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A FEW REASONS Why It Pays to Make a Home in Stayton.

One of the first questions asked by a person seeking a new location should be, is the place healthful? Many persons have moved with their families to a new home, spending large sums of money in travel, to find on reaching their destination that the location was unhealthful and they were obliged to return. Stayton is beyond question one of the most healthful places to be found anywhere. During the writer's residence here of over six years, there has not been a case of typhoid or malarial fever. The most of the doctor's cases are in small cases, and are troubles brought on by an over indulgence in the many good things the people find in Oregon to eat.

Stayton has always something for the laboring man to do, and a man willing to work need not remain idle. The cost of living in Stayton is extremely low compared to that of eastern towns. One big saving here is the matter of fuel. Slab-wood can be secured at the saw-mill for 25 cents for all that can be loaded on a wagon. If one wants cheaper wood he can gather drift-wood from the river bank. In the matter of shoes, clothing, groceries, etc., prices are little different than in the east. Furniture about the same price—hardware a little higher.

Stayton has good walks, good streets well lighted by electricity. When completed will have a first-class city water system.

The merchants are wide-awake and up-to-date. The stores here are as good as those in many larger towns and there are good assortments to select from.

Stayton property that is on the market is for sale at a reasonable price. Lumber is cheap, and a home can be built for a reasonable sum.

Farm property adjacent to Stayton can be bought at from \$25 to \$75 per acre, owing to location and improvements. There is a market in Stayton for everything the farmer has to sell.

For \$2.00 one can go on an excursion to the ocean in summer or for less money can take the cars for pleasure trips into the mountains. From Stayton the ever snow-covered Mt. Jefferson is plainly visible. There are many places near Stayton where nature may be seen in its grandeur and beauty—from towering crags to beautiful water-falls.

A Stayton housewife's fruit "cellar" is always filled with fruits of her own canning—cherries, pears, prunes, peaches, and various kinds of berries.

The "easterner" who thinks he knows prunes, will find he is mistaken when he arrives in Stayton and samples the Oregon kind. Compared with the kind he has been in the habit of eating, they are as sugar to saw-dust.

Stayton has a population of about 800, and is constantly growing. The population has more than doubled in the past five years. As the population increases real estate values will increase.

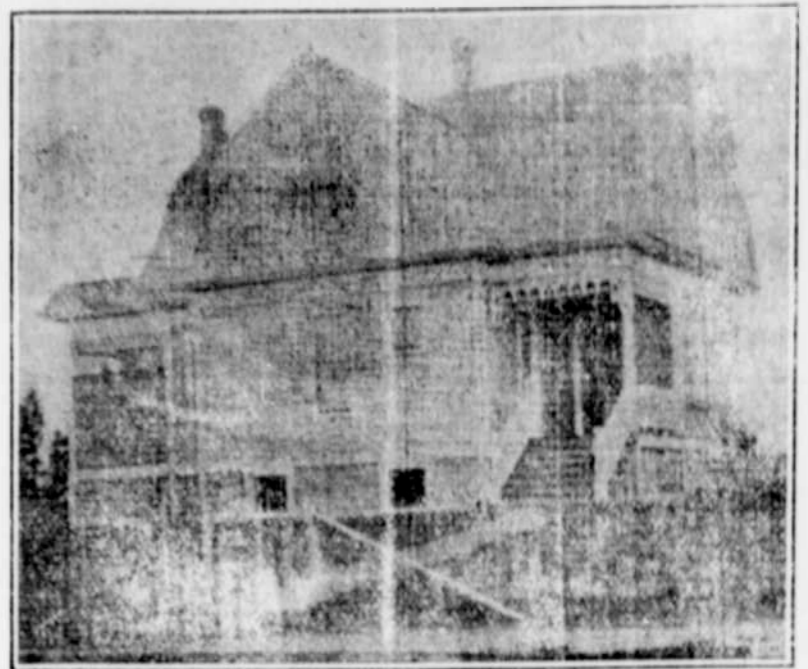
Stayton is not on a railroad at present, but the right-of-way is secured for an electric line from Stayton to Salem and work on the road will begin this year. The town is a mile and a half from the C. & E. railroad on the south and four miles from the Southern Pacific on the west.

The electric line from Stayton will connect with the Salem-Portland electric line built the past year, and now running. A survey for an electric line has also been made from Stayton east to Lyons.

Telephone Lines.

The eastern part of Marion county is well covered with telephone lines—nearly all mutuals. The Stayton Mutual was organized about three years ago, and now has directly connected with its central office 235 phones. Talking through other centrals, a party connected with the Stayton central can call up several thousand phones—talking over lines covering a large part of Linn, Marion and Benton counties.

The Stayton central has a first-class switch-board, and excellent service is given patrons. Mrs. Minnie Eccleson is the operator.



