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## Santiam Valley Coming to Front Stayton Already Industrial Center May Become Distributing Point

The Santiam valley in East Marion county is coming to the front. Watch Stayton grow. Everything points to big things in this section of the country. From a peaceful farming district with the best soil in the state, the Santiam valley is stepping to the front as an industrial center.

But a few miles to the east of Stayton the lumbering industry is becoming more active than ever. At Mill City is one of the largest saw mills in the state in full operation with a pay roll of several hundred thousand dollars each month with logging camps for many miles up the river.

Mehama, formerly a quiet sleepy little village is now the center of activity. The Silvertown lumbering interests are building a railroad into the vast forests to the north and east. Just below Mehama a short distance a large steel railroad bridge has been constructed across the Santiam river and the rails have been laid for some distance and a work train may be seen there every day making further progress into the hills.

The hotel which formerly was visited by only a few travelers is now overflowing with business. The mines only a few miles farther up the river are becoming active and new machinery is being moved in with a prospect of substantial development.

The new fish hatchery located between Stayton and Mehama is in process of construction. This hatchery is to be one of the largest in the state and will supply a large portion of the salmon for commercial fishing in the future as well as stock the streams of the state with an added supply of trout.

It has long been known that the Santiam and its tributaries have an enormous water power as yet almost entirely undeveloped. All these activities are tributary to Stayton and bids well for its future.

Stayton has a bank with a capital stock of \$50,000.00 and is paying an excellent dividend to its stockholders. The woolen mills are running full blast and the saw mill is running day and night. The country is thickly populated with prosperous farmers and the good roads movement is in full swing with many miles of pavement and macadam to be placed soon as possible. With all these powers in actual operation eastern Marion county is coming to the front and will get on the map to stay before long.

## JOHN H. CARSON MAY ENTER RACE FOR PROSECUTING ATTY.

John H. Carson, a young Salem attorney and member of the law firm of Carson & Brown, will probably announce his candidacy for district attorney of Marion county within the next few days, according to an announcement made here the first of the week.

Mr. Carson is believed to hold the record of having qualified for admission to practice law before the courts of Oregon at an earlier age than any other attorney. He passed the examination five months before he reached his 21st birthday, and because no lawyer is admitted before he attains his majority, the supreme court held up Mr. Carson's certificate and presented it to him as a birthday gift November 2, 1915. He has been in active practice since that time except for some months spent with the Oregon troops on the Mexican border in 1916, and service with the U. S. troops stationed at Fort Monroe, Va., during the war with Germany.

Mr. Carson is a son of the late John A. Carson who won a wide reputation for his ability as a lawyer, and who represented Marion county in the state senate. The younger Carson worked with his father in the law firm for a time and at the death of the latter dropped into his place as a member of the firm. He had a thorough knowledge of legal work even long before he took the state examinations and his service with the Salem firm dates from the fall of 1913. Since becoming a member of the firm he has demonstrated unusual ability in both civil and criminal law practice and the big clientage of the firm has been maintained. He has ap-

peared several times before the supreme court in important litigation. He is considered one of the best qualified men in the county for the office of prosecutor.

Mr. Carson received his schooling in Salem high school, Mount Angel college and in Willamette law college. He was born in Salem. He is a member of the American Legion and has fraternal affiliation with the Mason, the Elks and the Workman. He is junior warden of Salem Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M. and Master Workman of the local lodge of the A. O. U. W.

Interested both in political and civic affairs Mr. Carson has participated in the several social and patriotic campaigns of recent months and has given a number of public addresses.—Statesman.

## SILVERTON LOSES HARD FOUGHT GAME WITH STAYTON HIGH

The Silvertown Hi squad was defeated by Stayton Hi in a game of basket ball last Friday evening on the home floor, by a score of 14 to 12.

It was an exciting game, both teams doing excellent work which was shown by the close score throughout the game. The first half ended with a score of 9 to 8 in favor of the visitors.

