

STAYTON, The COMMERCIAL METROPOLIS of the GREAT SANTIAM COUNTRY

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Stayton is located on the banks of the Santiam river about eighteen miles southeast of Salem in Marion county. It was established in 1860 and has had a slow but steady growth up to the present time.

We are governed by a mayor and four councilmen, namely, Dr. H. A. Beauchamp, mayor; C. A. Luthy, C. D. Stayton, J. B. Gardiner, and Grant Murphy, councilmen; J. B. Grier, recorder; C. A. Beauchamp, treasurer; and Henry Smith, marshal.

Our schools are the pride of the entire community, as we have a school that is second to none in the county outside of Salem, and our corps of teachers are the equal of any in the county.

The lack of transportation facilities has been our one great drawback, although at the present time we are not so bad off in that respect as might seem from the fact that we are not located on a railroad.

Stayton is well situated for a manufacturing center, as we have an abundance of water power already developed and an almost unlimited amount that can be developed with a comparatively small cost.



Stayton's Town Hall.

We now have several manufacturing industries that are running full blast, a saw mill, two flouring mills, woolen mills, excelsior mill, etc.

The country surrounding the town of Stayton is very productive, and is tilled by progressive and up-to-date farmers who take pride in bringing their farms up to the highest state of cultivation possible.

We have a number of progressive business institutions that any community might well be proud of.

There are five general merchandise stores, three hardware stores, two drug stores, vulcanizing shop, machine shop, three blacksmith shops, three garages, two barber shops, confectionery store, bakery and delicatessen, butcher shop, one hotel, one newspaper and job shop and two banks with deposits totalling almost one half million dollars.

We have three Protestant churches and one Catholic church, but only one of the Protestant churches has a resident minister at the present time.

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK

The Farmers and Merchants Bank is one of the substantial institutions of Stayton and Marion county. Occupying, as it does, a commanding corner on the main street of the town, it is one of the nicest bank buildings, as can be seen from the above cut, in Stayton or any other town of its size.

The capital stock is \$25,000, and the upbuilding of this bank is due to a conservative and progressive banking policy. We note from their last statement at the close of business in September, of this year, their loans and discounts were over \$149,000. Their deposits at that time were over \$385,000. Besides doing a regular banking business, they desire the merchants and farmers to feel that

their interests are the bank's interests, and they cordially invite consultation in business matters where they can be of service.

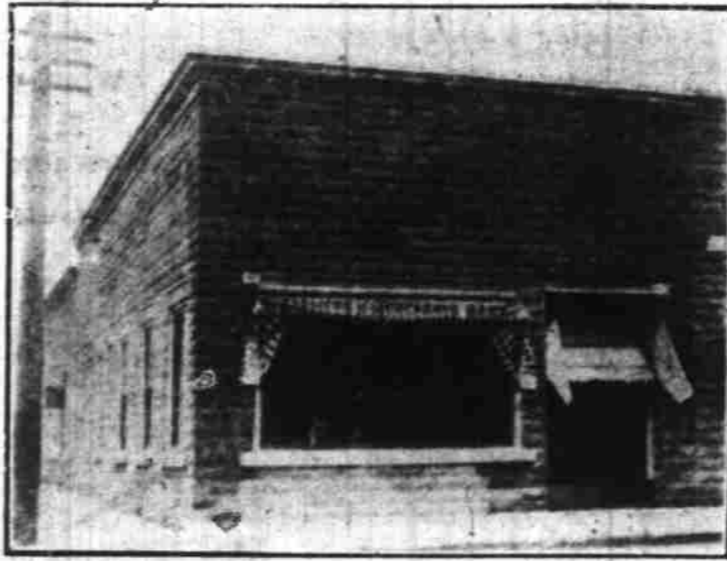
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Residence of J. H. Thoma.

positors, they have a fire-proof and burglar-proof vault, where deposits may be rented by the year at the nominal charge of \$1.50 per annum.

The officers of this progressive bank are as follows: A. D. Gardner, president; J. T. Hunt, vice-president; J. W. Mayo, cashier; and J.



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Stayton Bakery.

