

The citizens of this portion of Marion county have been of bonds to secure the extension of the Oregon Electric from
Salem to Stayton.
Our citizens mean business and had been assured by several residents of the state capital that help would be given the enterprise very materially by that town. According to the latest authentic reports there is very
little hope that we are to receive financial aid from the town of Salem, but there are among its residents people who realize the benefits to be derived from the exiension of the Oregon Electric to the richest portion of Marion county. We are aware of the fact that Salem is easily satisfied and takes what she can get without effort but Stayton and this section as well as the balance of the towns and hamlets on all sides of us want transportation facilities.
and have spent their the been so deeply interested in Salem and have spent their time and money to get the electric line proposition before the people we extend our heartfelt thanks
but wealso sugqest that such energetic citizens should move to a community that is wide awake.
It is not impossible to lay out and operate a private line from the southeastern part of Marion county and there is capital enough here to do so, but we are always awake to the opportunities and are ready to assist every enterprise that is a direct advancement and a benefit to the entire section.
There is enough freight shipped from Stayton alone keep many teams going every day and the freight handled is only a small part of the percentage that could be sent
out over a railroad.
Take for instance the industries that are lying dormant throughout this section for but the lack of one thing -transportation-which would bring hundreds of settlers to our midst and increase the revenue in every line. Conditions here are rarely equalled or surpassed in any line, we except none. The climatic conditions are perfect,
the soils are adapted to the raising of fruits, grains, and
Here we manufacture the wool, ship out the finished product, we make the necessities of the home for the parlor, iining or sitting room, kitchen or pantry. Nature has wonderfully blessed this section of the Willamette valley with hard and soft timber, all kinds of fruits, water for power for
industries and pure for domestic use yetonly eighteen miles distant to the north west lies the terminus eighteen miles Electric which if extended to Stayton would be the key that would open every door of industry and spread before the
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## SCIO.

scio well, most of the readers of the arg, so I need not be very definite in Its location or diseription.
During the last twenty-five yer Scio has not been continually on the boom. In fact some of the buildinga show signs of having seen more rosperous days than they now epjoy. One hotel has retired from business
ad several other buildings look lonc. and several other buildings look lone-
some, the once busy planiug machine is now silent, the two churches are not thronged every sunday with de citizens are makiug preparations for locatin
place.
Convenience for securing buildin which one is liable to want frequently or patching up and filling io the waste places are not flattering. I
everal other lines Scio does not pre sent advantages to vie with cities like
But for all this there are worse places in the world than Scin. It has xcellent soil in and around it, and
cops this year are certainly encouraging to the rancher and the gardenit. In addition to the wells we have a fine stream of water furnish. ing good water power for the mills and electric light plant, also for city
purposes such as lawns and irrigation

We have good schools, good citizens, plenty of tine timber and the ontlook pinion of the writer is that anyone who invests in property in or around scio will not be the loser. Some at
least are willing to try it least are willing to try it.
At present many of our citizens are making improvements, new buildrepaired, painting being done, while a
res and dozen other things show plainly that are being extended, a new flume built Tor the mill, a new wheel in place for the electric light plant, a new wide
awake proprietor for the hotel and a namber of other improvements in the
minds of the citizens, whicb may develop into reality in the near future,
-no sir we have no kick on Scio. A good lively stage line runs twice and grain fields and across rippling rs , and lands you right in the hear can take the train for Shelburn the janction of the S. P. and the Cor-
vallis railronds, a place where if there would be as large as San Francisco From there one can go by rail direct to Kingston, Lyons, Mill City, Detroit and back the same day to Scio, feeling that "Be it ever so humble, there is o place like home.
In addition to the regular services held ine Baptist church there are
some Advent evangelists (First Day) now holding meetings in a tent, and hem, a good straight Gospei and we ope they may persuade some to better lives.
But this
and we will close hoping and to long in the fature of our quiet little town.

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