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Great Possibilities

**Mayor and Editor Make
Country Trip
Recently.**

Taking opportunity by the forelock, it was the pleasure of the editor to take a country trip in company with the Mayor of Stayton last week. We left here in the morning at about eight o'clock and drove up the valley through Mehama, Lyons and on to Mill City arriving there shortly before noon.

It was a revelation to the editor to make the trip. He had been told much about the possibilities, but like many others he did not realize that there was such a great expanse of valuable lands lying almost idle, awaiting the yeoman's plow.

It is not impossible to add five thousand people to the section between Stayton and Mill City and yet not be crowded. There is sufficient timber for to make it profitable to maintain saw mills as well as to supply the harder woods to the factories located along the Santiam River, especially the Chair factory in this city.

In the vicinity of Mehama we saw vast stubble fields from which we could see splendid yields of wheat and oats had been taken. The grain was yet in stack awaiting the thrasher. Above there we came into a greater fruit belt, apples, pears, prunes, plums etc were growing in profusion with but comparatively little attention.

Without doubt this section of Marion county right now can discount the Hood River and Ashland districts in the raising of fine fruits. It is not necessary to irrigate, neither do they have the various kinds of pests so common to many sections. The elevation is just right, and all fruits have a splendid flavor. The black berries grow wild along the entire route and are into the mountains.

It is truly marvelous that people looking for homes will locate around big towns, pay six to ten times more than the land is worth and thousands of acres of the finest land that ever lay out of doors awaiting their labors. We can say to anyone who has a friend in the east or elsewhere that wants to make a change that they can do no better than to locate between Stayton and Mill City.

We do not say this in the hope to discourage residents of other sections, but we do say that we will put our section against the world. Here we are, with transportation soon assured only three hours from Portland, the metropolis of the Pacific North west. Even now there is not a commodity produced in this section that does not find a ready market.

Mill City is properly as well as correctly named. It is a great pleasure to go through the immense plant there and see the mighty firs rush into the head sawyers' clutches, and in the short space of three minutes be returned to the same end of the mill but in a vastly changed form, they are ready for the carpenter's use in the erecting of homes or buildings of any sort. The Curtis Lumber Company is to be congratulated upon the way they have built up their community. They employ so we are told, from three hundred to four hundred and fifty men. Such an institution alone means much to any community in which it is located.

Well we have a correspondent now in Mill City and we shall expect much good news from him. He will also cover Gates. He is authorized to send in correspondence, solicit subscriptions and advertising, collect and receipt for all cash paid him for the STAYTON MAIL. If you know of anything good in your section no matter where you reside, we will be glad to have you send it in. We want every reader to feel that they have a personal interest in their local paper, for it is YOUR LOCAL PAPER. Let us all do what we can for the upbuilding of our community and you will be rewarded. All we need is an honest effort and we shall succeed.

New Dressing For Road.

Work on the Stayton—Turner road has been progressing nicely for some time and a large portion of it has been laid with three coats of crushed rock, the other sections being covered with fine gravel. This will put the road in very fine condition for the coming winter traffic. Crushed rock is the best material known for heavy traveled roads and this section of the Willamette valley is well provided with this commodity.

We do not know what happened to Chas. Claudick while in Salem but we heard that the elephant stepped on his pocket book and it took him several days to get home. Now then Chas, better 'fess up. There's once in your life you enjoy your wealth, but the capital town can use all your pelf.

But back to the anvil, with hammer and tongs; hard knocks and long hours, bring pleasures and songs.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Executor of the Estate of W. Sakrison Deceased by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Marion County made and entered of Record on the 1st day of August A. D. 1908.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified with proper vouchers to the undersigned at his office in the town of Stayton Marion County Oregon within Six Months from the date of this Notice.

Dated this 4th day
of August 1908.
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W. H. QUEENER
Executor of the
Estate of W. Sakrison Deceased.

Tell It.

"Advertising Oregon" is the title of a page in "Printers' Ink" of July 8th, one of the most widely known of advertising journals. And it is no wonder that the state's work along these lines has attracted this attention, for no portion of America is circulating the attractive literature that burdens the mails of Oregon every day in the year. Now that the colonist rates are in effect, every citizen of the state should feel it his duty to advertise the fact in his personal correspondence, to send information about his community to eastern acquaintances and to aid in every possible way the commercial organizations which are working to increase the state's population.

