

FINE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM



Photo by C. W. Damm, Canby, Oregon.

Canby has a good public school system. When the last school census was taken by the school clerk, William W. Knight, it was found that there were 206 children of school age in the district, 105 boys and 101 girls. There is an increase of 22 over last year. Prof. J. Frank Mitts is now teaching his third term in the Canby school, and his able assistants are

Miss Marion Swanby and Miss Florence Stoddard. There are four rooms in the building, but at the present time only three are in use. Owing to the increased number of pupils this year, it is probable that the fourth room will be furnished and an extra teacher hired for the fall term. The teachers that are now in charge of the school are giving excellent satisfaction.

WILLIAM KNIGHT, Pioneer

William Knight, identified in various capacities with the development of Clackamas county, was born in Allegheny county, Pa., April 17, 1839, and is a son of Joseph, and grandson of Adam Knight, the latter whom was born in Pennsylvania, and during the time of William Penn was conducting large general farming enterprises there.

Joseph Knight became identified as a young man with the Springs Toller Mill Company in Pennsylvania, and was principally engaged in driving teams over the turnpike. In 1845 he removed to Missouri and settled with the Bethel Colony at Bethel, Shelby county, and became quite prominent in the affairs of the colony. In 1855 he was one of the delegates sent out by the colony to select a new site for occupation, and with ox teams crossed the plains, the company breaking up at Shoal Water, Wash., a place favored by most of the representatives, who staid there and took up claims. However Mr. Knight pushed along to Oregon, selected a desirable location, and in 1857 returned to Missouri for his family. 1863 found him again on the plains, and after again arriving in Oregon he rented a place in Marion county for three years. He then purchased six hundred acres of land at Canby, upon a portion of which the town of that name now stands, and in 1870 he disposed of the town part to the railway company, which laid out the town lots. The rest he improved and lived upon until his death at the age of seventy-four years. He married Sarah Gates, who was born in Pennsylvania. Of this marriage there were the following children: Charles, deceased in Clackamas county; Henry Alfred, deceased in Missouri; Adam, also deceased; Joseph, deceased; William, George, of Canby; and several daughters who are deceased. Through a second marriage five children were born to Mr. Knight and of these, two are living: John, who is ex-sheriff of Marion county, and Mary, a resident of Cottage Grove.

Until his father's death William Knight remained at home and assisted with the management of the donation claim, thereafter purchasing one hundred and forty-five acres of land, which he sold after improving in small tracts, and now has but twenty acres

left. However, he owns forty acres adjoining the original tract, upon which he engaged in general farming and fruit raising, and where he makes his home, although business calls him to the city most of the time.

With his brother Mr. Knight engaged in general merchandise business in Canby in 1871, and also maintained the first postoffice and railroad and freight office. After the father's death the brothers divided the estate, and in 1882 the store was also divided, William taking his share of goods and removing to another building where he had also the postoffice and railroad office. This interest was conducted for a couple of years, or until his election as sheriff of Clackamas county in 1884, his re-election taking place in 1886. Returning to Canby after completing his term as sheriff he erected a large store building at the corner of Main and D streets, which he rents at the present time and which nets him quite an additional income. As a promoter of the Republican party he has been very prominent in this county, has served as city recorder for several terms; was a school clerk of this district for 25 years, and school director for six years; has been a justice of the peace for about all the time of his residence here, and is now serving as notary public. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and has been financier of that organization for the past 18 years. During 1862-3 Mr. Knight was a member of the Missouri Home Guards, Seventy-third regiment, in which he attained the rank of sergeant, and had served thus for five years when he started across the plains.

In Clackamas county Mr. Knight married Martha E. Berchet, a native of Marion county, Oregon, and daughter of George Berchet, who was born in Missouri and crossed the plains with ox teams in 1852. Mr. Berchet settled on rented land in Clackamas county, but later bought a residence near Marquam, where he engaged in farming, and where the rest of his life was spent. To Mr. and Mrs. Knight have been born five children: Gertha E., now the wife of Mr. Millard Lee, of Portland; Vina Josephine of Canby; Arthur R., a resident of Canby, and Veva Braddi of Canby, and Vesta Clark, of Canby, twins.

KNIGHT HOTEL.

Miss Anna Knight, who conducts the Knight Hotel on Main street, is well known in this city, and by her fair treatment to her patrons, she is meeting with success. Miss Knight is the daughter of Grandma Knight, one of the prominent pioneers of the state, and who is at present making her home with her daughter. The Knight hotel building is one of the old land marks of Canby, where many travelers have stopped to enjoy a homelike hotel.

O. R. MACK.

One of the enterprising business men of Canby who has built up a large trade by his genial manner, is O. R. Mack, the dealer in household furnishings, that can be safely guaranteed. Mr. Mack's store embraces handsome and artistic parlor furnishings, a complete line of chamber and dining room suites, crockery, notions, etc. Mr. Mack entered into business in this city on the 28th day of December, 1905, and has been so successful in his business that he was forced to seek larger quarters, and he is at present occupying two store rooms to accommodate his large stock. He is well known throughout the southern part of the county as an honest and upright man. Mr. Mack has a neat cottage, on Wood street. On his property is a spring of great volume, and many of the residents of that neighborhood are supplied with the water by means of a pump, the water being conveyed through a series of pipes.