In the second half the score was tied several times. Near the close of the game Silvertown was four points ahead. They tried to hold their ground to the end by playing a strong five man defense and not letting the men get close to their basket.

Good basket shooting, however, won the game for Stayton. Two long field baskets shot within the last four minutes of the game gave Stayton her victory by a score of 14 to 12.

## Mrs. Guy Howard Is Victim Of "Flu" At Yakama, Wash.

Mrs. Guy Howard died at the St. Elizabeth Hospital at Yakama, Washington, on February 11th, at 7:30 p. m., of pneumonia, following an attack of the flu. She was 22 years old.

Mrs. Howard was a popular member of the younger set of Yakama society and her death brings a pall to her many friends both there and in Stayton where she is well known and where she lived for a number of years.

She is the daughter of Antony Rieger of Stayton and was married to Guy Howard in 1918, when they moved to Yakama, Washington. She has a host of friends here who join in extending sympathy to the bereaved husband and other relatives.

She is survived by seven sisters, two brothers and her father Anthony Rieger, of Stayton, Mrs. Oscar Carlson of Yakima, Wash., Mrs. C. P. Phillely of Portland, Mrs. Ben Gehlen of Connell, Wash., Dorothy and Louise of Stayton, Ruth of Nicktown, Pa., John and Edwin, Connell, Wash., and Mrs. Ray Myers of Portland.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Catholic church last Friday morning at 11 o'clock and interment was in the Catholic cemetery at Yakima.

## Death of Miss Downing

Sada Ruth Downing, daughter of Wm. and Emma Downing, passed away at her home in Fox Valley on February 15, 1920, of acute pneumonia following an attack of influenza.

She leaves three sisters, Ethyle and Effie Downing, Mrs. Clarence Hornor, and four brothers, Geo., Orville, Roy and Teddie to mourn her death.

Sada was born at Lacombe, Oregon, Sept. 27, 1894. She spent her life in Oregon, attending high school at Mill City.

She will be missed by her relatives and many friends.

Interment was made in the Fox Valley cemetery Feb. 17th. Services were conducted by Rev. Reese of Stayton.

Last Thursday afternoon the Etoile de L'Est Club met with Mrs. Maud Smith at her home near Sublimity. It being her birthday, the ladies had planned a little surprise for her. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, after which light refreshments were served. Those present were Mesdames W. H. Hobson, C. P. Burmister, C. P. Neibert, J. E. Sloper, Jack Missler, Harry Humphries, J. M. Ringo, Wm. Follis, C. E. Taylor, Frank Silhavy, Liston Darby and V. Dare Sloper.

As we go to press we learn of the death of Ralph Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Cole of Crabtree, whose death occurred on Wednesday afternoon from the "flu." The funeral will be held Friday morning in Albany. An obituary will be published next week.

That we should all go in heavy on the production line is a self-evident fact, but it is possible to overdo even that. One patriotic young mother has just brought forth four babies at once. It is to be hoped it will not become contagious or epidemic.

## REBEKAHS HAVE BIG TIME AT LYONS ON VALENTINE'S DAY

The Rebekah District Convention, comprising the Rebekah lodges of Gates, Mill City, Lyons, Scio, Aumsville and Stayton, met in regular session at Lyons on Saturday, Feb. 14th.

The meeting was called to order at 3 p. m., by the President, Sister Vaughn of Lyons. After roll call the following officers were found to be present: Sister Vaughn, president; Sister Hobson, vice-president; Sister Beauchamp, Secretary; Sister Mason, warden, and a quorum of members.

After the usual formalities the president declared the convention open for business. The president then appointed Sisters Brown and Taylor a committee on courtesies, who later presented Sister Ethel Fletcher, vice-president of the Rebekah Association of Oregon and Bro. W. H. Hobson, past grand master of the I. O. O. F. of Oregon, who were enthusiastically received and accorded prominent seats in the convention.