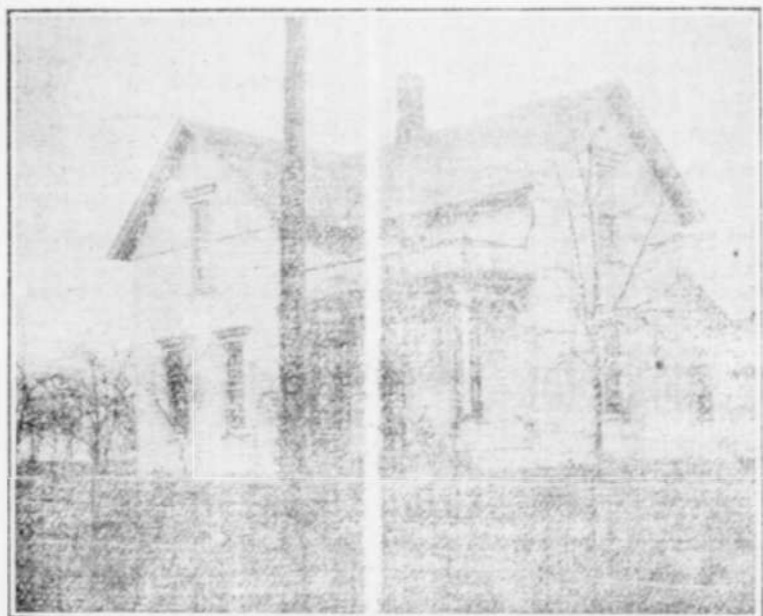
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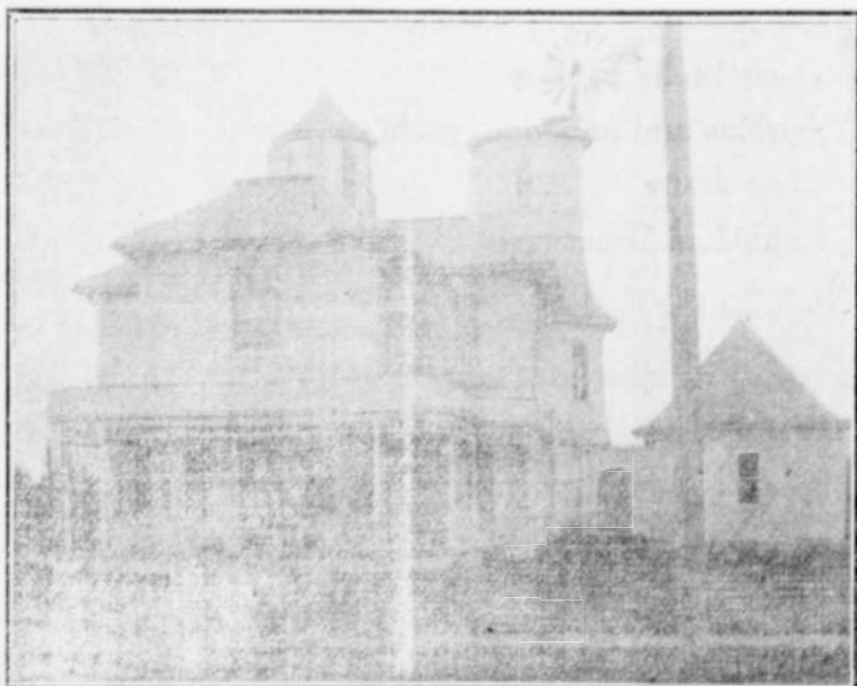
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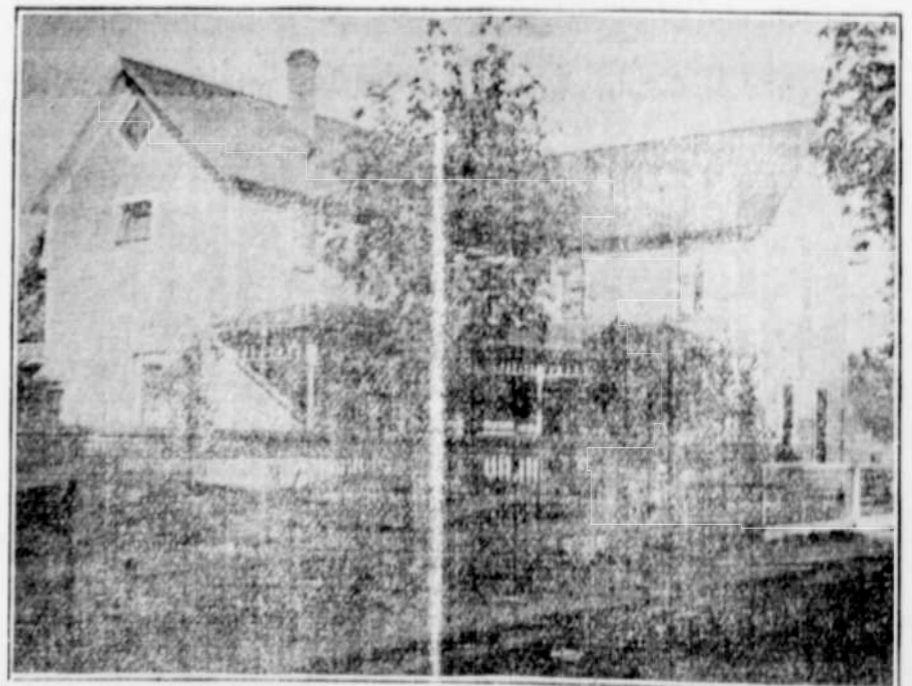
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