

THE STATE CAPITAL

SALEM, OREGON'S LEADING CITY SOUTH OF PORTLAND.

Location of the State Institutions at This Point—An Old Established Commercial Center.

SALEM, as the capital of Oregon, is the seat of most of the state institutions. The establishment of these institutions at this point has resulted in gaining for Salem a prestige that is enjoyed by no other interior city of the state, and it was around these institutions, as a nucleus, that Salem, as a prosperous trading center, was built.



PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, ALBANY.—Photo by Crawford & Paxton.

shade trees. The sidewalks are principally of stone, and they are kept in good repair. The streets are well lighted after nightfall, the arc system of electric lighting being used. Two well-equipped lines of electric cars convey passengers to all parts of the city.

Among the contemplated improvements of Salem during the present year is an extension of the line of the Salem Motor Railway Company to Highland addition, two miles north of the city.

Salem has an efficient waterworks system of ample capacity to afford an abundant supply for domestic use, and also for purposes of protecting the city against the danger of fire.

The present population of Salem is about 12,000. The city is located on the east bank of the Willamette river, on which steamboats ascend to this point from Portland at all seasons of the year.

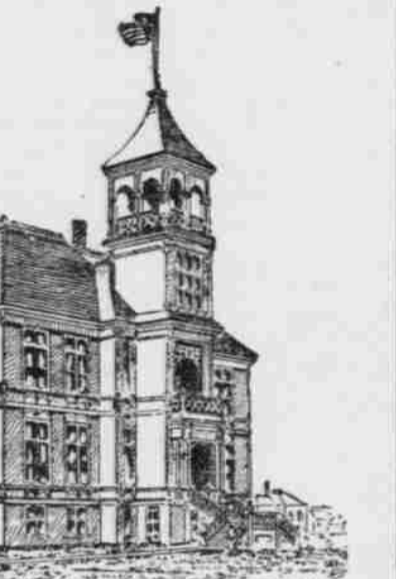
During 1894 no notable improvements were made at Salem. A number of the residences, however, were erected during the year, and several substantial business blocks were put up.



MAIN STREET, ASTORIA.

Episcopal, Congregational, Cumberland Presbyterian, Evangelical Mission, Catholic, Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South, Baptist, Friends, Church of God and United Brethren. During the past year the two separate branches of the Evangelical church have erected substantial four-story buildings.

There is something of an unwarranted assumption made by many people that Salem's importance is due altogether to the establishment of the leading state institutions at this point.



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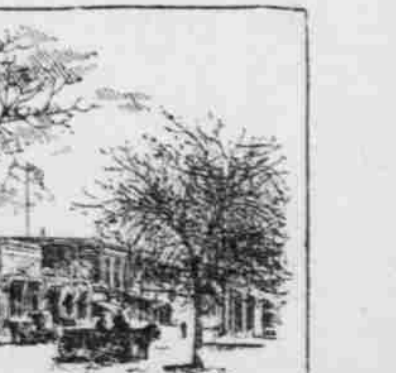
At these schools is about 1700. The corps of instructors includes 25 competent teachers. The Willamette university at Salem is one of the oldest schools in the state. This institution offers a full collegiate course of study.



STATE INSANE ASYLUM.

Among the notable public institutions at Salem is the state reform school. This is located a few miles distant from the city, in the midst of a section highly fertile. The building itself is a large brick structure, the erection of which involved an expenditure of \$30,000.

At this point in the Willamette valley where the tracks of the East Side and West Side divisions of the Southern Pacific will join is Junction City. This place according to the plans of the management of the old Oregon & California railroad system, now a part of the Southern Pacific, formed the nucleus of the new city.



COUNTY COURTHOUSE.



NOTABLE BUILDINGS, SALEM.—Photo by Cherrington & Bro.