After the business of receiving reports of committees, resolutions, motions, etc., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Sister Hobson, president; Sister Bidiker, vice-president; Sister Richards, secretary. The following appointive officers were then named: Sister Ringo, conductor; Sister Martin, warden; Sister Trask, inside guardian; Sister Mason, outside guardian.

The next convention will be held at Stayton sometime the coming summer at the call of the president. The convention adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

At 6:30 the members gathered in the banquet hall where a real old-fashioned chicken dinner was served to which the guests did ample justice.

At 8 p. m. Faith Rebekah lodge met in regular session, with Sister Maud Trask in the chair. After the opening ceremonies Sister Ethel Fletcher, vice-president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, delivered an eloquent and instructive address. She was followed by other speakers. Three candidates were initiated and the evening closed with a big supper. It was a day and evening long to be remembered by the visiting lodges.

## New State Hatchery Grounds Being Put in Shape for Building

Work on the ground that will hold the new State Fish Hatchery near Mehama has been started with Percy Ledgewood in charge of the work.

The site is located on Stout Creek and is said to be one of the beauty spots of the Santiam Valley. The site was recently purchased by the state.

Building operations will, if expectations go well, be started about the first of April and will employ a large number of workmen.

Eggs and "eyes" will be shipped from Bonnersville on the Columbia river which will be hatched and the small fish distributed to the different streams of the valley.

## Wool and Woolens---Stayton On The Map as a Mill Town and A Wool Market---Bright Future

When Mr. Creath, of the Portland Wool Warehouse Co. purchased the Wilbur Woolen Mill, Stayton's promise to become a manufacturing town and a wool market became a certainty.

The first addition to buildings is nearing completion and new machinery is arriving. Skilled foremen are now in charge of the various departments, inexperienced help is being trained in the work and higher prices have been paid growers for wool right here, than have been paid for similar grades elsewhere.

Mr. Fell who is here temporarily, to get the mill in shape to run satisfactorily, was extensively engaged in sheep raising in Eastern Oregon until he built and operated the Pendleton Wool Scouring mill and the Pendleton Woolen Mills which he made so well known by manufacturing a product he originated—the famous Pendleton Indian robes. Their quality has been so well maintained by the Bishop's since they purchased the mill that the name Pendleton has become a valuable trademark.

Mr. Fell says it is the purpose of Mr. Creath's company to put Stayton on the map as the manufacturing town and make the Santiam product sell itself on quality, sufficient to operate a mill that will be increased in capacity as local help becomes procurable and local conditions justify.

This in the beginning, will naturally be limited by the fact that while Stayton has many willing workers there are few who have had sufficient mill experience to be of much immediate assistance in promotion of production at necessary competitive cost.

Breaking in inexperienced help is a slow process and expensive, but unavoidable in a new place—particularly as in these days few young people know what it is to serve an apprenticeship or learn trades. Consequently there is a growing surplus of common labor and a corresponding lack of skilled help.

Mr. Ash, who was head carder and spinner for Mr. Fell during a number of years at Pendleton, now occupies a similar position in the Santiam. Mr. Harrington, formerly of the Portland Woolen mills, is boss weaver. With these efficient men and their skilled assistants to teach young women and young men, Stayton offers an opportunity to those who really want to qualify themselves in skilled occupation similar to that of technical schools and at the same time earn some wages increasing with ability.

The company estimates it costs \$2 a day to break in each green hand, so all are given sufficient attention to put them on a paying basis as soon as possible.

Additional looms shipped from the east some time ago, will probably arrive soon, so there will shortly be places for several more beginners.

The Santiam company has purchased machinery with which to equip a wool comfort factory. They planned to build it here but finding insurance conditions very much higher than anticipated the plant will probably be located in Portland, but the wool batts for which will be manufactured here.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gehlen and her sister, Miss Dorothy Rieger, will be sorry to learn that they are in quarantine in Portland for the "flu." They were on their way to their new home at Connell, Wash., when they were taken down.

Advertising is the lighthouse that keeps the business house from being wrecked on the rocks of failure.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seigmund of Fern Ridge, were here last Saturday visiting friends.

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