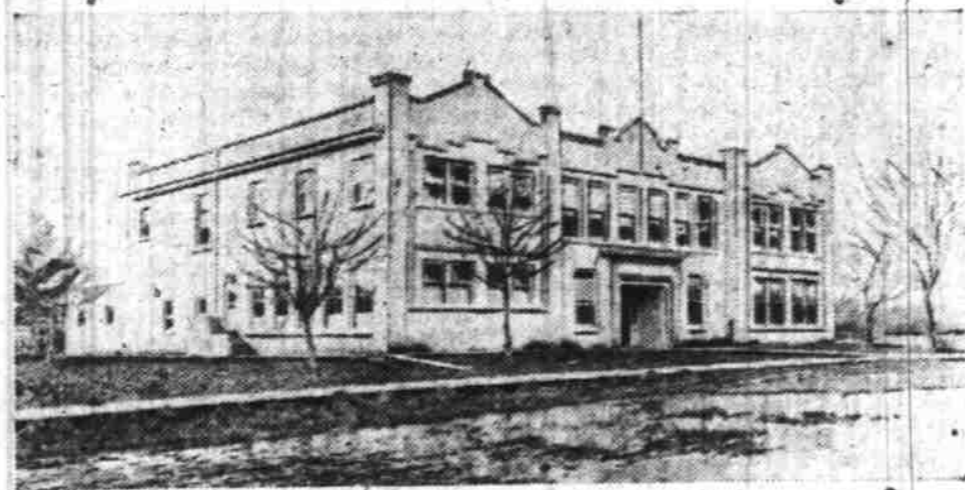
The Stayton Bakery and Restaurant was purchased by its present owners, Mr. and Mrs. William Trout, in the latter part of June, 1916. It is a well-equipped bakery, and in the hands of Mr. Trout, an experienced baker, is turning out a quality of bread and pastry superior to anything obtainable in Stayton previous to the time they took charge of the bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. Trout came to Stayton from Portland, Oregon, where Mr. Trout was engaged in the bakery business. Baking has been his life's business, which is clearly bespoken by the quality of the products he is turning out daily.

Stayton State Bank.

Among the business institutions of Stayton, which are deserving of special mention is the Stayton State bank—the oldest bank in Stayton. It was established in 1904, and has enjoyed a steady growth up to the present time. Its capital is \$25,000 and its aggregate deposits at the present time total \$189,066.13. The following are the principal officers: Lee Tate, president; George Spaniol, vice president; G. H. Monkers, cashier.

The bank owns its own building, a two-story structure, on one of the most centrally located corners of Stayton's business section. The building is a credit to Stayton, the first story being constructed of native stone, and the second story of concrete.



Stayton High School.

The bank has always been in the forefront of any movement tending toward the upbuilding of Stayton. Mr. Tate, its president, is one of the city's most progressive citizens. He is almost universally known as he has resided in Stayton and vicinity

for over thirty-five years, and has been active in many business enterprises during this time.

Mr. Monkers, the cashier, is also well and favorably known. His residence in Stayton covers a period of sixteen years and he has acted in his present capacity with the Stayton bank for the past three years.

The picture accompanying this article is from a recent photograph of the Stayton State bank building.

Sloper Drug Store.

A business institution which one would hardly expect to find except in the larger cities.

The stranger meets with a pleasant surprise when he enters the Sloper Drug Store in Stayton.

The above picture will convey to the reader somewhat of an idea of the metropolitan character of Stayton's leading drug store, which was formerly known as the Brewer Drug Store but which was purchased three years ago by V. Dare Sloper, and which is now known as the Sloper Drug Store.

The neat, clean, artistic and business-like arrangement of the unusually large stock carried by Mr. Sloper can not escape the notice of the stranger upon entering the store. In addition to a very complete line of drugs, and drug sundries, a soft drink fountain adorns the front of the store near the entrance.



Stayton Hotel.

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Mr. Thoma, though a young man, has excellent executive ability, and in conjunction with the president of the company, Mr. G. L. Brown, is making the business a big success. Their contracts for the future insure work for the plant for many months to come.

While 1917 has been a prosperous year for the company, the recent storm and freshet proved a disaster to them. The high water floated off 300,000 feet of logs which so far has proved a total loss. However, a little thing like that only spurs this enterprising company to greater efforts and we predict for them a bright future.

The business men of Stayton and the farmers of the vicinity are their loyal patrons, and their trade is constantly increasing. About two years ago Mr. Thoma built an elegant modern bungalow just across from the plant, and it is one of the nicest residences in Stayton. "Build up Stayton" is the slogan of Mr. Thoma, and by his works he has shown it is not an idle thought.

modation of traveling salesmen. The care of the hotel is under the supervision of Mrs. Lesley, whose geniality has done much to win the hotel its present popularity with both the local and traveling public.

The building is a two-story structure, containing twenty-five sleeping rooms, all kept scrupulously neat and clean, and a dining room, where meals of unusual excellence are served.