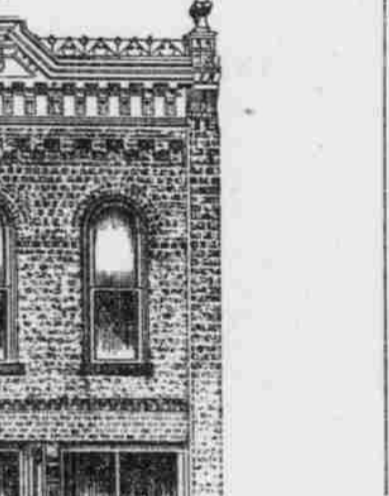
THE POINT WHERE THE TRACKS OF TWO RAILROADS WILL MEET. HE point in the Willamette valley where the tracks of the East Side and West Side divisions of the Southern Pacific will join is Junction City.

ALBANY. THE Most Important Railroad Center of the Willamette Valley. LEABY, the judicial seat of Lincoln county and one of the most important inland cities of Western Oregon, has the best shipping facilities enjoyed by any interior point of the state.



PUBLIC STRUCTURES, ROSEBURG.

WOODBURN. WOODBURN, in Marion county, is an incorporated town of nearly 1000 population. It is 35 miles south of Portland, on the main line of the Southern Pacific, and is also the point of junction of the main line and the Woodburn-Springfield branch of the same system.



STREET SCENE, ALBANY.—Photo by Crawford & Paxton.

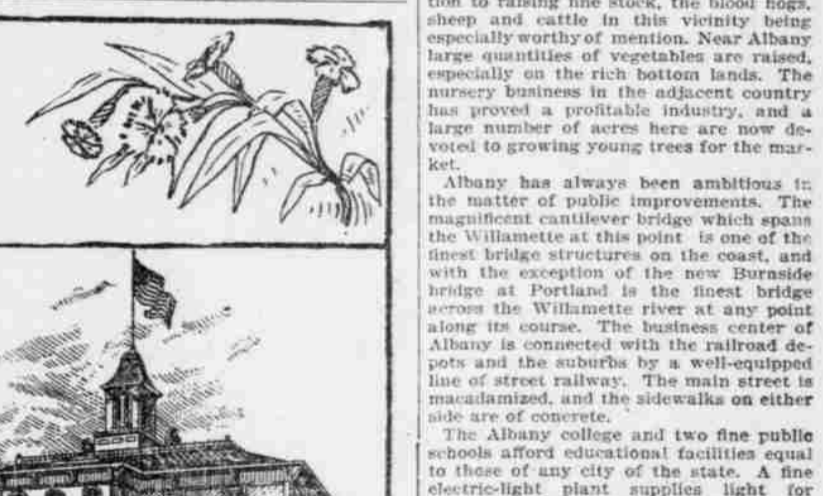
This has resulted in making Albany one of the greatest grain-shipping centers of the state, as the grain of a considerable portion of the valley seeks this place as an outlet. For the reason that the low rates over the Oregon Pacific enable the Albany buyers to pay the highest market price for this grain, this naturally increases the trade of the city merchants.

The importance of Albany as a shipping point can be appreciated from the statement that the annual freight shipments over the Oregon Pacific from this point aggregate 75,000 tons, while the annual freight receipts over the same road are 2,800 tons. The annual freight shipments and freight receipts over the Southern Pacific line amount to 10,000 tons and 8000 tons respectively.



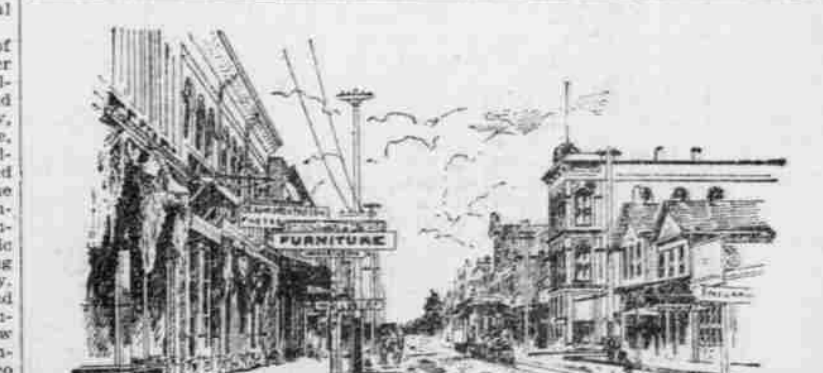
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