell, one of the present owners, has been connected with the factory. H. N. Huntley, the other member of the firm, has been a part owner for a little over a year.

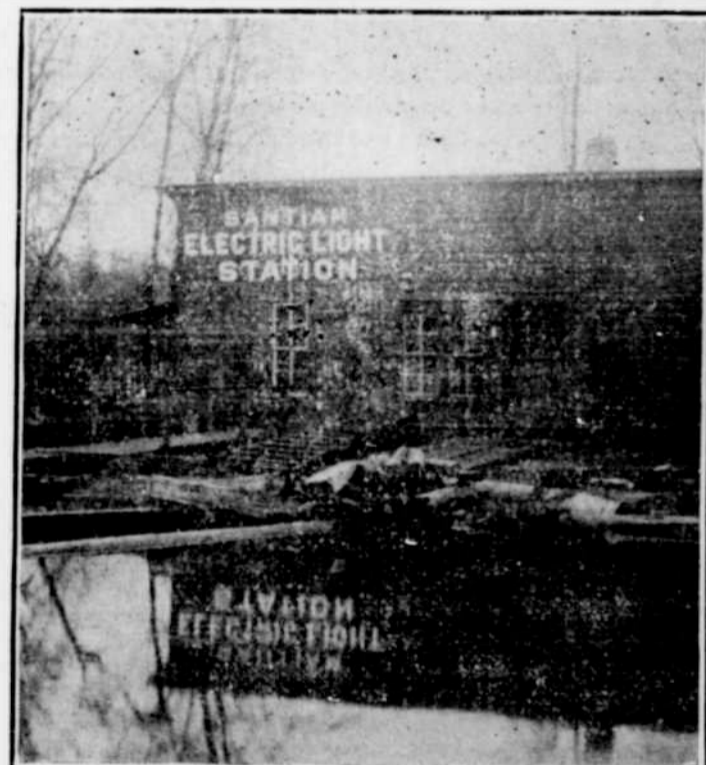
The company manufactures raw-hide bottom chairs and camp stools, and turns out chairs to the amount of from 12,000 to 15,000 per annum, shipping an average of a carload per month, mostly "knocked down." To manufacture this large number of chairs requires in the neighborhood of 200 cords of maple wood per year.

A large number of camp stools are manufactured, the company now being at work on an order for 300 dozen.

The company employs from six to eight hands in the factory, and during the wood-cutting season a large force of choppers is employed.

The chairs are mostly shipped to San Francisco, Los Angeles and Washington and Idaho points.

The members of this firm are both wide-awake, enterprising business men. They have lately added new machinery, and now have one of the best plants of the kind on the coast.



Stayton Electric Light Co.

The Stayton Electric Light Co. electric light has come to be one of the necessities of modern life, as it is absolutely safe, convenient, with no flame, no danger, no odor, no matches, no blowing out, giving a cheerful glow, always ready—costs but little too. Is it any wonder that so many people use the electric light, and when once used will use no other?

The Stayton Electric light plant is the property of A. L. and Dora B. Shreve, the former being manager and electrician. Mr. Shreve is an expert in his line of work and takes great pride in keeping everything about the plant modern and up to date.

Mr. Shreve is one of Stayton's most progressive and enterprising citizens. He is firm in his faith in the town's future and always ready to do his part for the upbuilding of Stayton.

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL

About three years ago the hotel was opened to the public by M. J. Spaniol and has since its opening received an excellent patronage. Good beds, good victuals and excellent accommodations are to be found there. The house is centrally located and convenient to the business part of town. It has beside its transient patronage a number of boarders, and all speak well of the accommodation furnished.