If you pour the potatoes over into a deep bin, do not be surprised if they are bruised so that they rot. Potatoes are tender. Set the crate over in the bin and empty it carefully. Raise the bottom of the potato bins off the floor of the cellar a few inches. But do not use sticks of wood to do this if you can get smooth stones of uniform thickness. The sticks of wood will decay more or less, and no decaying matter of any kind should be in the cellar.

Do not forget, to send in the locals from your section for our readers in other parts like to know what is going on where you reside. Whenever we get more news than we can handle we will gladly enlarge the paper to accommodate. Do not let it lack for good live news.

Should Investigate

We are particularly anxious that you investigate the Character of our service, to the end that you may become a permanent patron.

Stayton State Bank

All Things Being Equal

Wouldn't You prefer to have your House Decorated by an experienced Painter and Paper Hanger.

Give Us A Trial

And be Convinced. Workmanship Guaranteed.

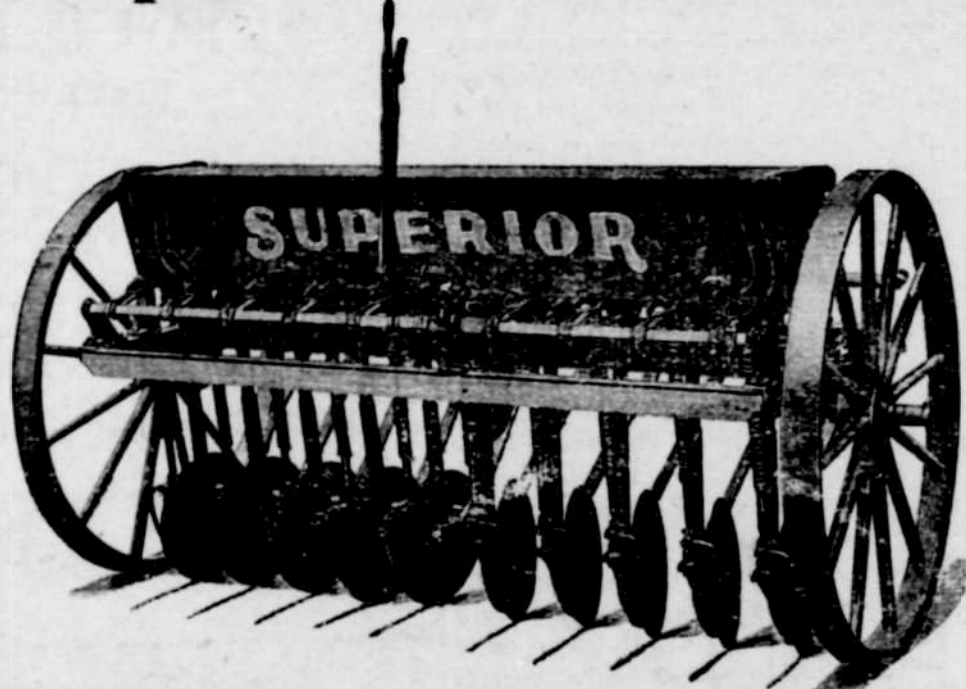
WATTERS & QUEENER,

Painters and Paper Hangers,

Water Street

Stayton, Oregon.

Superior Grain Drills



**Canton Disc Plows
Stern, Gang, and
Side Hill Plows
Cider Presses
Korinek & Mielke.**

Hunting Season Here

We have a full line of Single and Double barrell Shot Guns, and the Famous Winchester Pump Guns.

We also carry a complete stock of Ammunition for all standard guns.

We always carry the LISK TIN and GRANITE WARE, Zenith and Lorain Ranges, Cook and Heating Stoves. Kitchen and Hardware.

Kerber Brothers.

THE MODEL LIGHT —FOR THE HOME—

The **ELECTRIC** Light.
No other light is possible without matches. For this reason the incandescent light should be preferred.

Stayton Electric Light Co.

SHOES

A perfect foot needs a perfect shoe. It needs to be perfectly fitted, otherwise it will soon cease to be a perfect foot. Do not ruin your feet by taking chances on your shoe dealer. Some shoes don't "break in" until they "break out." If by chance you get such shoes from us, we will thank you to bring them back. We have the

JOHN TELLING

SCHOOL SHOE

for Children.

Don't fail to come in and look over our line.

GROCERIES

It is a wise house-keeper that feeds her family well. It means good health and good temper and the prices we offer you on groceries of the best quality permit no excuse for a poorly furnished table.

GEHLEN BROS.