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1913 Will Be Biggest Year in Stayton's History

CARBOLIC CAUSES THIS CITY HAS UNEQUALLED POSSIBILITIES FOR ACCIDENTAL DEATH RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN YEAR JUST OPENING

West Stayton Girl Meets End in Attempt to Ease Toothache

A particularly sad death occurred near West Stayton at about 5:45 Monday afternoon, when Miss Louise Williams died from the accidental swallowing of carbolic acid. The unfortunate girl was but seventeen years of age.

It appears that Miss Williams, whose parents reside near Aumaville, was working at the home of C. C. Bruce, who lives on the Henry Von Behren place below West Stayton. Early Monday morning the girl set out for own home for a day's visit with her folks. While there she had an attack of toothache, and was given a small vial of carbolic acid, to apply in case the pain continued. Her mother warned her to dilute the acid before using.

Late in the afternoon the girl returned to the Bruce home, and found the people at the farm out doing the chores. Mr. Bruce noted her arrival, and saw her standing at the corral fence. It must have been at this time that the fatal dose was taken, for the next moment the girl was seen to stagger toward the outbuildings. Mr. Bruce ran to her aid and carried her indoors, but the girl was probably dead before the house was reached.

The telephone wires were down, due to the storm of Sunday, and Mr. Bruce was forced to drive to Stayton for a physician. Dr. Beauchamp returned with him, but it was then too late to render assistance.

County Coroner Clough was summoned, and arrived next day. After a thorough examination, he pronounced the girl's death accidental, thus refuting the early theory that it had been a case of suicide.

The above particulars of the tragedy were obtained from S. J. Condit, a near neighbor of Mr. Bruce.

Herschel Shreve returned to Portland yesterday and Dare Sloper returned today, after spending the holidays with home folks.

Push, Energy and Enterprise of Citizens Can Force Stayton to the Front as a Manufacturing and Industrial Center; Our Resources Unrivaled

AS 1913 IS USHERED IN, it is fitting to pause on the threshold of the new year, and before looking into the future, take a glance back over the year just closed and see what part it has played in the way of development and progress. Then, fortified by the knowledge and experience gained in 1912, we can face the new year with confidence, and with the determination to make 1913 count for much in both our personal and municipal affairs.

Naturally a resume of this kind is largely of an editorial nature; but at this time we consider it of sufficient importance to be given first-page space. We believe that Stayton is on the eve of a period of great development; that 1913 will be the biggest year in the history of this city. For this reason, we feel that we should call attention to our municipal needs, and if possible awaken all to the possibilities that lie within our grasp. Only by seizing all the opportunities as they present themselves, can we do the most for ourselves and our city. Let us work in unison for progress. Our natural resources, if developed, will make Stayton a municipality of which we may be proud.

During 1912, Stayton has made many progressive strides. Many new buildings have gone up, pre-eminent among which is the Deidrich block, a structure that would be a credit to any town. The Stayton Theatre has been erected, as well as several smaller business buildings. In addition, our streets have been graced with some twenty-odd new residences, a number of them being handsome bungalows. This is a creditable record for one year.

The long idle Stayton woolen mill has been reorganized, and under the name of the Santiam Woolen Mills, with J. P. Wilbur at the helm, bids fair to rival the leading mills of the coast in the production of woolen fabrics. Mr. Wilbur has not had time to put all his machinery in running order, but is doing so as fast as practicable, and in a short time hopes to have the mill operating at full capacity.

The big lumber mill of Le

Brown & Sons, has been leased, and under the management of Jos. Petzel, is fast increasing its output. On account of Mr. Petzel's connection with mills in the upper Santiam, he is in a position to handle a larger supply of lumber than his predecessors. Within a few weeks, he expects a small drive of logs from a few miles up-river; and later in the spring he will make a drive that will fill the log pond from one end to the other. In all probability the Petzel mill will be among the leading industries of this valley.

In the matter of street improvement, we consider that a start has been made in 1912. No actual work has been done except some minor improvements, but we believe that every citizen of Stayton has been awakened to the need of improving our thoroughfares. Further, the way has been opened by the passage of a street improvement amendment to the city charter, whereby work may be done a

little at a time, in stated districts, upon the initiative of the property owners affected. There is now nothing to prevent extensive street improvement, if the citizens themselves desire it.