In connection with the hotel business, Mr. Lesley operates a "car for hire" which is ready at all times, day or night, to carry passengers to any of the nearby communities.

Stayton is fortunate in possessing such a hotel, and even more fortunate in having it in the hands of such competent and obliging hotel people.

Brown-Petzel Lumber Co.

This is one of the largest industries in Stayton and one in which the people take great pride. The accommodating secretary of this company, Mr. J. H. Thoma, showed the writer over the plant, and we found a large force busy in the manufacture of lumber, boxes, frames and millwork. Several farmers were waiting to load their wagons with the finished products of this company, and there seemed to be a business buzz in all departments.

The plant is located close to the business center of the town, and well situated for the manufacture of lum-



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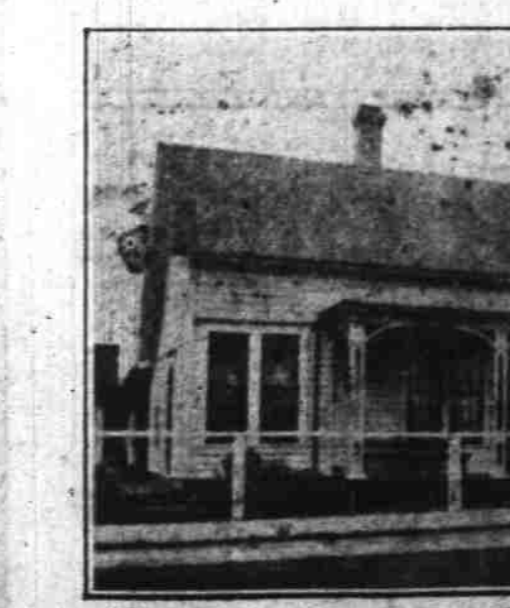
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Brown Auto Repair and Machine Shop.

We were surprised at the extent and completeness of the Brown auto repair and machine shop. It would be a credit to towns very much larger than Stayton, and auto owners in this vicinity should appreciate this fact. Mr. C. E. Brown is an expert mechanic, and can do, and do right, anything that is required about a good machine shop.

While his location is a little to one side, the investment in the plant



Another of Stayton's Residences.

and his skill, it seems to me, would induce the citizens of this section to give him loyal support. We heard him praised highly by men who had patronized him, and they knew what they were talking about. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

E. T. Mathieu.

Mr. E. T. Mathieu, who runs an up-to-date billiard parlor, with soft drinks and cigars on the side, is a native Oregonian and knows and is known by every man, woman and

child in that section of Marion county. His mother came to Oregon in '42, and his father a short time afterwards. You can't tell "E. T." much about the local history of Stayton and Marion county, because he is a part of it.

He runs a neat, orderly place, and is one of the substantial citizens of the town. Mr. Mathieu does his "bit" in everything that goes to build up Stayton and his community, and we found him a pleasant, agreeable business man.

Charles Gehlen's General Store.

This is one of the largest and best arranged general stores in Stayton. Mr. Gehlen has been connected with this store for twenty years, is known far and wide in the community as an obliging, earnest, straightforward business man, and has the confidence of the people of Stayton. He is always in the front rank for every-



Sloper Drug Store, Stayton, Oregon.

When you go to Stayton in your Henry Ford or limousine and are so unfortunate as to have a puncture on the road, you can do no better than to call at the Stayton Vulcanizing Shop, where Mr. Ralph Urban will patch your tire or, if it is be-

thing that enhances the best interests of his town and state, and is a public-spirited citizen.

For the past thirteen years he has been proprietor of this business, where he started in as a clerk. His business is prospering under his guidance, and he reported to the writer one of the most prosperous years in the history of the store.

The Statesman wishes him continued prosperity, and hopes the future may find him there for many years to come.

Doll's Cash Store.

This is one of the busiest business places in Stayton and one that has an ever-increasing patronage as it becomes better known. The proprietor is D. M. Doll. Mr. Doll was formerly a resident of Minnesota, but says that he likes the far West and has no other intention than to make this his future home. He carries a nice stock of general merchandise, groceries, and many articles that are needed in the home and on the farm.

As the name of his store would imply, he aims to do a cash business, but has found it not practical to do strictly on this principle. He does not want any long drawn out accounts, but with those who make settlement at some stated time each month or with the farmers who are bringing produce to his store on trade account, he is ever ready and willing to accommodate them. The farmers have found that this store is in the market for such produce as they have to offer and always paying the top market price.

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