REMARKABLE GROWTH

Of St. Johns—Its Importance as a Commercial Center.

St. Johns is a striking example of the influence of transportation facilities, in the development of a city. Less than three years ago there was to be found in this place a few scattered houses, and no manufacturing or business interests, no employment for teachers or other occupations. Now the few homes had been built in the ten years preceding.

The City & Suburban Railway was induced to build a line through the Peninsula, and fifteen years ago the track was laid with the idea of creating a new town along the line. The line was opened for business in the fall of 1884, and has ever since been a source of considerable profit. The railway has since been extended to the west and north, and the town has grown in population and in business. The town now has a population of about 2,500, and is rapidly increasing.

The first stage of the railway was completed in 1884, and the second extension was opened in 1886. The railway is now 12 miles in length, and connects the town with the city of Portland, which is three miles distant. The railway is operated by the Oregon & N. C. R. & N. Co., and is one of the largest and most prosperous lines in the state.

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In conclusion, St. Johns is a thriving and prosperous town, with a rapidly growing population and a well-developed manufacturing and mining industry. It is well supplied with schools, churches, and other places of worship, and is a pleasant and attractive place to live. It is situated on the west side of the Willamette River, and is one of the most attractive places in the state.