The Mail takes some little credit for the part it played in helping secure the adoption of the amendment. The paper has been criticised for its stand, but we believe that the criticism came only from the chronic croakers. Perhaps the amendment is not without flaws; but be that as it may, it is the best to be had. It was drawn up by the best legal talent available, and was most carefully considered by the city council before being presented to the people. We believed it, and we still believe it a competent measure. Stayton needed street improvement, and the amendment appeared the only way to secure it. Now let us see it tried out.

There are very few conditions in any town but could be better-

ed; and there is no need to emphasize the fact that this is true here. We need a railroad, street improvement, new industries, new farmers, new townspeople—and then some more. All of these hinge more or less upon each other. Make a start with one, and the others will come. Probably the railroad is the most important; but don't let us sit down indolently and wait for the railroad. Let us go after new industries; let us improve our streets; let us get new people. When we have done this, the railroad will be at our doors.

In every city that has made progress, a commercial organization of some kind has had a part in that progress. Stayton has needed a body of this kind for several years; and just now that need is particularly strong. A commercial club of the right calibre can secure for this city the things most needed in our development. The clubs of other cities have done this, and it can be duplicated here.

But to get results, the club must be representative, and it must have co-operation. All prejudices and personalities must be laid aside, and every member must work for the common good, regardless of who his fellow workers are. It is a curious fact that jealousy is an important factor in a town's growth, or lack of growth. Singularly enough many of us dislike to see our neighbors prosper—dislike it so much that we use our influence to prevent it, often to our own disadvantage and ultimate loss. Many of us fail to see that when our neighbor prospers, we eventually gain by his prosperity. Especially is this true when the things that make our neighbor prosperous, mean pro-

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ANNUAL FUNCTION HELD BY THE MASONS

Installation of Local Order Held With Fitting Ceremonies

The annual public installation of officers by Santiam Lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M. was held with appropriate ceremonies last Friday night. A large body of Masons were present with their families, the attendance numbering about sixty-five, and the affair was voted an entire success.

Past Grand Master W. H. Hobson conducted the installation ceremonies, and the following officers were placed in their respective chairs: J. M. Ringo, W. M.; W. J. Hewitt, S. W.; C. P. Neibert, J. W.; Frank Blakley, Sec.; W. H. Hobson, Treas.; Dr. H. A. Beachamp, S. D.; G. W. Murphy, J. D.; S. L. Stewart, S. S.; G. B. Trask, S. J.; Dr. C. H. Brewer, Tyler and A. D. Gardner, Chaplain. After the installation a sumptuous banquet was served, concluding the evening's program.

The Stayton lodge is a strong chapter, numbering more than seventy-five representative citizens among its members.

HEAVY WIND STORM

Two heavy wind storms visited this vicinity during the past week. The first came Sunday, and was a sure-enough hummer. Considerable damage to trees, fences, windmills and outbuildings is reported as the result of this powerful zephyr.

Monday night the storm got its second wind, but there were so few loose slats, shrubs and chicken coops left standing by the first spasm, that no great damage is reported from the second blow.

H. N. Huntley and daughter Stella were Albany visitors last week.

Peter Blone and family have moved to West Stayton, where he has recently built a fine house.

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We have decided to offer, for the month of January only, a bargain rate on The Stayton Mail; and during the next month you can secure the paper for a year at the surprisingly low price of one dollar. Heretofore it has been the policy of the paper to pay agents a commission for securing subscriptions, but under the bargain rate we give XOU the commission for bringing in your own subscription. This rate will apply not only to new and expiring subscriptions, but also to unexpired ones. If your time is not out, come in anyway, and a dollar will advance your subscription one year. Remember this offer is for January only. After January 31st, the price goes back to \$1.50. Come in and pay now while you have the chance to save fifty cents. Be wise and do it now.

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WILL ADD NEWS AND CURRENT FEATURE SECTION

By arrangement with the Portland office of the Inter-State Publishing Co. a news and current feature section will be added to The Mail after Jan. 15th. This section will run from four to eight pages of highly interesting matter, and will be altogether in addition to the matter regularly supplied by this paper.

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