F. F. HANNA.

F. F. Hanna, who came to Canby from Arlington, Oregon, and recently purchased the stock and fixtures of George Knight's confectionery, opposite the Southern Pacific Depot, is one of those big-hearted men who treats his patrons, both old and young, with the highest respect and courtesy, and by doing so he is meeting with flattering custom. Mr. Hanna has made many improvements in the interior of the building since he took possession, and expects to open an ice cream parlor next summer. He fore coming to Canby Mr. Hanna had charge of the 2000 acre farm belonging to the Plateau Farm Co. of Portland.

The grocery trade occupies a most important position in the commerce of every business center, and in this branch of industry Canby is fully up to the standard. A reliable and prosperous house engaged in this line of business in our city, enjoying a well-earned reputation for handling first-class goods, is the store owned by Charles T. Bates. The stock carried embraces everything in the line of staple and fancy groceries, as well as a full line of wall paper, paints, building material, feed, crockery, etc. Mr. Bates came to Canby from Adams, Gage county, Nebraska, six years ago, being a contractor by trade, before coming here. After his arrival here he was married to Miss Annette Wait, daughter of Judge Wait and a prominent young woman of this city. During his residence in this city, Mr. Bates has made many friends.

Canby's Solid Banking Institution

The Canby Bank and Trust Co., of Canby, Oregon, was organized in the early part of 1906 by Leroy D. Walker, assisted by the business men of Canby. Among the stockholders assisting in the organization were Dr. H. A. Dedman, F. A. Rosenkrans, E. H. Carlton, L. H. Wang, W. H. Blair, O. R. Mack, Mrs. G. W. Scramlin and others. Dr. H. A. Dedman was elected president; F. A. Rosenkrans, vice-president; and Leroy D. Walker, secretary and cashier, and the first board of directors consisted of the foregoing officers and L. H. Wang, W. H. Blair, E. H. Carlton and G. W. Scramlin. The capital is \$10,000 fully paid in and \$2,500 reserve and undivided profits. The bank opened for business May 1, 1906, and its growth has been steady and constant; it has been the aim of the management to give the people of Canby and vicinity the advantage of a modern bank conducted on conservative lines and uphold-

at the date mentioned their cash and due from banks amounted to nearly \$45,000, being 42 per cent. of their deposits of \$115,000; the State law only requires that 15 per cent reserves be carried, so the reserves carried by the Canby Bank were nearly three times the amount that the law required; this rule of the Canby Bank came into very good use during the times of the legal holidays and clearinghouse certificates, during which times this Bank was open every day for the usual transaction of its business and it paid its demands and carried on all its transactions in gold, not using the clearing house certificates; this was one of the few banks in the Willamette Valley doing this, and it has resulted in a large increase in the business of the Bank.

There are no outside interests connected with the Canby Bank, the owners being all home people, and the same officers who started the Bank



HOME OF CANBY BANK & TRUST COMPANY
Photo by C. W. Damm, Canby, Oregon.

ing the best traditions of the banking business. That they have been successful is conclusively shown by their statements as made to the State Bank Examiner in accordance with the Oregon State Banking Law, their last statement showing total resources of over \$127,000. This bank has always made a practice of carrying strong cash reserves against deposits;

are still directing the affairs of the bank. Being home people, living in Canby, the Bank has been a material factor in the growth of the town and country surrounding.

The Bank owns of the best corners in Canby and has erected thereon a neat and serviceable concrete block building for its own use a cat of which is shown.

WILLIAM CANTWELL.

William Cantwell, before entering the real estate business in Canby, was a contractor of Portland, having arrived in that city from Eastern Oregon in the year 1889. He remained in



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Portland until the winter of 1893, when he came to Canby, where he had more or less interest, as he was also engaged in newspaper work and real estate business in Oregon City at the same time. Mr. Cantwell has been engaged in this city for the last two and one-half years, and has succeeded



English walnut tree 14 years old, 18 feet high, and 8 inches in diameter 18 inches above the ground. This tree has been bearing for the last seven years. The picture was taken in August.

ed in closing several important land deals. He owns property in the city, and is one of the stockholders of the Clackamas County Fair Association. Mr. Cantwell's real estate office is located in the Evans building on Main street, opposite the depot.

CITY HOTEL.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Keys, who recently arrived from Kansas, have purchased the City Hotel, and it is an assured fact that they will meet with success, and as an inducement to their patrons, are serving excellent meals of good home cooking. Reasonable rates by the week or month will be given by the proprietor. The city hotel is situated near the Canby bank, and is convenient to the depot.

W. H. BAIR.

W. H. Bair, who was born and raised in Needy, and who is one of the prominent commission merchants of the County of Clackamas, has resided in the city of Canby for the last eight years. About twelve years ago, Mr. Bair went into the meat business, and opened a shop in Woodburn, where he was in business for three years, and conducted a meat market in Canby for one year at the same time. Mr. Bair ships several thousand dressed hogs and veal per year. Mr. Bair has for years looked up the best market, and by that reason he is able to handle the bulk of the trade in meats. He ships most of the dressed meats, which amounts to several cars each year.

When Mr. Bair came to Canby eight years ago, very few potatoes were



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raised in the vicinity, and since going into the commission business he has encouraged the farmer in the culture of potatoes, and it is through him that there are so many potatoes raised in the southern part of the county. Mr. Bair is well known here, and since being in the commission business, he has arranged with the best experienced salesman of San Francisco to handle the fancy grade of potatoes, and this accounts for the large shipments made by him yearly. He also has a good market in Arizona and Texas.

During the summer the large building Mr. Bair is occupying was constructed. The building is 50x100, and is convenient to the Southern Pacific. The contractor of the building was Frank Dodge.

Mr. Bair, who is a man of influence, is connected with the lodges and social organizations of Canby, and is one of Canby's highly respected citizens.

POSTMASTER J. F. DEYOE.

J. F. Deyoe was born May 11, 1841, in Saratoga County, Kentucky, within three miles of the famous Saratoga Springs. He lived in Kentucky until eight years of age, when he moved with his family to Michigan in 1849, where they located on a farm, in Springfield township, Jackson City. He lived at that place until 1861, when

he enlisted in the Sixth Michigan Infantry, and served four years in the army. He returned to Michigan and followed farming 14 years. In 1877 he married Miss Chloa M. Graham, of Palma, Michigan, and in 1881 emigrated to North Dakota, where he resided until 1894, and they thought they had blizzards, snow and ice to last them and "pulled their freight" for Oregon. Mr. Deyoe was appointed postmaster at Canby on November 18, 1897, and is still holding the job. He is well liked by the people of his home town, and it is probable that he will retain the position for many more years.

R. S. COE.

R. S. Coe, "much president" Canby man—President of the Canby Development League, also of the Strawberry Growers of Canby, and of the Clackamas County Horticultural Society; vice-president of the Clackamas County Fair Association and an all around man, came to Oregon from Colorado all broken in health and spirits, looked over Portland and vicinity, also Vancouver. Not finding things to his liking, started up the valley 16 years ago and saw Canby's future. In the twinkling of an eye, he bought a 10-acre place of the Philander Lee Donation Land Claim and commenced the improvements for a home, and now has a model place, for which he has been offered \$2000 several times.

Mr. Coe has 1000 bearing apple trees, also cherries, plums, prunes, peaches, walnuts, etc., in the tree line. Now in small fruit the goose berry, currant, Logan; Phenomenal and Himalaya berries, four acres of strawberries, several different varieties, the kind that produce the "big red" berries.

In the poultry line he has simmered down, after trying most everything else, to the Plymouth Rock, and received second premium last year at the Clackamas County Fair, and this year at Canby first premium on trio, and is not satisfied. He wants more "presidencies"; is looking for something to advance himself and the community, always on the "boost" for Canby in particular, and doesn't forget to say a good word for the County Fair.

WILLIAM VORPHAL.

William Vorphal, one of the highly respected citizens of Canby, was born in Holstein, Germany, in 1841, and was married in that country before coming to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Vorphal first settled in Wisconsin, and from that state went to Nebraska, where they resided until coming to Oregon, about 21 years ago. They purchased a farm, one and one-half miles from Canby, and resided there until about 18 years ago, when they came to the town of Canby, where they purchased property and erected a fine house of eleven rooms, and modern improvements. The land is under cultivation, and is considered to be a valuable piece of property. Mr. and Mrs. Vorphal's two sons, Otto and Robert, purchased the farm, and are residing thereon. Herman, another son, is residing in Sellwood, where he is in business, Gus and Fred Vorphal, who formerly resided in this city, are in business in Portland. Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Mary Phelps and Mrs. Annie White, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Vorphal, and Mrs. Calvin Koehler, reside in this city.

LAWRENCE BAIR.

Lawrence Bair, who is connected with S. T. Fisher in the meat business on Main Street near the postoffice, is well known in Canby, where he was born and raised. Mr. Bair, who has been in the meat business in this city for the past four years, is meeting with success, and is one of the progressive men of Canby. Mr. Bair is connected in business with S. T. Fisher, who came to Oregon about 18 years ago from Pratt Center, Kansas, and during his residence here has shown a desire to help forward any enterprise that would help the community in which he lives. He is well and favorably known. Mr. Bair and Mr. Fisher both have property interests in Canby, the latter also owning a farm near the city. The market Mr. Bair conducts is characterized by thorough cleanliness. A large stock is carried at all times, comprising everything in fresh and cured meats, poultry and lard.

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